



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Weekly Diary

Monday 28th August

NO Mass

Tuesday 29th August

7.00pm Mass

Wednesday 30th August

NO Mass - [Priest-in-service]

Thursday 31st August

10.00am Funeral Mass

Friday 1st September

9.00am Mass - Followed by
Adoration & Benediction

Saturday 2nd September

4.00pm-4.30pm - Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

Sunday 3rd September

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th August, 2017

A lady went to the Priest and said... I won't be attending Church anymore...
He said, may I ask why???

She said, I see people on their cell phones during the service, some are gos-
siping, some just aren't living right, they are all just hypocrites...

The Priest was silent, and he said, OK... But can I ask you to do something for
me before you make your final decision?

She said, what's that?

He said, take a glass of water and walk around the Church two times and
don't let any water fall out the glass.

She said, yes I can do that. She came back and said it's done.

He asked her three questions. 1. Did you see anybody on their phone? 2. Did
you see anybody gossiping? 3. Was anybody living wrong?

See, I didn't see anything because I was too focused on this glass, so the wa-
ter wouldn't fall.

He told her, when you come to Church, you should be just that focused on
God, so that YOU don't fall.

THAT'S WHY JESUS SAID "FOLLOW ME".

He did not say follow Christians. We are called to follow Jesus. Our focus
should be Jesus.

Jesus challenges us to know him personally as he makes an exclusive, con-
cerned, loving claim upon each one of us. He invites us to discover him, serve
him and love him as the Lord and he wants from each one of us our total,
single-hearted response. He offers an exclusive promise, and builds with us
the best and unique friendship which indicates that through him and in him
alone we will find salvation. In the Gospel of today we see Jesus making a
simple human inquiry about the way they have understood him and whether
his mission is successful. He is the God-man, the messiah but he wants to
know how his disciples have truly grasped his teaching. Peter responds to
him in the name of the disciples that he is the messiah. In return Peter is
commissioned by Jesus and is given the authority and leadership in the
church. He promises Peter the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

From today's gospel we learn that sometimes in life, we do not understand
why things happen the way they do. But surely, God who is everywhere,
knows all, sees all and is in control of all situations. This week, let us take the
time to reflect on our past. Let us take the time to reflect on the mysterious
ways of the Lord that have led us to where we are today.

Blessings

Joji

Our new mass times commence the first weekend of November

Saturday - 5pm (Booval)

Sunday - 7am (Riverview)

9am (Booval)

5pm (Booval)

DIARY DATES

Sunday 27th August 10.45am-1.45pm: Safeguarding Training
Saturday/Sunday 26th/27th August: Welcome Sunday
Tuesday 29th August at 9.30am: Craft Group
Wed. 30th August at 7.30pm: Finance Committee meeting
Thursday 31st August at 4.30pm: St Vincent de Paul meeting



BAPTISM - Last weekend we welcomed into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism **Alexander Creden and Maebh Dunne** and this weekend we welcome **Sierra & Sofia Brown**.

WELCOME SUNDAY - This weekend is welcome Sunday. Come and join us after all masses for a cuppa and chat with our fellow parishioners.

PARISH PICNIC - Though our numbers were down on last year all those who came along enjoyed the fun, food and companionship. Special thanks to Teresa Kane, Mary-Anne Glen, Donna, Bree & Niamh Conway and Joel McKenzie who helped out with the salad preparation, cooking and games.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE APRIL 2018

The 14-day pilgrimage to Holy Land is led by **Fr. Joseph Vattaparambil CMI** departing on **8th of April, 2018**, featuring Petra, Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea, Jericho, Masada, Mt Carmel, Mt Tabor, Mt Nebo & Jerusalem for an **all-inclusive early-bird offer of \$5,190**. To avail the early bird offer you can reserve your seats with an initial deposit of \$500. **This offer ends on 30th of October, 2017**. For further details or any queries please feel free to **call Magi Pilgrimages on 03 8562 2246**.

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LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS YEAR SAFEGUARDING TRAINING DATE

Sunday 27th August 10.45am-1.45pm
for initial training or
11.45am-1.45pm for refresher training.

Marian Valley Canungra — All are invited to celebrate a special Birthday of Our Lady on **Saturday 2nd September 2017** at the Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians, Marian Valley, Canungra. Commencing at 10am with Exposition, Rosary, Confession, Holy Mass (lunch available), Eucharistic Procession to the Grotto of Our Lady of Fatima, Benediction & Divine Mercy Chaplet. Mass Celebrant will be Most Rev Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE, Bishop of the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes. For those not wishing to drive, a bus will leave **8.00am French Street, Booval** and **8.10am Tessman Street, Riverview**. Fare \$20 — Bookings and info Ann 3282 0321/Pam 3288 4594.

Waltzing Matildas are going to Brisbane City Hall and Museum for a guided tour and those adventurous ones can attempt the bell tower! **Tuesday 5th September**. Leaving the Parish Centre at **8.00am**. Cost \$40.00. Bookings and cancellations ring Anne Hall 32889240, mob. 0408 773 734.

A VOCATION VIEW - Many of us fear people in authority as authority can be used rightly or wrongly. As Christians we are called to see power as service. We shall all be judged on love.

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" ROMANS 11:35



St Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot **give** the Lord anything, because God already owns it all. God made everything. All that we can do is **return** a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity!



Time for a Smile—Church Bulletins

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on **October 24** in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of new members and the deterioration of some older ones.