



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Sacred Heart Primary School, 25 Cothill Rd, Booval St Peter Claver Secondary College, 10 Old Ipswich Rd, Riverview



ALL CHURCHES ARE CLOSED FOR MASS

Fr Thomas will continue to celebrate our regular weekly Masses without a congregation as well as Sunday Mass

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Monday 25 May - 10am-12noon

Wednesday 27 May - 10am-12noon

Friday 29 May - 10am-12noon

Please enter by the side door
to the right of the church

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

24th May 2020



Gospel Reflection

The short gospel passage for today is taken from the final words of the gospel of Matthew. It is known as 'The Great Commission' as Jesus is portrayed commissioning his disciples to go out to the world and spread the good news. They are charged to 'Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations.' This is the basis of much of the missionary work of the Church that has gone on ever since then.

However, the focus of today's feast is much more on the first reading than the gospel. The opening verses of the Book of Acts, from the author of Luke-Acts, describe the final instructions of Jesus to his disciples and then his 'lifting up'. The Luke-Acts writer is the only gospel writer to actually describe the Ascension. The fact that the other gospels don't discuss the Ascension in any detail at all is a good indication that this description should not be taken literally.

However, the message of the Ascension is a powerful one. It reminds us that Jesus, the human incarnation of God on earth, was limited to a specific time and place in history. Despite the physical limitations of his life on earth, Jesus ensured that his message and ministry would continue through those he had taught. Knowing that the disciples would need time to grieve and come to terms with all that had occurred in a relatively short space of time, Jesus promised that the Spirit would come upon them in the days to come. That visiting of the Spirit upon the disciples at Pentecost was the motivation to set about doing what Jesus had charged them to do. Without the Ascension, there is no Pentecost.

Living the Gospel – You will be my witnesses

A witness in a court of law is called to give evidence about a matter; to 'testify' to the truth of what they have seen or what they know to be true. Some people are very good at being a 'witness' to their faith by testifying to others about what they believe. Many others provide witness to their faith by simply living what they believe. Living a life based on Christian principles, including regular prayer and worship in your life, working for justice in the world and taking time to celebrate the beauty of everyday life is a powerful witness to others.



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Sacred Heart Church will be open for private prayer on the following days - **Monday 24th May, Wednesday 27th May and Friday 29th May between the hours of 10am—12noon.** Please observe the following: * No more than 10 people in the Church at any one time (keeping at least 1.5m apart) * You will be asked to provide your name and phone number so we can contact people in case someone contracts the virus [This information will be destroyed after 28 days] * Please use the hand sanitiser provided before entering and leaving the church. Thank you.



BLAZE BOOVAL - As part of our effort to stay in touch we have begun a Blaze Instagram page – blazeyouthbooval – which you are welcome to follow. We post reminders and updates about Blaze and special events. Last Sunday Fr Thomas joined us with a short reflection on the gospel.

Parish Facebook page.
Keep up to date and see what's happening in the life of the parish by following us on Facebook.
[Booval Catholic Parish](https://www.facebook.com/BoovalCatholicParish)



The Catholic Leader's Response to the COVID19 pandemic.

We are making our digital newspaper free at our website.

catholicleader.com.au

The digital version of The Catholic Leader will be free for readers to access until Parishes reopen across the Archdiocese of Brisbane.



"I am praying for them..." (John 17:9)

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Pray in good times and in bad. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation, not just the last resort. Pray for friends and family and for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you.

Ascension of the Lord - A

A VOCATION VIEW: Through His death, resurrection and ascension, Christ showed us the path to eternal life. Know that the Lord is with you always, through your struggles and triumphs, and that he will hear your prayers.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
24–31 May 2020



"They showed us unusual kindness." (Acts 28:2)

Further resources can be found at <https://www.ncca.org.au/faith-and-unity-resources>

Small blessings make a big difference



"Let the earth breathe through your stillness."

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At the end of **Laudato Si week** we have been asked to pray the prayer below in a shared moment of prayer at noon local time this **Sunday 24 May**. Catholics from all across the globe will be united in spirit because “everything is connected.”

WATCH MASS online - Join the Archdiocese of Brisbane online for Mass broadcast live from St Stephen’s Cathedral 12.30pm weekdays, 8am and 10am Sunday at www.archbne.org/bzw. You can also watch an earlier Mass recorded on the same website.

MASS ON TELEVISION - Sunday at 6am on Channel 10.

COMMON PRAYER
for the 5th anniversary of
Laudato Si'

Loving God,
Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them,
You created us in your own image and made us
stewards of all your creation.
You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land
so that all might be nourished.

