



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Weekly Diary

Monday 23rd January

9.00am Mass

Tuesday 24th January

No Mass

Wednesday 25th January

No Mass

Thursday 26th January

No Mass

Friday 27th January

9.00am Mass - [Amare Centre : School Hall]
Opening School Mass

Saturday 28th January

4.00pm-4.30pm Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

Sunday 29th January 2017

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.00am Mass - Booval

8.15am Mass - Riverview

9.30am Mass - Booval

Marriages by appointment - at least six months notice is required.

Baptisms by appointment.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21st/22nd January, 2017

This weekend we welcome Fr Peter Gillam (5.00pm, 7.00am & 9.30am] and Fr Thomas Manimalayil (8.15am Riverview)

There is a quote from Socrates doing the rounds on the internet at present: 'The secret of change is to focus all your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new.' Would that it were so easy! Invariably, when we try that, the old comes back to sabotage us, often when we least expect it. There has to be another way...and there is. When Jesus says to us, in this Sunday's Gospel, 'repent!' he is not calling us to feel guilty or humiliated over our past actions. Repentance means to change our minds and hearts so that our relationship with God becomes the primary relationship of our lives. Based on this relationship, all our other relationships and actions fall into their proper place and we are given the grace to deal with whatever comes our way.

So what happens to the negativity from 'the old'? The quotation from Isaiah, immediately preceding Jesus' call gives us the clue. The words, 'The people who lived in darkness have seen a great light', are a call to hope for the people living in darkness and under the shadow of death: light has come, specifically the healing light of Christ. We cannot deal effectively with our past, either by going over it or by ignoring it. We need to face it with the healing light of grace. Then we learn the mercy of God, and then we learn what we need to learn to grow into 'the new'. There we will experience the brokenness and pain of our own crosses and failure, 'the old', but built on what can be learnt in the light of God's grace, we can grow into the resurrected life that is being offered to us, 'the new'. *Sr Kym Harris OSB*

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To

School!



SACRED HEART SCHOOL commences this **Tuesday 24th January**. A very warm welcome to staff and students. We hope 2017 holds many wonderful opportunities and blessings throughout the school year.

Opening School Mass and Staff Commissioning will take place this **Friday 27th January at 9.00am in the Amare Centre [School Hall]**. All welcome.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN: Evangelisation Brisbane is conducting a series of workshops throughout the Archdiocese and Ipswich has been selected to host a workshop. The workshop is for those interested or are currently members of a team who work with families preparing infants and children for the Sacraments of Initiation. The venue for the workshop is St Mary's Parish Centre, Elizabeth Street, Ipswich, and will be held on **February 9th from 6pm to 9pm**. It is important that you RSVP to Evangelisation Brisbane by the 27th January. You can phone them on 07 3324 3440 or mail their office at ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 24th January at 9.30am: Craft Group

Friday 27th January at 9.30am: Meditation



WALTZING MATILDAS meet, greet and start the year with a mystery trip on **Tuesday 7 February** leaving the Parish Centre at 8am. Lunch and morning tea included (bring a cup). Cost \$40. Bookings and cancellations ring Anne Hall 3288 9240 Mob 0408 773 734.

Centacare Volunteers needed for Ipswich Court

Centacare Pastoral Ministries are seeking Court Support Workers to volunteer at the Ipswich Magistrates Court, 43 Ellenborough St Ipswich to support & assist people in guiding them when going to Court. Duties also include recording client appearances for Court, advise client on which Courtroom they are required to attend and confirm their matter is listed that day, inform & refer clients to available services, liaise with the Duty Lawyers and other stakeholders.

Should you be interested please contact Pat Casey on 3324 3106 or email caseypa@bne.catholic.net.au

GOD'S WORD 2017 with Daily Reflections - Copies of this book are available in the foyer of the Church for the discounted price of \$10.00 each. Please place payment in the envelopes provided.

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." Matthew 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

A VOCATION VIEW - Jesus said: "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." Today he could say: "I will make you mechanics of souls; doctors of wounded hearts, counselors of broken families; clowns in a joyless society." But regardless, Come.

Time for a Smile ☺ Twenty and One

A well-worn one-dollar bill and a similarly distressed twenty-dollar bill arrived at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired. As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation. The twenty-dollar bill reminisced about its travels all over the country.

"I've had a pretty good life," the twenty proclaimed. "Why I've been to Las Vegas and Atlantic City, the finest restaurants in New York, performances on Broadway, and even a cruise to the Caribbean."

"Wow!" said the one-dollar bill. "You've really had an exciting life!"

"So tell me," says the twenty, "where have you been throughout your lifetime?"

The one dollar bill replies, "Oh, I've been to the Catholic Church, the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Lutheran Church."

The twenty-dollar bill interrupts, "What's a church?"

CWL - Hoy & Euchre mornings commence this **Wednesday 25th January at 10.00am** at the Parish Centre. \$5.00 admission - includes a light lunch. All welcome.

St Edmunds Old Boys Association Annual General Meeting to be held at **10.00am on Sunday 5 February 2017** at the Old Boys House, 2 Macgregor Street Woodend. All enquiries to be made to Andrew McGrath on 3389 6858 or 0438 164 452.



Palms Australia

Palms Encounters: An experience to share this Easter and beyond. A Palms Encounter is an intimate, immersive, inter cultural experience providing insights that challenge perceptions and deepen understanding. Palms long-term volunteers guide the Encounter with our Catholic Communities in East Timor.

Register now for our **2 – 14 April Encounter** and receive **\$400 off a 2nd ticket**. Call Roger on **02 9560 5333** or go to www.palms.org.au/Encounters for more.

Real encounter, real people, real exchange, real life

In this week's Catholic Leader — * Experts warn Australia against following overseas experience with euthanasia * Gold Coast couple helps Timorese community to re-open its Catholic school * Brisbane priest sets off for mission experience in Indonesia * Donations of high heels and handbags more hindrance than help in disaster zones * Man sleeping rough in Gold Coast parish moves community to build a centre for the homeless * Josephite Sister appeals to public to keep up the pressure for a just outcome over Timor Gap oil and gas reserves * Woodcrafters create a cross from the wood of old mango tree that made way for new church * After three caminos young Brisbane dad tells how he finds meaning step by step across Spain * White Ribbon Day pledge against domestic violence gets real on ride home from work * Commentary on recent debate about Church's position on divorced and remarried couples PLUS: A Regional Focus on Rockhampton and Townsville

COMMUNITY OF THE RISEN LORD Invite you to join Bro. Lalith Perera and Team

4th & 5th of Feb 2017

4-Steps Retreat

**Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church,
107 Darra Station Road, Darra 4076**

10.30am-6.00pm

Concluding with the Holy Mass on Sunday celebrated by

**Bishop Joseph Oudeman
Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane**

FREE ADMISSION

**TEA & COFFEE WILL BE PROVIDED/
PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE FOR
LUNCH**

3rd Feb 2017

Praise, Worship, Message and Benediction

**Christ the King Church,
Churchill Street, Graceville 4075
7.15pm to 9.30pm**

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