



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Weekly Diary

Monday 25th July

No Mass

Tuesday 26th July

10.30am Mass - Riverview Gardens Hostel

Wednesday 27th July

9.00am Mass

Thursday 28th July

9.00am Mass

Friday 29th July

9.00am Mass

9.30am Exposition

Saturday 30th July

4.00pm-4.15pm Reconciliation

4.30pm Vigil Mass - Booval

6.00pm Vigil Mass - Riverview

Sunday 31st July

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.00am Mass - Booval

9.00am Mass - Booval

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

Baptisms by appointment.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23rd/24th July, 2016



Year of Mercy

"If the message we are supposed to be getting is really, 'Forgive us ...as we forgive' it's time to let everything to the mercy of God, to put down unholy righteousness, to purge our selves of grudges, and to move where we're welcome, uncaring and where we're not."

- Joan Chittister OSB, *God's Tender Mercy*

Ask, Ask, Ask, Ask, Ask

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus teaches his disciples how to pray; and when he does, he gives not only them but all of us the wonderful prayer we call 'the Our Father' or 'the Lord's prayer.'

The first thing to notice about the Lord's prayer is that it is full of petitions. The first one is that God's name would be hallowed. The second is that God's kingdom would come. The third is that God would give us our daily bread. And so on.

The Lord's prayer isn't just a litany of praise to God, then. It isn't just an expression of a pious wish that God's will be done. It isn't only a surrender of one's own will to God. Just look at the request for daily bread. It presents to God what we would want God to give us. Having desires and presenting them to God are required by the Lord's prayer.

The second thing to notice about the Lord's prayer is that people don't generally get what they ask for. Ask and you will receive, the Lord says. But how many people around the world pray the Lord's prayer and go without food that day? And food is only the beginning. In every mass, we ask God for healing: "Only say the word and my soul shall be healed." Then we lug our sinful, sick, and sorrowful souls around another day.

So here is the third thing to notice. Jesus doesn't promise that we will get the very thing we ask for. He says that if we ask, we will receive; but he doesn't happen to mention what we will receive.

If you think about it, you can see the point. If a sick person could heal himself, he would be the doctor, not the patient. The patient's job is to want to get well. It is the doctor's job to figure out how to get him well.

In the same way, the Lord's prayer requires us to trust God enough to tell him what we want—over and over and over. Our job is to ask continually. God's job is to figure out what to give us that will really fill us and heal us. So we might not get what we ask for. But as long as we keep asking, the Lord promises that we will receive—grace, pressed down, shaken together, running over, and gently given, from the God who loves us.

Eleonore Stump

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 26th July at 9.30am: Craft Group
at **7.30pm:** Pastoral Council meeting
Friday 22nd July at 9.30am: Meditation
at **10.00am:** Charismatic Renewal Group
at **6.16pm:** CFC Group
at **7.00pm:** Booval Youth Group

DATE CLAIMER:

PARISH PICNIC Sunday 11th September, 2016

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK -

The team who take communion to Riverview Gardens are in need of another member to help them in this very special ministry. If you feel you can help out with this important ministry please phone the Parish Office on 3282 1888.

JORGENSEN FAMILY GROUP - Christmas in July
Sunday 31st July at 12.30pm at Eileen Adkins' home.



"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Luke 11:9

Jesus assures us that if we ask Him, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that in our culture we often confuse what we really **need** with what we simply **want**. Many people need very little. However, we usually want so much more. A good steward only asks God for what he needs.

A VOCATION VIEW: God knows what we want before we ask. God knows who we are before we discern. God invites us to pray: to ask and to discern.

Time for a smile ☺

The Pope and Trump are on the same stage in Yankee Stadium in front of a huge crowd. The Pope leans towards Trump and says "Do you know that with one little wave of my hand I can make every person in this crowd go wild with joy? This joy will not be a momentary display but will go deep into their hearts and they'll forever speak of this day and rejoice!" Trump replied "I seriously doubt that! With one little wave of your hand.... Show me!"

So the Pope backhanded him and knocked him off the stage! AND THE CROWD ROARED AND CHEERED WILDLY and there was happiness throughout the land!

Vocations Novena (V9) Prayer Campaign 7

A: At the sight of the crowds Jesus heart was moved

B: For they were like sheep without a shepherd

A: "Jesus said: "the harvest is ready"

B: "But the labourers are few"

A: Ask the Lord to send out labourers for the harvest

B: O Lord we pray that young people will answer the call to become servants in Your harvest

A: And shepherds for Your people.

Amen.



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Sacred Heart School and Parish Fete 2016

This Sunday 24th July 2016

10:30am – 3:30pm

MASS TIMES TRIAL

The Mass Times Trial will come to an end the **weekend 6th/7th August**. An announcement will be made in next weekend's newsletter after the Pastoral Council meeting this coming week about the changes that will take place from the **13th/14th August**.



Bridge to Brisbane 2016



We invite you to walk or run in solidarity with the innocent people of the Middle East who have been forced to flee for their safety, who have lost loved ones, and who will suffer the effects of conflict long after it is over. The event will be held on Sunday 28th August.

Contact Joe Foley on 3324 3134 or email at josephf@caritas.org.au for more information.

Note: appropriate for all fitness levels (walkers welcome).

CWL - Hoy & Euchre will be held in the Parish Centre on **Wednesday 27th July at 10.00am**. All welcome.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

For church cleaning, hospitality, readers and ministers and all our groups - we are in great need of extra helpers. If you have some spare time and would love to join in, we would love to welcome you. Please contact the Office on 3282 1888 and find out how you can help. This a way in which we can share out time and talents.

PARISH NEWSLETTER - Our parish newsletter is now available to be viewed on line by going to www.boovalcatholicparish.org.au

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

In the Old Testament God is often referred to as the Father of his covenant people, Israel, and as the one who will act to deliver his people. When Jesus addresses God as Father, however, he gives expression to his unique, personal, filial relationship to God. Through Jesus, the disciples are able to know God as a gracious and loving Father.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Live out the Our Father: honour God, give thanks for your daily bread and forgive others who wrong you.