



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Weekly Diary

Monday 24th October

No Mass

Tuesday 25th October

10.30am Mass - Riverview Gardens Hostel

Wednesday 26th October

9.00am Mass

Thursday 27th October

9.00am Mass

Friday 28th October

9.00am Mass

9.30am Exposition

Saturday 29th October

4.00pm-4.30pm Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

Sunday 30th October

31st 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.

Rosary will be recited half an hour before week day mass during the month of October

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

22nd/23rd October, 2016



Year of Mercy

*"Where mercy, love, and pity dwell,
there God is dwelling too."*

- William Blake

At the heart of this Sunday's parable, is a question concerning mercy: who of the two who went to the temple to pray was capable of receiving mercy? To answer this question we need to clarify just what mercy from God is about. It isn't about God feeling 'sorry' for people as this gives 'mercy' a humiliating, even demeaning quality. In the Hebrew Scriptures one of the terms for mercy has the same root letters as the word for a woman's womb. Therefore mercy is related to the notion of giving birth and the feeling a mother has for her child. The term therefore captures the sense of intense love that works for the well-being and growth of the one receiving mercy. This is a love that looks out for the person who is vulnerable, broken, suffering, needy or even sinful. Indeed, the only thing that hampers the mercy of God from transforming a person's life is prideful self-sufficiency.

Which brings us to consideration of the two figures in the parable? The Pharisee's prayer is really an account of his perceived strengths and practices, his capabilities as a practicing religious person. His self-sufficiency is the basis of his self-righteousness. He has no need of a God of mercy and compassion. The tragic irony is that his practice of religion has actually fostered imperviousness to God. In contrast, the other figure at prayer in the temple, the tax collector, is what we would regard as a hardened criminal. The work he does betrays fellow Jewish people and undermines society. His 'sinfulness' is not a crime of passion but a consistent life-style. Yet he is fully aware of what he is and he makes no excuses for his behaviour. He knows he does wrong, he is humble about it and he is open to the mercy of God.

Sr Kym Harris osb

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING - Current Altar Servers and those wishing to become Altar Servers are invited to attend a training session on **Thursday 3rd November at 3.30pm**. This is an opportunity for some of our newly confirmed to participate in the ministries of the Church. Afternoon tea will be provided beforehand.

GOD'S WORD 2017 with Daily Reflections - Copies of this book are now available from the Parish Office for the discounted price of \$10.00 each.

SAVE THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY

Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to St Marys - Sacred Heart parishioners are invited to come along to a pilgrimage to St Mary's Church for the Year of Mercy on **Saturday 29th October at 10.00am**. Joining us will be parishioners from Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish of Gatton - Laidley. There will be Benediction and Exposition during this time. An opportunity for individual reconciliation will also be available.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 25th October at 9.30am: Craft Group
Thursday 27th Oct. at 4.30pm: St Vincent de Paul meeting
Friday 28th October at 9.30am: Meditation
at 10.00am: Charismatic Renewal Group

A CALL TO CARE FOR CREATION

A presentation by Fr Sean McDonagh SSC will be held on Thursday 3rd November at St Mary's Parish Centre Ipswich, Cnr Elizabeth Street and Roseberry Parade, Woodend commencing at 10am with morning tea. The presentation will be 10.30am—12.30pm.

Irish Columban Fr Sean McDonagh is known around the world as an eco-theologian who works to raise awareness on the connections between justice and peace issues, environmental sustainability and faith. He is an outspoken critic of policies that allow for the systematic degradation of the environment, linking them to global poverty and the increased suffering of the poor. Fr Sean is the author of numerous articles and nine books including *Climate Change: The Challenge to All of Us*, *Greening the Christian Millennium*, *Care for the Earth* and *Dying for Water*. He highlights the causes and consequences of issues such as global warming, genetically engineered food, water pollution, the nuclear industry and loss of biodiversity.

Pondering Expectantly

Journeying with Mary and Elizabeth as they ponder and wait with great expectations for the advent of God-with us. Gentle Reflection Prayer Deep Connection Anticipation A retreat opportunity for women of all ages.



