



# BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



† Sacred Heart Church, Cothill Rd, Booval † Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 10 Old Ipswich Rd, Riverview  
Sacred Heart Primary School, 25 Cothill Rd, Booval St Peter Claver Secondary College, 10 Old Ipswich Rd, Riverview

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## Weekly Diary

### Monday 30th April

9.00am Mass

### Tuesday 1st May

No Mass

### Wednesday 2nd May

6.00pm Mass

### Thursday 3rd April

9.00am Mass - Anointing Mass

### Friday 4th April

9.00am Mass - Followed by  
Adoration & Benediction

11.00am Mass - Riverview Gardens Hostel

### Saturday 5th April

4.00pm-4.30pm - Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

### Sunday 6th April

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter

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.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

29th April, 2018

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

The Nightingale and the Rose" by Oscar Wilde is a touching short story. The first character is a boy. This boy is sad because a girl promised to dance with him on condition that he brought her red roses, but he did not find any red rose; there were white roses and yellow roses. A Nightingale understood the feeling of the Student and started to fly until she saw a Rose-tree. She told him to give her a red rose, and she promised, in exchange, to sing her sweetest song, but the Rose-tree told her that the winter had chilled his veins and the frost had nipped his buds, so he could not give her a red rose.

The Rose-tree gave her a solution: he told her that if she wanted a red rose, she had to build it out of music by moonlight and stain it with her own heart's blood. She had to sing to the Rose-tree with her breast against a thorn; the thorn would pierce her heart and her life-blood would flow into the Rose-tree veins. At night, the Nightingale went to the Rose-tree and set her breast against the thorn. She sang all night long. She pressed closer and closer against the thorn until the thorn finally touched her heart and she felt a fierce pang of pain. The more she pressed herself against the rose tree the stronger was the flow of her energy into the rose. With that life energy the rose produced a red flower.

Through the parable of the vine and branches Jesus tells us that when we stand united with Jesus His life energy will flow into us.

The vine was grown all over in Palestine. Therefore it was easy for the listeners to understand what Jesus was speaking about. The vine grows luxuriantly and it requires drastic pruning. A young vine is not allowed to bear fruit for the first three years and each year it is cut drastically back to develop and conserve its life and energy. Two kinds of branches grow on the vine. One that bears fruit and one that does not. The branches that do not bear fruit are pruned back so that they will not drain away the plant's strength. Jesus says that his followers are like that. Some of them are lovely fruit bearing branches; others are useless because they bear no fruit. In order to make us useful branches constant pruning is required. There are many things in us that separate us from Jesus. The first and foremost thing that stands as hindrance to our submission to Jesus is our "ego".

When a child is born he is without any knowledge, any consciousness of his own self. The first thing he becomes aware of is not himself; the first thing he becomes aware of is the other. It is natural, because the eyes open outwards, the hands touch others, the ears listen to others, the tongue tastes food and the nose smells the outside. All these senses open outwards. But, by and by, he becomes aware of himself. He builds up a false bubble around him. There he adds all his achievements, all his titles, all the false humility, all the put on piety and whatever he feels will comfort him. "Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself," wrote George Bernard Shaw. To create ourselves we have to attach ourselves to Jesus, so that his life energy will flow into us.

Let us keep away our ego, our titles, our achievements, our failures, our aspirations and all that may hamper our relationship with Jesus, and submit to Him; remain attached to Him and be his instruments in today's world.

Many blessings.

Fr. Joji

## DIARY DATES



**Tuesday 1st May - 9.30am:** Craft Group

**Wednesday 2nd May - 7.00pm:** Pastoral Council meeting

**Thursday 3rd May - 9.00am:** Anointing Mass

**4.30pm:** St Vincent de Paul meeting

## CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS

**First Eucharist** preparation is well underway with the children receiving Eucharist for the first time on the solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ on **3<sup>rd</sup> June at the 9am Mass**. This mass will be held in the Amare Centre to allow for extra family members who will attend. All parishioners are very welcome at this celebration – in fact encouraged to attend to support our young members. There will be a small procession of the Blessed Sacrament after communion.

