



# BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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## Weekly Diary

### Monday 3rd April

No Mass

### Tuesday 4th April

7.00pm Mass

### Wednesday 5th April

9.00am Mass

### Thursday 6th April

No Mass

### Friday 7th April

8.30am Stations of the Cross

9.00am Mass - Followed by  
Adoration & Benediction

### Saturday 8th April

4.00pm-4.30pm Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

### Sunday 9th April

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

6.30am Mass - Booval

8.00am Mass - Riverview

9.30am Mass - Booval

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

Baptisms by appointment.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

2nd April, 2017

When Martha and Mary sent news to Jesus of Lazarus' illness they implicitly wanted Jesus to do a miracle. When he failed to arrive and Lazarus had been dead for three days, Martha's belief in Jesus as 'the Resurrection' focussed on the last day when all would rise. In other words, her faith was one that looked for miracles in this life and saw the glory of God being revealed in the next life. It was a form of religion that saw God separate from human life, as one who erupted in extraordinary events and rewarded people after death.

The faith that the Gospel of John presents is quite different. It understands 'miracles' as signs of the glory of God already present in human life and sees resurrection occurring here in this world when people have faith in Jesus. God is not separate from human existence but very much involved in its drama. This is why Jesus states that his glory is revealed when he is lifted up, that is when he is being crucified. In the very disgrace of crucifixion God's glory is revealed because Jesus has remained faithful in love. This is called the 'realized eschatology' of John.

When Jesus comes, he transforms the nature of religion. We are not called to live good, moral lives so that God may reward us with miracles in this life and blessedness in the next. We are called to live and love like God so that people see the glory of God in this world. When we forgive freely, serve all lovingly, give without counting the cost, the glory of God is revealed in our lives. When we face the difficult, dark and even dead places of our lives with hope, we know that Christ is again rising in our world. This is our faith, this is the glory to which we are called. *Sr Kym Harris osb*

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION will be held this

Tuesday 4th April at 7.00pm.



**THIS COMING SUNDAY IS PALM SUNDAY - PLEASE NOTE  
THERE ARE CHANGES TO SOME OF THE MASS TIMES FOR THIS**

**WEEKEND ONLY**

9th April - 7.00am Mass Booval will be held at 6.30am and the 8.15am

Mass at Riverview will change to 8.00am for this weekend only.



Holy Week & Easter Ceremonies - Time-Table

[All ceremonies will be held at Booval]

**HOLY THURSDAY - 13th April**

7.30pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

**GOOD FRIDAY - 14th April**

10.30am - Stations of the Cross [Amare Centre - School Hall]

3.00pm - Passion of the Lord

**HOLY SATURDAY - 15th April**

6.00pm - Vigil of Easter and Mass of the Resurrection

**EASTER SUNDAY - 16th April**

7.00am - Mass of the Resurrection

8.15am - Mass of the Resurrection [Riverview]

There will be no Mass celebrated in the Ipswich area on Easter Sunday evening.

## DIARY DATES

**Tuesday 4th April at 9.30am:** Craft Group

**6.00pm:** Pastoral Council meeting



**CHOIR PRACTICE** for Easter **this Monday 3rd April at 7.30pm.**

Anyone is most welcome to come along and join us prepare for Easter.

**THE FIRST PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** for the year will be held this **Tuesday 4th April at 6.00pm** where we will welcome our new council members. This will only be a short meeting as the Second Rite will start at 7.00pm.



## 5th Sunday of Lent

PROJECT  
COMPASSION

Semiti grew up in an informal settlement in Fiji. He is now the Director of the People's Community Network (PCN). PCN is increasing the resilience and dignity of the thousands of landless Fijians living in informal settlements. Communities are advocating together successfully for better services, education and housing.



Please donate to **Project Compassion 2017** and help vulnerable communities in Fiji to undertake training that will empower them to work towards lasting change in their neighbourhoods.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

**LITTLE WHITE BOOKS** are now available at the front of the Church for \$3.50 each. Please place money in envelopes provided. Thank you.

**ST PAULS HOLY WEEK MISSAL** - This missal for Holy Week is available in the foyer of the Church. Cost \$5.00. Please place payment in the envelopes provided.

### CFC invite the Sacred Heart Community to the Moogerah Passion Play

Each year the CFC children and their families drive out to Lake Moogerah to the open-air amphitheatre to witness this retelling of the Easter story.



This is a wonderful play about the life of Jesus from his baptism to his resurrection. Sit beside the dam and watch the sun go down over the players and get to meet the animals after. This outing requires families to bring their children. The gates open at **4.00pm** and the play starts at the Lake Theatre at **5.00pm on Saturday, 8th April, 2017.** Please bring picnic rugs, chairs, picnic tea (can buy hamburgers and drinks there), insect repellent and donation for the show. For further details please contact Donna on 0411 459 367

## What is the Second Rite of Reconciliation?

The second form of the sacrament of penance is a communal liturgical celebration from beginning to end. It begins with the community listening to the word of God. The homily emphasises our need for repentance and the infinite mercy of God. During the examination of conscience, the assembly reflects together on where and how they have fallen short of their baptismal commitment to follow Christ.

The individual confession and absolution that follows is communal too in that the penitents approach the confessors in full view of all present. The priests stand at appropriate points around the worship space in such a way that penitents can be seen but not heard by others. Those who wish to confess their sins approach one of the priests. While no restriction is placed on the individual's confession, good manners and common sense dictate that people limit the time they spend with confessors. More time for integral confession and spiritual guidance is available at the first rite.

It is a moving experience to witness fellow Christians humbling themselves by publicly approaching a confessor for forgiveness. As they do, we pray for them, that they will know the fullness of God's grace and mercy.



**Chrim Mass - Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrim Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen this Thursday 6 April 2017 commencing at 7.00pm. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.**

**Looking for past St Mary's Youth Group (SMYG) -** Members in the 1970's which was overseen by Fr Paul Rooney. A reunion has been planned for the 15th July. Anyone interested in attending can contact Patricia Lennon (nee Ainslie) on 0423 165 741 or Doris Galea on 0423 937 404.

***"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' JOHN 11:40***

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, things aren't going our way, do we really believe, do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need.



**A VOCATION VIEW** - Seeing physically dead people return to life is not a common event. But Christians, serious about their vocation, are eager to help the "down and out" find new meaning in Christ and live a full life.



**Time for a Smile** - Every ten years, the monks in the monastery are allowed to break their vow of silence to speak two words. Ten years go by and it's one monks first chance. He thinks for a second before saying, "Food bad." Ten years later, he says, "Bed hard." It's the big day, a decade later. He gives the head monk a long stare and says, "I quit." "I'm not surprised," the head monk says: "You've been complaining ever since you got here."