



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Weekly Diary

Monday 26th March

9.00am Mass

Tuesday 27th March

No Mass

Wednesday 28th March

6.00pm Mass

6.30pm Tenebrae

Thursday 29th March

7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 30th March

10.30am Stations of the Cross (Amare Centre)

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday 31st March

6.00pm Easter Vigil Mass - Booval

Sunday 1st April

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7.00am Mass - Riverview

9.00am Mass - Booval

5.00pm **NO Mass** - Booval

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

Baptisms by appointment.

PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD 25th March, 2018

The royal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem echoes many details from the life of the ancient kings of Israel and contemporary history. The crowd around Jesus was aware of King Solomon's royal procession on David's royal mule as he was taken to be anointed as king. The Jews who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem that day were aware of the connections to Israel's past kings and practices in the contemporary empires. His entry on a donkey, the spreading of cloaks beneath Him, and palm branches waving—these all were acts for royalty.

The Jews were eagerly waiting for the fulfilment of the Prophecy made by Zechariah, about 500 years ago. "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey..... He shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth" (Zech. 9:9-10). They rejoiced and praised God for the mighty works Jesus had done, and said "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! There was a great difference between the imperial processions and the triumphant entry of Jesus. In the Roman Imperial Processions, the picture bearers went ahead; the standard bearers moved ahead of the king; the crosslets lined before the king. Unlike the Roman imperial processions Jesus did not have any picture bearers. There were no bearers of standards, trophies or crosslets. Jesus was in front and He led the procession, because Jesus came as the king of peace. He was no ordinary king. He required no special anointing from the priests, for He had been anointed with the Holy Spirit in His baptism. He needed no officials to transfer authority, no borrowed mule from the previous king to establish His legitimacy. He wore no finery or royal robes, and marched with no other army than a small band of fisherman. He carried no sword. He made no political promises.

But Jesus gave kingly orders. He ordered his disciples, "Go off to the nearby village, you will find a tethered colt, untie it and bring it here." These words reflected the power of authority. So the disciples did not dare to question him. Jesus made kingly demands too. In case anyone questioned them, they were to answer **"the master needs it."** The master needed a service from the owner of the donkey, and he had the right to demand that service. As Jesus required the service of the owner of the donkey he needs the service of each and every one of us today. He keeps on sending a variety of messages to us with the impression, **"the master needs it."**

The master's demands come to us through our neighbours. When we place our Lenten sacrifices remember that the master needs it. The master needs to extend support to an ailing brother. The master needs to quench the thirst of someone. The master needs to satisfy the hunger of a needy. The master needs it to provide shelter for a homeless. The master needs it to alleviate the pain of the suffering. During this Holy week let us ask him, **"Lord what do you want from me?"**

Many blessings

Fr. Joji Thomas MCBS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY



This will commence at **10.30am** in the **Amare Centre** (School Hall). It is an opportunity for us to pray together as we remember the death of Jesus. You are most welcome to join us for a cuppa after the stations.

DIARY DATES

Sat/Sun 24th/25th March - WELCOME SUNDAY
Tuesday 27th March - 9.30am: Craft Group
7.30pm: Choir Practice



Holy Week & Easter Ceremonies - Timetable

[All ceremonies will be held at Booval]

HOLY THURSDAY

7.00pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY

10.30am – Stations of the Cross

[Amare Centre – School Hall]

3.00pm – Passion of the Lord

HOLY SATURDAY

6.00pm – Vigil of Easter and Mass of the Resurrection

EASTER SUNDAY

7.00am – Mass of the Resurrection [Riverview]

9.00am – Mass of the Resurrection

There will be no Sunday evening mass



TENEBRAE - This Wednesday evening at **6.30pm**. The word "Tenebrae" means 'darkness'. The prayer follows a pattern of several sets of short readings, reflections and silences. After each set, a candle is extinguished, reminding us of the darkness that covered the earth when Jesus died on the cross. The prayer ends in silence as people leave quietly.

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS 10.30am - Any teenagers or young adults who would like to participate in the tableau for the stations on Good Friday are welcome to come along about **9.45am** on Good Friday in the Amare Centre to organise our roles. Please wear black clothing. To indicate your interest please contact Donna at the Parish Centre on 3282 1888.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.35 million to this cause, despite tough economic times, rural droughts and increasing cost of living which put a strain on family budgets and financial resources. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again on this Good Friday. Please also pray that peace and harmony will become reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'.



TOUR OF THE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

Parishioners are invited to take a tour of the new school building after the 9am mass this Sunday.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAM FOR SENIORS - Commencing soon on Friday mornings starting at 10.00am in the Parish Centre. Morning tea and lunch will be provided by local community clubs. If you are interested in coming along please register (this is a free of charge event) by contacting Kamal or Solape from Centacare on 3362 8700.



"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" - Mark 15:12-13

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Pray for the strength and courage to stand up for those in need of our help.

A VOCATION VIEW - Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is she who gives her life in the name of the Lord. Blessed are they who live their united life in the name of the Lord.

PROJECT COMPASSION

FOR A JUST FUTURE



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Sixth Sunday of Lent
25th March 2018

When Psyche Mae featured in Project Compassion 2008, she was living in a squatter settlement, on the edge of a giant rubbish dump outside Manila in the Philippines. She is now a young social worker, with plans to study a Master's degree, whilst helping others emerge from poverty, thanks to the support of individuals and Caritas Australia.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help improve the health and wellbeing of communities in the Philippines so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a just future for all.

A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

ST PAULS HOLY WEEK MISSAL - This missal for Holy Week is available in the foyer of the Church. Cost \$5.00. Please place payment in the envelopes provided.



"How beautiful it is to stand before the crucifix simply to be under the Lord's GAZE so full of LOVE."

Pope Francis
Based on *Evangelii Gaudium*, n. 264