



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Weekly Diary

Monday 28th May

9.00am Mass

Tuesday 29th May

No Mass

Wednesday 30th May

6.00pm Mass

Thursday 31st May

9.00am Mass

Friday 1st June

9.00am Mass - Followed by
Adoration & Benediction

11.00am Mass - Riverview Gardens Hostel

Saturday 2nd June

4.00pm-4.30pm - Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

Sunday 3rd June

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

6.30am Rosary - Riverview

7.00am Mass - Riverview

9.00am Mass - Booval : Amare Centre

5.00pm Mass - Booval

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

Baptisms by appointment.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 27th May, 2018

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

One day St Augustine of Hippo was walking along the sea shore and reflecting on the doctrine of the Trinity. He suddenly saw a little child all alone on the shore. The child made a hole in the sand, ran to the sea with a little cup, filled her cup, came and poured it into the hole she had made in the sand. Back and forth she went to the sea, filled her cup and came and poured it into the hole. Augustine went up to her and said, "Little child, what are you doing?" and she replied, "I am trying to empty the sea into this hole." "How do you think," Augustine asked her, "that you can empty this immense sea into this tiny hole and with this tiny cup?" To which she replied, "And you, how do you suppose that with this your small head you can comprehend the immensity of God?" With that the child disappeared.

Like Augustine we may not be able to understand the mystery of the Trinity. But we can describe the mystery, in the words of the Athanasian Creed: "**the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God, and yet there are not three Gods but one God.**" Jesus knew very well that the disciples and His listeners were not able to understand the meaning of his message. Jesus expressed it in today's Gospel. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now." Jesus revealed himself to the people gradually and as understandable to them. First He taught them to recognize in Himself the Eternal Son of God. When His ministry was drawing to a close, He promised that the Father would send another Divine Person, the Holy Spirit, in His place. Finally after His resurrection, He revealed the doctrine in explicit terms, bidding them "go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit".

"Trinity Sunday, the first Sunday after Pentecost, was instituted to honour the Most Holy Trinity. The importance of this doctrine lies in this: we are made in the image of God, therefore, the more we understand God the more we can understand ourselves. St. Paul tells us that through sufferings, endurance, the forming of character and hope, God's love is poured into our hearts through the indwelling Holy Spirit. Therefore the celebration of the mystery of Holy Trinity reminds us that we have to grow in unity like the perfect Unity that exists in Trinity.

God does not exist in isolated individualism but in a community of relationships. Therefore man can live, grow and find fulfilment only in and through society.

May God, The Father, Son and Holy Spirit shower blessings on us and help us to strengthen our bond of unity.

Fr. Joji

Next Sunday 3rd June at the 9am mass which will take place in the **Amare**

Centre (School Hall) thirty-two children will receive the Eucharist for the first time. There will be a Eucharistic procession after communion with those who have made their First Eucharist and any children who have received First Eucharist over the last few years are also invited to take part in the procession. If these children would like to be part of the procession could they please wear either white or pastel clothing.



DIARY DATES

Tuesday 29th May - 9.30am: Craft Group

Thursday 31st May - 4.30: St Vincent de Paul meeting



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES ARE NOW READY FOR COLLECTION AT BOTH CHURCHES THIS WEEKEND

If you would like to be part of our Planned Giving Programme
Please phone the office on 3282 1888

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all those who gave so generously for the purchase of the new organ for Sacred Heart Church. The total amount donated is \$16,257.

WALTZING MATILDAS - Next trip **Tuesday 12th June** to visit Strathgordon Clydesdales and Shetland ponies Woodford/Kilcoy area. **Early start time 7.30am.** Cost \$45. Please bring hats, water bottles and cameras and closed in footwear. Bookings and cancellations - Anne Hall 0408 773 734.

CWL - Hoy & Euchre will be held in the Parish Centre on **Wednesday 30th May at 10.00am.** All welcome.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION - Sunday 2:00pm 3rd June 2018. St Stephen's Cathedral Brisbane. Proceedings by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. www.corpuschristibrisbane.com

Grail Women of Vision. Join the Grail in Brisbane to celebrate the life of Maria de Lourdes Pintasilgo (1930 – 2014) first woman Prime Minister of Portugal 1979. **Sunday 3rd June 2-4 pm** at Justice Place, 5 Abingdon St, Woolloongabba. Short walk from Boggo Rd Station or Bus 66 from Roma St Station. Rsvp aboudann@gmail.com or text 0400344921. Afternoon tea – all welcome.

Time for a smile:- A salesman talked my uncle into buying 10,000 personalized pens for his business with the promise that he would be eligible to win a 32-foot yacht. A born gambler, my uncle agreed.

Well, he won, and a few weeks after the pens arrived, his prize showed up: a 12-inch plastic yacht with 32 plastic feet glued to the bottom.



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REWRITE THE STORY

TOGETHER WE CAN HELP END DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE

Someone experiencing domestic and family violence might:

- seem afraid of their partner or anxious to please them
- stop seeing you, other friends or family and become isolated
- become anxious or depressed, unusually quiet or less confident
- have a partner who is controlling, obsessive or jealous.

If you think someone you know is experiencing domestic and family violence find out how you can help them at rewritethestory.org.au

WELCOME SUNDAY - Come and join us for a cuppa and chat after mass this weekend. This is a great opportunity to become more familiar with fellow parishioners.



MEN'S BREAKFAST - Come along and join the men of the Parish for breakfast on **SATURDAY 16 June 7am-9am.** Guest speaker: Fr Joji. Cost \$5.00. If you would like to come please put your name on the sheet in the foyer of the Church or phone the Parish Office on 3282 1888. For further information please phone Martin Smith 0421 525232

REPORT FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL - Booval-Riverview Conference for the four months ended 30th April 2018. Our members attended 226 home visits comprising some 369 adults and 295 children with food vouchers amounting to \$12,429 and in kind assistance of \$8,199 totalling some \$20,628.

**"Kind Deeds Change Lives"
"Life is Good - Live to Give"**

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 - Listen to what the Spirit is saying.

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future.

To prepare the agenda for the Plenary council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question : **"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"** Find Out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website now online: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

"The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ..." - ROMANS 8:16-17

If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn't we work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn't we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God. Do we treat it that way?

A VOCATION VIEW - God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. When we go out to make disciples of all nations we have a lot to tell. God is Lord in heaven above and on earth below. Having received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, you are called to proclaim "Glory to the Father, to the Son and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was and who is to come." Alleluia!



"If you have God as the centre of all your action, you will reach the goal."

– Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati
24 years old
Young adult social activist