



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Weekly Diary

Monday 29th October

9.00am Mass

Tuesday 30th October

No Mass

Wednesday 31st October

6.00pm Mass

Thursday 1st November - All Saints

9.00am Mass

Friday 2nd November

9.00am Mass - All Souls

Saturday 3rd November

4.00pm-4.30pm - Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

Sunday 4th November

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.30am Rosary - Riverview

7.00am Mass - Riverview

9.00am Mass - Booval

5.00pm Mass - Booval

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

Baptisms by appointment.

Rosary will be recited half an hour before mass on Monday and Wednesday

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 27th/28th October, 2018

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Today's Gospel describes Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem through Jericho, an ancient city, fifteen miles away from Jerusalem. Jesus was on his way to the Passover. The Mosaic Law required every Jewish male over the age of twelve and living within fifteen miles of Jerusalem to attend the Passover. It was practically impossible.

Hence, those who could not fulfil this obligation would often line the roads to Jerusalem to greet the crowds of pilgrims as they passed toward the city. Beggars also capitalized on the increased traffic through the city to beg for money. At the northern gate sat one such blind man known as Bartimaeus.

The story of Bartimaeus is the last healing miracle recorded in the Gospel of Mark. While the majority of those who received healing in the New Testament are not mentioned by name, in this case, the beggar's name is given as Bartimaeus. When the people told Bartimaeus the news of Jesus' passage through the city, he began to shout his remarkable prayer of faith: "**Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me.**" Jesus was surrounded by a large crowd. Amid the noise and dust, people were jostling for attention, and beggars cried out for alms. In spite of this tumult, Jesus heard one voice crying out through the noise of the crowd. In spite of the crowd's objections, Jesus stopped and, recognizing Bartimaeus' faith, he called him.

This story has many lessons that we should practise in our lives. First of all, **there is the persistence of Bartimaeus**. He was utterly determined to meet Jesus. Nothing would stop him from it. In the mind of Bartimaeus it not a wistful sentimental wish, but a desperate desire, and it that desperate desire that gets things done.

The second message is: **Bartimaeus' response to the call of Jesus was immediate**. In the Gospels we see that many were called by Jesus. Jesus called the young man who approached him, to leave all his belongings and follow him. But the young man went away sadly. Jesus message was addressed to many directly and indirectly to follow him. But the response except for a few men was negative. This call of Jesus has continued throughout history. But the response of the majority is, "Wait until I have finished my work." But Bartimaeus did not waste time to think, he reacted promptly. Thirdly, **Bartimaeus knew precisely what he wanted**. This is a great problem of modern man. We do not know what exactly we want in our lives. Our goals are vague attractions. Let us make a habit of daily goal setting and achieving, for the rest of our life. Let's focus on the things we want, rather than the things we don't want. Let's resolve to be a goal-seeking individual, moving unerringly toward the things that are important to us. Let us pray to have a clear vision of Christian values and priorities that we may become true disciples of Jesus like Bartimaeus. Having received his sight he followed Jesus. He began with a need, went on to express his gratitude, and finished with loyalty. May God help us to follow this perfect example of discipleship. Many Blessings.

Fr.Joji



Last Tuesday the school captains from Sacred Heart School attended the Children's Mission Liturgy at St Stephen's Cathedral.

DIARY DATES



Sat/Sun 27th/28th Oct. - WELCOME SUNDAY

Tuesday 30th Oct. - 9.30am: Craft Group

Thursday 1st Nov. - 4.30pm: St Vincent de Paul meeting

MASS FOR ALL SOULS will be celebrated next **Friday 2nd November at 9.00am** out in the grounds of the Columbarium. You are welcome to bring photos of your loved ones to place in the Columbarium area. Morning tea will follow and we ask that you please bring a plate to share.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS - Envelopes are available at each of our parish churches for those who wish to remember deceased relatives and friends. These names will be recorded and folders with the requested names will be placed at each church. These loved ones will be remembered during the month of November. Please place on the collection plate or return to the parish office by 31 October.

WELCOME SUNDAY - This weekend is Welcome Sunday. Come and join us after mass for a cuppa and chat.



COFFEE & CHAT - Saturday 3rd November 10.00am-11.30am at the Parish Centre. Come along and meet new people, make connections and enjoy friendly conversation and morning tea



1st SACRED HEART P&F GOLF TOURNAMENT

CHECK IN TIME FROM 6.30AM
4 PERSON AMBROSE TEAMS
\$30 pp Entry (50% of proceeds to the school)
Ages 18+ only
Lunch 12.30pm \$6 Burger

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2018
Sandy Gallop Golf Course
Dads, Mums, Aunts, Uncles, Friends.

We are seeking prizes for the raffle. If you can donate please contact Sonya Morrissey 0408 756 288. Contact Jacqui Manders to register your 4 person team. Individuals can register interest. Phone or text 0417 745 389

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY AND PROCEDURE



The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH - Tuesday 6th November 12.30pm at the Parish centre.

Tickets \$20.00 which includes light lunch, punch/wine and lucky door prizes. \$2 & \$1 sweeps available on the day. To book either write your name on the sheet at the front of the Church or phone the Parish Office on 3282 1888. Bookings need to be made by **9am Monday 5th November**.



Altar Server training will be held on **Thursday 8th November at 3pm**. We will start with a quick afternoon tea. Any children who have received their First Holy Communion are welcome to be a server. Any questions please call Donna at the parish centre 3282 1888.

Training for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. It is some time since we have had training for these ministries and with the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy for the Archdiocese some issues need to be addressed. **It is vital therefore that all readers and extraordinary ministers of communion attend training.** We will run training following Mass. If for some reason you are not able to attend your usual Mass that day please join the training at another Mass. The training times are:

Saturday 17th November following 5pm Mass at Sacred Heart

Sunday 18th November following 9am Mass at Sacred Heart

Sunday 2nd December following 7am Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sunday 2nd December following 5pm Mass at Sacred Heart

This is a good time for anyone thinking about joining a new ministry to come and learn the process in readiness for the new year. We look forward to refreshing our ministries together. If you have any questions please call the parish centre on 3282 1888

CWL - Hoy & Euchre will be held in the Parish Centre on **Wednesday 31st October at 10.00am**. All welcome.

WALTZING MATILDAS - Last trip for the year "Break-up" **Tuesday 4th December** leaving Parish Centre at **8.00am**. Going to the Gold Coast and buffet lunch at Tweed Coolangatta Golf Club - Cost: \$45.00. Bookings and cancellations - Anne Hall asap please on 0408 773 734

Reflected Love - a Weekend Silent Women's Retreat

Encounter with God is an encounter with Love. It is enveloping "If I can but touch his cloak". It is transforming. We have been sealed with God's love. This weekend retreat is an opportunity to sink into the enveloping love of God, and to explore how that same love is reflected in each one of us.



A weekend of shared silence in community with others who seek encounter with God. Draw away from the rest of life for a short time and walk gently, slowly and with purpose, knowing that you are held within a supported and compassionate community of women.

Facilitated by Grace Harwood of Dragonfly Ministries

Friday 7 December 2018 to Sunday 9 December 2018 at **Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston**

Enquiries to: grace@dragonflyministries.net.au or 0409 524 283. Registrations close **23 November**.