Friday 9 December 6pm – Sunday 11 December 3pm

Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Wellington Street, Ormiston.
Cost: \$350 (\$320 pensioners and full-time students) Individual, ensuite rooms. All linen, meals and resources supplied.

To Register or Enquire: Contact Grace on 0409 524 283 or grace@dragonflyministries.net.au

*The Biggest Christian Religious Instruction
Information Morning Tea*

10am Thursday 27th October 2016

Central Church, Cnr Gordon & Limestone Streets, Ipswich

You are invited to come along to find out how you can help grow our teams to ensure CRI is provided to all children who have opted to receive Christian Religious Instruction in schools in our area. We are looking for people to join us and be trained in Term 4 to become assistants and instructors in 2017. All materials and training are provided free of cost. Come along and bring your friends and spouses. Please RSVP by 24th October to Moira Keddle 33895014 or text 0450 505 369.

A VOCATION VIEW - If you exalt yourself, what do you leave for God to give you? Rather, listen to God's voice. Doing His will is all you need to do. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

LIFE BEQUESTS

**Make a gift that lives on:
A gift to the Sacred Heart Parish
in your Will is a simple yet powerful way
to impact future generations**

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH - Tuesday 1st November 12.30pm at the Parish Centre. Ticket \$20.00 which includes light lunch, punch/wine and lucky door prizes. \$2 & \$1 sweeps available on the day. To book either write your name on the sheet at the front of the Church or phone the Parish Office on 3282 1888. Bookings need to be made by **Friday 28th October**.



NOVEMBER DEVOTIONS - During November we remember and pray especially for all the faithful departed. **Sung Morning Prayer on Fridays at 8.45am in November** will give us an extra opportunity to do this. **Nov. 4** - prayers for deceased parents; **Nov. 11** - for spouses and children; **Nov. 18** - for brothers and sisters; **Nov. 25** - for all relatives and friends who have died.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS - The envelopes for the November Mass offerings are available at the doors of the Church.

LOST IN CHURCH - Book of Adoration Prayers. If found please hand in to the Parish Office. Thank you.

LITURGY AND BLESSING OF GRAVES GLAMORGAN VALE CATHOLIC CEMETERY

A Liturgy and the Blessing of Graves will be held on **Saturday 19 November** at the Glamorgan Vale Catholic Cemetery which is located on the Fernvale Road near the junction with the Glamorgan Vale Road outside Ipswich. The ceremony will commence at 10am. The cemetery was established in 1879 with the first burial in 1880. There are over 140 graves in the cemetery. Visitors are asked to bring chairs and umbrellas for shade. Donations for the upkeep of the cemetery would be welcomed. For further details please contact Gabriel Dempster on (07) 3201 7051. (Authorised by John Dredge OAM for the Glamorgan Vale Catholic Cemetery Committee-0403 722 946)

St Edmund's Old Boys Dinner - Saturday 29 October 2016 at 7pm - Brother Leagues Club Ipswich. Guest speaker: Cr Paul Pisasale - Mayor of Ipswich. \$50 per head for 2 course meal. Book a Table of 10 for \$450.

For tickets please contact Andrew McGrath on 0438 164 452 or amcgrath59@hotmail.com All are welcome

Australian Christian Meditation Community Qld

Invites you to join us for a Community Gathering

Led by Kath Houston – "The Reality that is Love"

WITH A NEW FORMAT AND A NEW LOCATION

When: Saturday 5 November 2016. **Where:** Uniting Church, 52 Merthyr Rd, New Farm (WARNER HALL). **Time:** 9.30am – 12.30pm (stay for lunch BYO together to 1.30pm) Morning tea from 9.30am. Please bring mug / cup for own use. **Suggested Donations:** \$10 - \$15. **Resources:** Books, CD's, DVD's for sale.

Enquiries: Pauline Peters E: paulinepeters2@gmail.com T: 3281 3755. Kath Houston E: kath@wccm.org T: 0407 020 448. *The morning will include Meditation, Teaching, and group sharing*