



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Weekly Diary

Monday 23rd April

9.00am Mass

Tuesday 24th April

No Mass

Wednesday 25th April

9.00pm Mass - Anzac Day

Thursday 26th April

9.00am Mass

Friday 27th April

9.00am Mass

9.30am Exposition

Saturday 28th April

4.00pm-4.30pm - Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

Sunday 29th April

Fifth Sunday of Easter

6.30am Rosary - Riverview

7.00am Mass - Riverview

9.00am Mass - Booval

5.00pm Mass - Booval

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

Baptisms by appointment.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

22nd April, 2018

Dear parishioners and Visitors,

There is the story of a particular census taker who went to a poor home in the mountains of West Virginia to gather information. He asked the mother how many children she had. The woman began, "Well, there is Rosie, and Billy, and Lewella, Susie, Harry, and Jeffrey. There's Johnny, and Harvey, and our dog, Willie. The census taker interrupted her and said: "No, ma'am, that's not necessary. I only need the humans. "Ah," she said. And began to pronounce the names of the children. Once again, the census taker interrupted her and said, "No, ma'am, I just need the numbers." The old woman replied, "But I don't know them by numbers. I only know them by name." In today's gospel Jesus the good shepherd says that he knows his sheep by name.

The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as *Good Shepherd Sunday*. The scripture lessons are about shepherds. On this Sunday we reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, devotedly taking care of his flock.

In the Old Testament, the image of the Shepherd is often applied to God as well as to the leaders of the people. The book of Exodus several times calls Yahweh a shepherd. Likewise, the prophets Isaiah and Ezekiel compare Yahweh's care and protection of His people to that of a shepherd. Ezekiel represents God as a loving shepherd who searches diligently for the lost sheep. In the New Testament Jesus introduces himself as the good shepherd of his flock. Just as the Palestinian shepherds knew each sheep of their flock by name, and the sheep knew their shepherd and his voice, even so Jesus knows each one of us, our needs, our merits and our faults. He loves us as we are, with all our limitations. The greatest expression of his love was his death on the cross. He expects us to return his love in the little ways we can. When the good shepherd is even ready to give up his life, as good sheep we should stay close to the shepherd so as to be defended by him.

Many Blessings

Fr. Joji



ANZAC DAY MASS - 9am Wednesday 25th April

WELCOME SUNDAY

There will be a cuppa after mass this weekend.
You are most welcome to join us for a chat. This is a great opportunity to become more familiar with fellow parishioners.



A very big **THANK YOU** to Richard Wilson for the great work he has done in restoring Our Lady of Perpetual Help's Paschal candle stand and also to Midas West Ipswich for providing the candle socket.

DIARY DATES

Sat/Sun 21st/22nd April - WELCOME SUNDAY

Tuesday 24th April - 9.30am: Craft Group

Friday 27th April - 6.15pm: CFC Group



NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER - Please note as there are five Sundays in April **Group 2** is rostered on next weekend.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS

First Eucharist preparation is well underway with the children receiving Eucharist for the first time on the solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ on **3rd June at the 9am Mass**. This mass will be held in the Amare Centre to allow for extra family members who will attend. All parishioners are very welcome at this celebration – in fact encouraged to attend to support our young members. There will be a small procession of the Blessed Sacrament after communion.

Confirmation preparation for children who are baptised and of grade 3 age or older will begin with a parent information evening on 4th September with the celebration of the sacrament occurring on Friday 16th November.

First Rite of Reconciliation preparation and participation in the sacrament for children who are fully initiated (have been baptised, confirmed and received First Eucharist) and of grade 5 age or older will occur on **24th November**.

Information about these dates will be in the newsletter closer to the dates. If you have any questions about this process please call Donna at the parish centre 3288 1888.

PRAYER PARTNERS You will have noticed at Mass last weekend we introduced a new practice called Prayer Partners. We hope Prayer Partners increases our sense of being community together at Mass. Nobody should feel alone here. It also helps us to pray the Mass together as parts of the one body of Christ. So at the beginning of Mass the leader will encourage us to turn to somebody near us – preferably someone we don't know but if you know everybody that's okay just choose someone – and exchange names and agree to pray for each other later in the Mass. The idea is that everybody at Mass is praying for somebody else during that part of the Mass and everybody is being prayed for. Towards the end of the prayers of the faithful Fr Joji will ask us to look briefly at our Prayer Partner then, in silence, pray for them.

WALTZING MATILDAS - Next trip **TUESDAY 1ST MAY** going to Scenic Rim Robotic Dairy (Tamrookum) near Beaudesert. Leaving 8am from Sacred Heart Parish Centre. Cost \$45. Please wear closed in footwear and bring water bottle and mug and a small esky if you wish to purchase products from dairy. We will have large esky available if required. Need confirmation of numbers as soon as possible please. New members welcome. Anybody wishing to just join us for the day is most welcome as we are planning to take a big bus. Confirmation and cancellations to Anne Hall mob. 0408 773 734.

A VOCATION VIEW - This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs worthy leaders, good Shepherds of the 21st Century, caring unselfishly for the needs of God's people. Please, pray for Vocations.

Women's Weekend Retreat: Compassionate Living

In order to live a compassionate life, we need to develop and deepen compassion within ourselves, and commit to being a compassionate presence for ourselves and for others. Come, take time apart in silence, supported within a community of women, be kind to yourself, and deepen your journey to the heart of compassion.

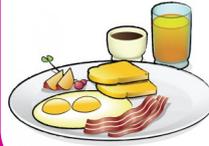
Friday 25 May – Sunday 27 May. Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston.

Facilitated by Sue Thomas on behalf of Dragonfly Ministries.

For more information contact

grace@dragonflyministries.net.au or on 0409 524 283

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST - You are invited to join the women of the Parish for a delicious breakfast on **Saturday 12th May 7.30am-9.30am** at the Parish Centre. Cost \$15. RSVP: Please put your name on the sheet in the foyer of the Church or phone the Parish Office 3282 1888 no later than **Wednesday 9th May**.



Marian Valley Canungra - All are invited to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia, at Marian Valley, Canungra on **Saturday 19th May 2018** commencing 10am with Exposition, Rosary, Confession, Holy Mass (lunch available). Eucharistic Procession and Divine Mercy Chaplet - Mass Celebrant: Most Rev Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane. For those not wishing to drive a bus will leave **8.10am French Street, Booval**. Fare \$20 - bookings and info Anne 3282 0321 or Pam 3288 4594.

Little King's Movement Annual Appeal - Thank you everyone who donated to the recent church appeal and those who kindly door-knocked for Little's King's this year. A total amount of \$2,832.00 was raised which is a substantial contribution to a very worthy cause. Your generosity and support for people with a disability is greatly appreciated.

Leonie McEniery

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAM FOR SENIORS program is looking for donations of small exercise equipment such as dumbbells, mats, etc. If you have any small items you would like to donate please please contact Kamal or Solape from Centacare on 3362 8700.



"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." - John 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Usually, the answer is in "quiet whispers", so take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His response.

Time for a smile:-

A teacher asked her students to use the word "beans" in a sentence. "My father grows beans," said one girl. "My mother cooks beans," said a boy. A third student spoke up, "We are all human beans."

