



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Weekly Diary

Monday 22nd May

No Mass

Tuesday 23rd May

10.30am Mass - Riverview Gardens Hostel

Wednesday 24th May

9.00am Mass

Thursday 25th May

9.00am Mass

Friday 26th May

9.00am Mass

9.30am Exposition

Saturday 27th May

4.00pm-4.30pm - Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

Sunday 28th May

The Ascension of the Lord

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

21st May, 2017

Loving the Lord and Keeping Your Conscience Clear

The Second Reading commands Christians to keep their conscience clear. But this commandment is hard to hear, isn't it? If we are honest with ourselves, we know how unclear our consciences are.

Of course, we might think, confusedly, we do not need to be too worried about our unclear consciences, because, after all, no one is saved by doing good works or keeping one's conscience clear. Our contribution to our salvation is not to try to do the works of the law. Our contribution to our salvation is just to love the Lord.

And this thought might be comforting to us when our unclear conscience hurts us, except for this uncomfortable, nagging question: what is love of the Lord?

In the Gospel Reading, the Lord himself explains the answer to this question: "Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me."

And now, unfortunately, we have come full circle. Christians are commanded to keep their consciences clear. To do so, they need to love the Lord. To love the Lord they need to keep his commandments. And to keep his commandments they apparently need to keep their consciences clear. What sense can be made of this?

Here it helps to consider Peter himself, who is the author of the Second Reading. Peter had betrayed the Lord in the Lord's great hour of need. Is this keeping one's conscience clear? Is this keeping the commandments of the Lord?

But, in the days after his Resurrection, when the Lord asks Peter, "Do you love me," what does Peter answer? He says, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you."

In spite of his betrayal of the Lord, Peter does not let go of Christ. He is willing to affirm his commitment to Christ in spite of his own failings.

So here is the thing to notice. In saying that he loves Christ, Peter is keeping the commandment of the Lord. The first and great commandment is to love the Lord.

And this is why Peter, the rock on which the church is founded, is the pattern for all Christians. The way to keep one's conscience clear is to cleave to the Lord in love, when one's conscience is not clear. *Eleonore Stump*

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES ARE NOW READY FOR COLLECTION AT BOTH CHURCHES THIS WEEKEND

If you would like to be part of our Planned Giving Programme
Please phone the office on 3282 1888

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 23rd May at 9.30am: Craft Group

Thursday 25th May at 4.30pm: St Vincent de Paul meeting

Saturday/Sunday 27th/28th May: WELCOME SUNDAY



Sacrament of Confirmation for Children

A parent information evening will be held on **Tuesday June 13th at 7pm.**

If you have a child in grade 3 or older who wishes to be confirmed in their faith we invite you to come along.

Enrolment forms will be available on the night and information about the revised policy and current process will be provided. If you have any questions please call Donna at the Parish Centre on 3282 1888.



CENTACARE COMMUNITY SERVICES will be available to chat with parishioners about the range of In Home Services they have to offer after the 9.30am mass this **Sunday 21st May** and after the 8.15am mass at Riverview the following **Sunday 28th May**. They will also be providing a delicious morning tea.

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL - A collection will take place at all masses next **Sunday 27th/28th May**.

Women's Weekend Silent Retreat - *Dancing with the Divine*

Hosted by Dragonfly Ministries. Facilitated by Sue Thomas. Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston – single, ensuite rooms. All resources, meals and linen provided. 6.00pm Friday 16th June to 3.00pm Sunday 18th June 2017. Cost: \$350 (\$320 concession) Enquiries: grace@dragonflyministries.net.au

The Australian Christian Meditation Community Queensland invites you to a morning of meditation, information and discussion on **BEING IN THE PRESENT MOMENT**. The ability to be in the present moment is an important aspect of Christian Meditation, but we find it very difficult. In this presentation, we will look at aspects of paying attention to the present by using a variety of pictorial (paintings, photos, and YouTube clips) and written materials (prayers, prose, and poems). The aim is to challenge you, promote discussion and ultimately lead to greater attention in meditation. The material could be a gentle introduction to Christian Meditation for new meditators, as well as a "refresher" for established meditators.

When: Saturday, 10th June 2017; **Time:** 9.30am when morning tea will be served. Please bring your own cup. **Where:** Uniting Church, Warner Hall, 52 Merthyr Road, New Farm. **Programme:** 10am till 12.30pm. **Lunch:** If you wish to stay after the session till 1.30pm, BYO lunch to have in **covered** area next to Hall. **Suggested donation:** \$10-15. There will be a clearance sale of books, CD's and videos.

For information contact Gabby – toga@bigpond.net.au; 3711-4227 or 0488 592 770

Extraordinary Minister of Communion for Salvation Army Riverview Gardens - Sacred Heart has a communion ministry team that service Catholics residing at Riverview Gardens. Our present team currently consists of three parishioners as one of our members has now moved away. Our team love visiting residents there and we receive more than we give. Now is a good time to join this happy team because we take communion to 6 residents and it gives us time to introduce you to the various sections of Riverview Gardens and to meet our beautiful residents. Previously we would take communion to 20 people, so you can see that numbers can change. Please contact the Parish Office on 3282 1888 if you are interested in joining this very worthwhile and rewarding ministry as now would be an ideal time to be part of this great team.

Call for Religious Instructors for Our Schools

As we are experiencing some Religious Instructor retirements from schools in our area, we are seeking to fill these vacant positions as soon as possible, following training. If this is something God has put on your heart I would encourage you to take this step as you will find great blessings bringing His Word to His children in our local schools. It is important that we fill these vacancies so that the children who are opted into RI will have an Instructor for their class.

For more information regarding times and schools please contact Amy Hollier amy@cri-network.org.au; 0401 620 885; Jane Zinn jane@cri-network.org.au 0424 ; Carl Howard carl@cri-network.org.au; Suzie Overell suzie@cri-network.org.au 0412 875 412

The Annual Mass for Deceased Christian Brothers, Teachers, and Old Boys of St Edmund's College will be held at CWL house, 35 Waghorn Street, Ipswich on Tuesday 27 June 2017 at 7.00 pm. All are invited. If you wish to remember a deceased Old Boy, please contact Andrew McGrath on 3389 6858.

Day of Prayer

The Canossian Sisters are running a day of prayer and reflection for young women and men from 18-40years.

Date: Saturday 10th June 2017

Time: 9am-5pm

Venue: Lay Centre, Canossa Complex, 169 Seventeen Mile Rocks Rd, Oxley

Cost: \$10 (Includes lunch)

For more information or to RSVP contact Sr. Melissa 0484 007 508



"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." 1 PETER 3:17

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning, making sure things are progressing smoothly, then disaster strikes, we don't get the result that was intended. An unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively. Why me? I did everything right! Here's the thing - God has a different and better plan in store for you.

A VOCATION VIEW - That Jesus rose from the dead is our Faith. That we can be reborn in the Spirit is our Hope. That we can do God's work is our Love. Follow God's Call.