**Confirmation** preparation for children who are baptised and of grade 3 age or older will begin with a parent information evening on 4<sup>th</sup> September with the celebration of the sacrament occurring on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

**First Rite of Reconciliation** preparation and participation in the sacrament for children who are fully initiated (have been baptised, confirmed and received First Eucharist) and of grade 5 age or older will occur on **24<sup>th</sup> November**.

Information about these dates will be in the newsletter closer to the dates. If you have any questions about this process please call Donna at the parish centre 3288 1888.

**PRAYER PARTNERS** - You will have noticed at Mass over the last few weekends we have introduced a new practice called Prayer Partners. We hope Prayer Partners increases our sense of being community together at Mass. Nobody should feel alone here. It also helps us to pray the Mass together as parts of the one body of Christ. So at the beginning of Mass the leader will encourage us to turn to somebody near us – preferably someone we don't know but if you know everybody that's okay just choose someone – and exchange names and agree to pray for each other later in the Mass. The idea is that everybody at Mass is praying for somebody else during that part of the Mass and everybody is being prayed for. Towards the end of the prayers of the faithful Fr Joji will ask us to look briefly at our Prayer Partner then, in silence, pray for them.

**WALTZING MATILDAS** - Next trip **TUESDAY 1ST MAY** going to Scenic Rim Robotic Dairy (Tamrookum) near Beaudesert. Leaving 8am from Sacred Heart Parish Centre. Cost \$45. Please wear closed in footwear and bring water bottle and mug and a small esky if you wish to purchase products from dairy. We will have large esky available if required. Need confirmation of numbers as soon as possible please. New members welcome. Anybody wishing to just join us for the day is most welcome as we are planning to take a big bus. Confirmation and cancellations to Anne Hall mob. 0408 773 734.

**A VOCATION VIEW** - Who shall come forward to explain the love God has for His people who should be one in faith? We need more faith-filled, prayerful and spirited people to make the Vine and the Branches One again. How about you?

## Women's Weekend Retreat: Compassionate Living

In order to live a compassionate life, we need to develop and deepen compassion within ourselves, and commit to being a compassionate presence for ourselves and for others. Come, take time apart in silence, supported within a community of women, be kind to yourself, and deepen your journey to the heart of compassion.

**Friday 25 May – Sunday 27 May.** Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston.

Facilitated by Sue Thomas on behalf of Dragonfly Ministries.

For more information contact

[grace@dragonflyministries.net.au](mailto:grace@dragonflyministries.net.au) or on 0409 524 283

**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST** - You are invited to join the women of the Parish for a delicious breakfast on **Saturday 12th May 7.30am-9.30am** at the Parish Centre. **Cost \$10.** RSVP: Please put your name on the sheet in the foyer of the Church or phone the Parish Office 3282 1888 no later than **Wednesday 9th May**.



**ANointing MASS** this **Thursday 3rd May** at **9.00am** followed by morning tea. Please bring a plate to share.



**ALL FAMILY GROUPS** are invited to come along to the **9am** mass next Sunday **6th May** for International Family Groups Day. This will be followed by a cuppa over at the front of the Parish Centre. Please bring a plate to share.

**ORGAN APPEAL** - There will be a special collection taken up at all masses on the weekend of **19th/20th May** for the new organ for Sacred Heart Church.

**Marian Valley Canungra** - All are invited to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia, at Marian Valley, Canungra on **Saturday 19th May 2018** commencing 10am with Exposition, Rosary, Confession, Holy Mass (lunch available). Eucharistic Procession and Divine Mercy Chaplet - Mass Celebrant: Most Rev Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane. For those not wishing to drive a bus will leave **8.10am French Street, Booval**. Fare \$20 - bookings and info Anne 3282 0321 or Pam 3288 4594.



**"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."** - 1 JOHN 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

## Time for a smile:-

As the hostess at the casino buffet showed me to my table, I asked her to keep an eye out for my husband, who would be joining me momentarily. I started to describe him: "He has gray hair, wears glasses, has a potbelly ..."

She stopped me there. "Honey," she said, "today is senior day. They all look like that."

