



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Weekly Diary

Monday 27th March

9.00am No Mass

Tuesday 28th March

10.30am Mass - Riverview Gardens Hostel

Wednesday 29th March

9.00am Mass

Thursday 30th March

9.00am Mass

Friday 31st March

8.30am Stations of the Cross

9.00am Mass

Saturday 1st April

4.00pm-4.30pm Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

Sunday 2nd April

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

26th March, 2017

Miracles do not necessarily lead to faith and faith is not necessarily about believing in miracles. In the Gospel concerning the healing of the man born blind, by the end of the interrogations it is clear that the man himself, his parents, his neighbours, the people who had seen him begging and the religious authorities all know that a miracle has occurred but it is interpreted variously. The authorities claim it is a sinful act, the parents are wary about the implications, the neighbours are wondering what happened. Only the man himself is worshipping.

The movement to faith by the man is worth close study. Initially, he isn't dazzled by this amazing healing, rather he seems bemused, like someone awakening from a long sleep. His understanding grows as he is questioned and challenged. It is as though he had something to work out within himself before he could profess faith in Jesus and being challenged helped it to happen. As his integrity is first questioned, then assaulted he stands his ground concerning what happened to him and, as he does, he begins to understand who Jesus is: first, 'the man called Jesus', then 'a prophet', then 'from God'. Only when he is alone with his own truth and knowledge does Jesus come to him and reveal himself. Then the man worships.

Coming to the fullness of faith is something deeply intimate and personal to each of us yet it takes place in the cut and thrust of life. Many of the difficulties we face challenge our integrity and, at times, we can feel alone. But this is a journey we must take. As we stand alone with our own truth, as did the man, we come into that human dignity that allows us to truly worship God in freedom.

Sr Kym Harris

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS - At the discernment evening held on the 14th March to choose new members for our Pastoral Council around thirty parishioners attended and of those some fifteen indicated they were interested in being on the council. In consultation with Sr Kari Hatherall who facilitated the evening six parishioners were selected and all have accepted. We would like to congratulate the following parishioners and wish them well in this important role - **Rob Amedee, Finn Conway, Leanne Cook, Angela Ryan, Sita Faoa-Harris and Mike Wilkinson**. Four of our existing members Kev Buchanan, Yvonne Folan, Cathy Peacock and Martin Smith will remain on the council. Thank you to all who participated and were prepared to take on this role. Special thanks goes to Derek Morgan who stepped into the role of Chairperson last year after being the Deputy Chair for a number of years. Thank you for your wonderful contribution to the council Derek. A commissioning of all Pastoral Council members will take place during the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 2nd April.

Holy Week & Easter Ceremonies - Time-Table

[All ceremonies will be held at Booval]

HOLY THURSDAY - 13th April

7.30pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY - 14th April

10.30am - Stations of the Cross [Amare Centre - School Hall]

3.00pm - Passion of the Lord

HOLY SATURDAY - 15th April

6.00pm - Vigil of Easter and Mass of the Resurrection

EASTER SUNDAY - 16th April

7.00am - Mass of the Resurrection

8.15am - Mass of the Resurrection [Riverview]



DIARY DATES

Tuesday 28th March at 9.30am: Craft Group
Thursday 30th March at 4.30pm: St Vincent de Paul meeting



CHOIR PRACTICE for Easter **this Monday 27th March at 7.30pm.** Anyone is most welcome to come along and join us prepare for Easter.

This week Year 1B will join us at the 9am Mass on Wednesday 29th March and Year 3B will be attending the 9am Mass on Thursday 30th March.



4th Sunday of Lent



With limited support in Vietnam for the education and social inclusion of children with disabilities, young Nguyet lived an isolated life. Then, through a neighbour, her family became involved with a Caritas-Australia supported program offering her education, creative outlets and community interaction, and strengthening her parents' skills and support networks. Now Nguyet's mother has great hope for her future.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and give children living with disabilities in Vietnam the opportunity for education and inclusion in their community.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION will be held on **Tuesday 4th April at 7.00pm.**



CHANGES TO MASS TIMES FOR PALM SUNDAY
9th April - 7.00am Mass Booval will be held at 6.30am and the 8.15am Mass at Riverview will change to 8.00am for this weekend only.

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.



Time for a Smile - One night a lady came home from her weekly prayer meeting, found she was being robbed and began shouting out, "Acts 2:38 — "Repent and be baptised and your sins will be forgiven." The robber quickly gave up and the lady rang the police. While handcuffing the robber the policeman asked him why he gave up so easily and he said "She said she had an axe and two 38's."

WELCOME SUNDAY - This weekend is Welcome Sunday and parishioners are welcome to join their fellow parishioners for a chat and a cuppa after all masses. This is a great opportunity to catch up with one another.



QUEENSLAND COMMUNITY ALLIANCE. Following on from the talk we received last week at 9.30am mass from Dave Copeman, Community Organiser with the ACA: We have heard stories of the pressures Queenslanders face. Stories of difficulty accessing healthcare and hospital parking costs. How hard it is to find good jobs or real training that will lead to them. Stories of pressures accessing quality care, be it in aged care, mental health or disability. Stories of lack of safety and lack of public transport. And stories about the barriers to the future of our young people. Now we must come together to decide what will be the themes of our work for our Founding Assembly and beyond!

That is why, on the **29th of March**, the Alliance will hold our **Discernment Assembly**. On this night, we will decide on the pressures that we will respond to together as we move to Founding. The night will be energetic, as people from South East Queensland and beyond will commit to work together.

Be a part of a night that will shape the future of Queensland's civil society.

Date: Wednesday 29 March 2017

Time: 6:15pm for a 6:30pm start - 8:15pm close.

Location: Coorparoo Secondary College



Chrism Mass - Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday 6 April 2017 commencing at 7.00pm. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.

St Edmunds Old Boys Bowls Day - Sunday 2 April 2017 - United Sports Club, Joyce Street, East Ipswich. 8.30am for a 9.00am Start. \$10 Per Player. Any Bowlers or Teams welcome to play, please contact Andrew McGrath on 0438 164 452 or 3389 6858.

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart."

Samuel 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talents and treasure here on earth.

A VOCATION VIEW - A child's handful of pulled dandelions will bring joy to a mother. A small act of kindness will surprise the lonely heart. Who will bring joy and kindness today?

The night will soon be here when no one can work. As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world. John 9:4-5