Open our minds and touch our hearts,
so that we may attend to your gift of creation.
Help us to be conscious that our common home
belongs not only to us, but to all of your creatures and to
all future generations, and that it is our responsibility to
preserve it.
May we help each person secure the food and
resources that they need.

Be present to those in need in these trying times,
especially the poorest and those most at risk of being
left behind.
Transform our fear and feelings of isolation into hope
and fraternity so that we may experience a true
conversion of the heart.

Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the
consequences of this global pandemic.
Make us courageous to embrace the changes that are
needed in search of the common good.
Now more than ever may we feel that we are all
interconnected and interdependent.
Enable us to listen and respond to the cry of the earth
and the cry of the poor.
May the present sufferings be the birth pangs of a more
fraternal and sustainable world.

Under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians, we
make this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen

LAUDATO SI' WEEK 2020
DICASTERO PER IL SERVIZIO
DELLO SVILUPPO UMANO INTEGRALE

ARCHDIOCESE
OF BRISBANE

**Act of Spiritual
Communion Prayer**
My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive
You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive
You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually
into my heart.
I embrace You as if You
were already there
and unite myself wholly to You. Never
permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Small Blessings
smallblessings.com.au

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOM WE REMEMBER: Brian Meara, Kirtley & Dolan families, Bob Cole, Dorothy Walsh, Donna Gabriel, Tracie Files, Noela Shute, Rita Vanderbyl, Tom Brown, Roland Millington, Bernie Kinnane, Chris Garton, Ken Adkins, Frank Van Gestel, Lorraine Murphy, David Samson, Brian McCarthy, Jack & Eileen McMahon, Bob, John & Mark Skippington, Thomas Boyle, Margery Boyle, Ellie & Ossie Cody, Rob Kane, Mike Cody, Helen Cody, Roy Folan, Alfred & Stella Grech, Moira Murphy, Melinda & Arthur Murphy, Bernice & Clement Goan, Arthur, Brian & Dane Bracey, Grahame Coultas.



LET US PRAY for those who are sick or recovering from surgery: Desolie King, Graeme Peters, Trish Rowlands, Joyce Samson, Joy Gallagher, Marianne Steentsma, Rae Clark, Jill Wright, 2 Special Intentions, Kath Cole, Eileen Adkins, Erin, Eileen Galligan, Benjamin Palmer (Chris Garton’s Grandson), Shannon Spencer, Thomas Manoj, Donna Brown, Brian Morgan, Hannah Smith, Fran Johnson, Julia Telford, Sophie Leonard, David Stewart, Anthony Eden, Concetta Tiberi, Darcy Watt, Lisa Lynch, Madge McLennan, Karen Purdie.

We also include in our prayers all the aged and sick to whom we take Communion.

We pray for the safety and good judgement of those serving in our defence forces overseas.

(Please contact us when you feel that it is appropriate to remove the name of your friend or loved one from our Parish Prayer List)

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE ANNIVERSARIES

24 May - 30 May

Fr M Carew, Patricia Woodriff, Maureen Mathews, Peter Melnyczuk, Mary Murphy, Francis O’Dempsey, Barry Stokes, Les Adkins, Roy James, Winnie Cusack, Raymond English, Sr Josephine Flynn, Roy Howard, Jessamine Keogh, Barbara Melnyczuk, Gladys Pryke, Jack Sneyd, Ann Bray, Des Jorgensen, Elizabeth Stegman, Hannah Valentine, Frank Kerambrun, John Knoll, John O’Dea, Dorothy Watson.

The Booval Catholic Parish acknowledge the Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.

Children's Page

Draw some of the disciples when they met Jesus for the last time before he ascended into heaven.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Unscramble the words below to find out what Jesus told his disciples before he ascended into heaven.

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TIME REMEMBER UNTIL ALWAYS AM END

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

Clap your hands and shout to God

Acts 1:8-11
Ps 47:1-2, 5-6, 7-8
Eph 1:17-21

F O Z U I C H P D O P S M W V
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 M I D F V K X J B M Z O S I V
 R I G H T L H H N H E H Y Q E
 R P H Z M D I S C I P L E S R
 G K J E R U S A L E M P W V A
 S B C I L Y H A P P Y O H E K
 J E Z X E V S Z G O P W I O A
 E W O N D E R F U L Y E T N R
 X R E I Q W H Y Z O P R E F B
 V K B E T H A N Y T C E V D O

Try to find these words:

Bethany
 cloud
 disciples
 discover
 happy
 Jerusalem
 Jesus
 power
 right
 white
 wonderful
 worshipped