



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Weekly Diary

Monday 25th December

8.00am Mass - Christmas Day

Tuesday 26th December

No Mass

Wednesday 27th December

No Mass

Thursday 28th December

No Mass

Friday 29th December

No Mass

Saturday 30th December

4.00pm-4.30pm - Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

Sunday 31st December

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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 Advent 24th December, 2017

St Luke's account of the Annunciation draws on the Jewish tradition describing creation: 'There was darkness over the deep and *God's Spirit hovered over the water*. God said: "Let there be light", and there was light.' (Genesis 1:2-3) St Luke depicts Mary hearing in the depths of her soul: 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow.'

The Holy Spirit hovers over this young Jewish woman so that the most stupendously creative act in human history can take place. With her consent, God assumes human nature to be gradually enfleshed, embodied, in Mary's womb.

A naturally bewildered young woman was able to respond to God's will because she understood the imagery and the symbolism of the Genesis Story. We, in turn, need to read the Gospels in all their Jewishness so that we can understand when God's Holy Spirit hovers over our lives, asking us to fulfil some particular role in the Divine Plan.

We could pause for a moment to ask whether *now* is the time for a Marian response: 'Be it done unto me according to your word.'

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Christmas Mass Times



CHRISTMAS EVE - Sunday 24th December

Booval:

5.00pm Mass will be in the Amare Centre [School Hall]

[4.40pm Carols & Children's Nativity]

9.00pm [Vigil Mass - Carols 15 Mins. before Mass]

Riverview:

7.00pm [6.30pm Carols & Children's Nativity before Mass]

CHRISTMAS DAY - Monday 25th December

Booval:

8.00am [Christmas Mass - Carols 15 mins. before]

4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve 5pm mass

There will be no 5pm mass this Sunday
as it will be the mass for Christmas Eve. Attending the
5pm Christmas Eve mass does not fulfil your Sunday obligation.

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS - Thursday 28 December

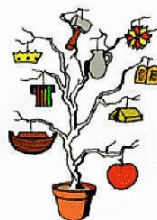
The Knights of the Southern Cross invite all parishioners to join them in prayer and mass on this Feast Day at St Mary's Church, Ipswich. **Rosary 6.30pm, Mass 7.00pm.** Followed by a cuppa.



The Craft Group ladies thank all those people who supported their fundraising venture in any way and especially for the large donation received. The amount raised to assist with the cost of the new carpet in the Parish Centre is \$1,697.80.

GOD'S WORD 2018 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 not in the Poor Box. Thank you.

Loving God, your desires for the human race go far beyond all that we could hope or imagine. As we contemplate the wonder of your love at work in Mary, may we be inspired by her faith and follow her way of faithful love whenever you call us out into the depths of your love. We ask this in Jesus' name, confident that you will hear us. *Sr Kym Harris osb*



FOURTH WEEK IN ADVENT

Jonah (Whale) – Jon 1: 1 – 3: 3. We remember Jonah who was swallowed by a fish when he didn't do what God wanted. Lord, help us to do what you want even if we are scared.

Joseph (Hammer) – Mat 1: 18-21, 24. We remember Joseph, who was a carpenter from Nazareth. He cared for Mary and Jesus. He was a descendant of King David. Lord, help us to be kind and caring like Joseph.

Mary (Lady with long hair) – Luke 1: 26-38. We remember Mary who was the mother of Jesus. We call Mary our Mother too. Lord, we thank you for Mary who cared so much for Jesus.

John the Baptist (Shell) – Luke 3: 1-20. We remember John the Baptist who prepared the way for Jesus. Loving God, make our hearts ready for Jesus.

Baby Jesus (Manger) – Luke 2: 1-20. We remember Jesus, God's son who we call Emmanuel, God is with us. Lord, thank you for the gift of your son. Help us to remember the true meaning of Christmas.

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" Luke 1:28



Faith is a gift from God. Take time in silence and thank Him for all the gifts He has given you. Try to set aside any anger or resentment you have and really open your heart to receive the gift of God's mercy and forgiveness. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others.

A VOCATION VIEW - Every person who has ever born a child, and every person who has freely vowed away this honour, helps in some mysterious way to bring Jesus Christ into this world again. Can you say: "Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord"?



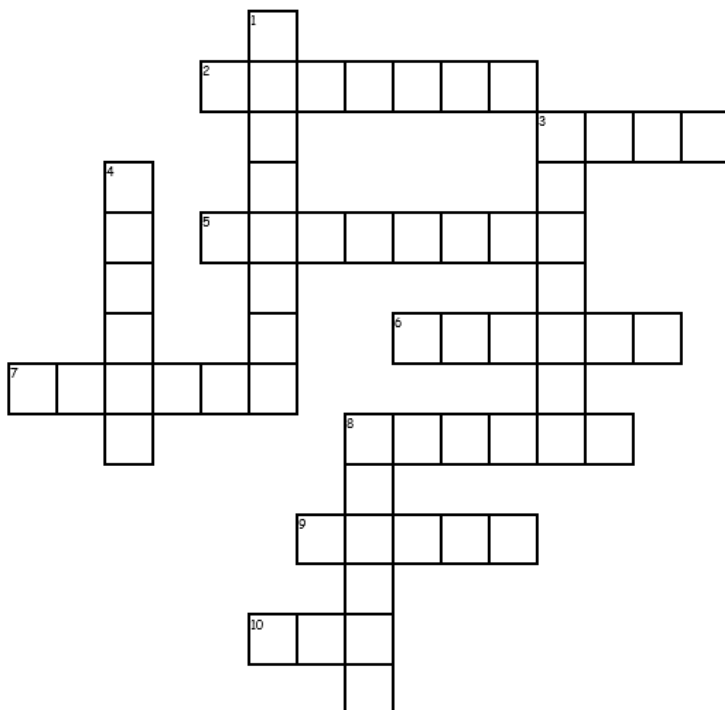
"Dear young people, do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things!"

– Pope Francis
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CROSSWORD

Jesus Christ the Good News

Rom 16:25-27
Ps 47:1-2, 7-8, R. v.8
Lk 1:26-38



Across

- 2: the angel sent by God to the town of Nazareth
- 3: the angel had a message for this person
- 5: people who spoke of the arrival of the Messiah
- 6: scared, frightened
- 7: Mary was engaged to this man
- 8: the message was kept _____ for a long time
- 9: God commanded his prophets to _____ about the good news
- 10: the opposite of daughter

Down

- 1: the town where Mary lived
- 3: information that is passed on to someone else
- 4: to speak highly of
- 8: to have strength is to be this