



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Weekly Diary

Monday 28th November

No Mass

Tuesday 29th November

7.00pm Mass

Wednesday 30th November

9.00am Mass

Thursday 1st December

9.00am Mass - Amare Centre
Closing School Mass

Friday 2nd December

9.00am Mass - Followed by
Adoration & Benediction

Saturday 3rd December

4.00pm-4.30pm Reconciliation
5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

Sunday 4th December

Second Sunday of Advent

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

26th/27th November, 2016

ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL
This weekend 26th/27th November - "Cash" Appeal. Envelopes will be on church seats for cash contribution and then taken up after communion.

Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible.

3rd/4th December - Christmas goods and cash.

"Kind Deeds Change Lives"

"Life is Good - Live to Give"



CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS MASS & NATIVITY PLAY

Each year our parish holds a Children's Christmas Mass on Christmas Eve and we usually precede this with a small nativity play performed by our primary school children. This Mass is held in the Amare Centre with the nativity starting at 4.30pm. If your children are interested in being part of the nativity and/or choir for the Children's Christmas Mass we would love to have you attend our practices. Speaking and non-speaking parts available. Any secondary school students who would like to help out would be very welcome.

Nativity & singing practice (Amare Centre):

Friday December 16 - 2-3.30pm, Thursday December 22 - 9-10.30am

Friday December 23 - 9-10.30am

Saturday December 24 arrive about 4pm for Christmas Eve Nativity & Mass

Please contact me at the Parish Centre 3282 1888 if you are interested or if you have any questions, Donna.

WELCOME SUNDAY - This weekend is Welcome Sunday. This will be our last one for the year so please come and join us for a cuppa after Mass and catch up with fellow parishioners old and new.



A VOCATION VIEW - In our materialistic society, someone must stand up to stay awake and speak for our spiritual heritage. Could that be you?

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION will be held on
Tuesday 20th December at 7.00pm

Christmas Mass Times

CHRISTMAS EVE

Booval:

5.00pm Mass will be in the Amare Centre

[4.40pm Carols & Children's Nativity]

9.00pm [Vigil Mass - Carols 15 Mins. before Mass]

Riverview:

7.00pm [Carols 15 mins. before]



CHRISTMAS DAY

Booval:

8.00am [Christmas Mass - Carols 15 mins. before]

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 29th Nov. 9.30am: Craft Group

Friday 2nd Dec. 9.30am: Meditation

10.00am: Charismatic Renewal Group

Advent Adventures Holiday Activity Day

All primary school aged children from the Sacred Heart Parish are invited to **Advent Adventures** to be held on Monday 19th

December from 9am-3pm at the Parish Centre!

It will be an exciting day of fun activities – craft, bible stories, songs, prayer, drama, plays and games all based on some of the stories from the Advent season.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided by the parish. The cost for the day is \$5 per child.

If you are coming, please let us know by the 12th (this will help with catering).

Please contact the Parish Office for further details or for a registration form pmc.booval@bne.catholic.net.au or 3282 1888

We also need high school students and adults to assist us with the variety of activities planned for this day e.g.

Registration

Group leaders

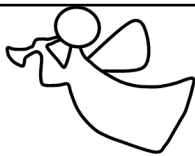
Catering (morning tea and lunch)

Craft supervisors

Games helpers

First Aid

If you are able to assist, even for part of the day, please contact the parish office pmc.booval@bne.catholic.net.au or 3282 1888



SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

Recipe Book - We are very excited to announce our Sacred Heart School 85th Anniversary Recipe Book is now available to be ordered. A sample copy is in the School Office if you would like to check it out before placing your order. The book is \$10 and can be ordered and paid for at the office. Many of our students and staff have contributed their cherished family recipes to this book. It would make a great Christmas present for friends and family. Supplies are limited so get in quick to get your copy!

Christmas Carols in the Amare Centre on 29th November. BBQ at 5.00pm followed by Carols at 6.00pm. The Tuckshop will also be open. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS ROSTERS FOR READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Many families will be away at different times during the school Christmas Holidays. Therefore, we need to put together Rosters which suit people's holidays and availability to serve. Could you please put your name on the sheet in the foyer of the Church indicating which weekends you will be available and what Mass you are normally rostered on.

Glebe Road UCA would like to invite parishioners to join them for **CAROLS IN THE PARK** to be held in Cameron Park on **Saturday 17th December**. Once again, we will be forming a choir to assist with the carol singing on the night and we would welcome singers from your congregation to join us.

The choir will be having a once only practice at **2.30pm on Sunday 11th December** and anyone who would like to be part of the choir would need to attend this practice. Further details please phone Donna on 3282 1888.

JESSE TREE

Creation (the world) - We remember that, in the beginning, God made the World. Thank you God for Creation! Genesis 1:1-31.

Adam & Eve (Adam & Eve & an apple tree) - We remember that all people are made in the image of God. Lord, help us to be like you. Genesis 2:15-22; 3:1-19

Noah and the Covenant (2 symbols - Noah's Ark & a rainbow) - We remember that sometimes people turn away from God, but God will protect us. Thank you, God for the rainbow which reminds us of your promise. Genesis 6:9-22; 7:1-10, 17-20; 8

Abraham (Mountain & dagger) - We remember that you are the God of Abraham. You promised Abraham as many children as the stars. Lord, we remember that we are your children too. Genesis 12:1-7

Jonah (Whale) - We remember Jonah who was swallowed by a fish when he didn't do what God wanted. Lord, help us to do what you want even if we are scared. Jonah 1:1-3:3

Farewell to Year Six students - This coming week marks the end of the school year. We wish the Year sixes every blessing and may God walk with them today, tomorrow and for all the days yet to come.

A retiring collection for Peter's Pence will be taken next weekend **3rd/4th December**. This collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters.

CHRISTMAS CARDS are available in the foyer of the Church. Cards - pack of 8 for **\$3.00**, Columban Calendars **\$9.00** & Church Art Calendars **\$6.00**. Please make payments via the Poor Box. Thank you for your support.

LITTLE BLUE BOOKS & 'EMMANUEL' Daily Advent & Christmas Reflections 2016 are now available in the foyer of the Church at a cost of \$3.50 each. Please place money in the envelopes provided.

GOD'S WORD 2017 with Daily Reflections - Copies of this book are available in the foyer of the Church for the discounted price of \$10.00 each. Please place payment in the envelopes provided.

WALTZING MATILDAS finish the year with a trip to the Gold Coast area on **Tuesday 29 November** leaving the Parish Centre at 8am. Lunch at the Tweed Heads Golf Club. Cost \$40. Bring a cup. For all bookings and cancellations ring Anne Hall 3288 9240 Mob 0408 773 734.

WALTZING MATILDAS invite all interested to view a DVD of past trips at the Parish Centre at **2.00pm on Tuesday 6 December. SAVE THIS DATE**. Anyone interested in joining the group of travellers is most welcome. Bring a plate to share. See you there.

"For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."
Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given.