



# 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 3rd December

9.00am Mass

### Tuesday 4th December

No Mass

### Wednesday 5th December

5.30pm Rosary

6.00pm Mass

### Thursday 6th December

9.00am Mass - Amare Centre  
 Closing School Mass

### Friday 7th December

9.00am Mass - Followed by  
 Adoration & Benediction

11.00am Mass - Riverview Gardens Hostel

### Saturday 8th December

4.00pm-4.30pm - Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

### Sunday 9th December

#### Second Sunday of Advent

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.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2nd December, 2018

### COPIES OF THE ARCHBISHOP'S ADVENT PASTORAL LETTER ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DOORS OF BOTH CHURCHES

Sometimes our own lives, the life of the Church, the life of societies and nations cry out for Our Lord Jesus Christ to come again right now and rescue us right now.

In some instances we can become conscious of Jesus' saving, transforming power in a particular situation. But, for the whole of humanity across the millennia, we do not know the day or the hour when death and all its warriors such as disease and violence, will be absolutely vanquished by Christ in glory.

This can lead to a type of pain which finds solace in all those things which dull the spirit. Our Lord gives examples: debauchery, drunkenness. Today he might have added 'living in the virtual world'. Rather, Our Lord wants us to live in the real world on high alert.

In the meantime each one of us can be a signal of what is to come. Each time we exhaust ourselves heroically loving someone whom others might abandon, each time we take a risk because we cry out against injustice, and in a myriad other ways, we signal that the Kingdom is already being established on earth.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the strength to be on high alert for the opportunities to translate the legacy of Jesus into our own time and place, thus giving reasons to each other for our faith and hope that Christ *has* come, Christ *is* risen, Christ *will* come again. © Fr Michael Tate

**Plenary Council 2020** You will no doubt have heard about the Plenary Council to occur in 2020. All Australians are invited to share our dreams, our hopes and our passion for how the Church may look into the future. We will be offering two listening and dialogue sessions at the parish centre on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – 10am and 6.30pm**. Please come and join us to share your vision for the Catholic Church in Australia. Alternatively you are invited to submit individual responses online at <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au> For more information please call the parish centre on 3282 1888.

## SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Monday 17th December at 7.00pm

## Christmas Mass Times

### CHRISTMAS EVE - Monday 24th December

#### Booval:

**5.00pm - Mass will be in the AMARE CENTRE (School Hall)**  
**[4.40pm Carols & Children's Nativity]**

**9.00pm - [Vigil Mass - Carols 15 mins before Mass]**

#### Riverview:

**7.00pm - [6.40pm Carols & Children's Nativity Play]**

## CHRISTMAS DAY - Tuesday 25th December

#### Booval:

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



## DIARY DATES

Tuesday 4th Dec. - Craft Group



**CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS AND 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)

Tuesday 18 December 10am-11.30am

Friday 21 December 10am-11.30am

Sunday 23 December 10am-11.30am

### Set up Amare Centre for Christmas

Saturday 22 December at 2pm - all help gratefully received

### Monday 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.

### Advent Adventures Holiday Activity Day

All primary school aged children from the Sacred Heart Parish are invited to **Advent Adventures** to be held on **Thursday 20th 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. Morning tea and lunch will be provided by the parish. The cost for the day is \$7.00 per child.

**If you are coming, please let us know by the Monday 17th December (this will help with catering).**

**Please contact the Parish Office for further details or for a registration form [pmc.booval@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pmc.booval@bne.catholic.net.au) or 3282 1888.**

**GOD'S WORD 2019 with Daily Reflections** - Copies of this book are now available in the foyer of the Church for the discounted price of \$10.00 each. Please place payment in the envelopes provided not in the Poor Box.

### SAVIOUR - ADVENT & CHRISTMAS DAILY REFLECTIONS

This year's reflection book, *Saviour*, provides an opportunity for us to be still each day, listen to God and hear him declare to us as the angel declared to the shepherds: "Today in the town of David a **Saviour** has been born to you; he is Christ The Lord" (Luke 2:11). *Saviour* is a 76 page pocket-size book containing short-spiritually rich-daily reflections. Copies are now available in the Church at a cost of \$4.00 each. Please place money in envelopes provided.

Come to the Craft Stall in the Parish Centre on **Sunday 16th December [after 9am Mass]** to raise funds for the Aussie Farmers.

**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.

## FIRST WEEK IN ADVENT

**Creation** (the world) - Gen 1: 1, 31 We remember that, in the beginning, God made the World. Thank you Lord for making our wonderful Earth.



**Adam & Eve** (Adam & Eve & an apple tree) - Gen 3: 20-23 We remember that all people are made in the image of God but often we fail to do what you want and this makes you sad. Dear Lord, please help us to do the right thing.

**Noah and the Covenant** (2 symbols - Noah's Ark & a rainbow) - Gen 6: 11-14; 7: 17-20; 9: 8-13 We remember that sometimes people turn away from God, but God will protect us. Thank you, God for the rainbow which reminds us you keep all your promises.

**Abraham** (Mountain & dagger) - Gen 12: 1-7 We remember that you are the God of Abraham. Lord, help us to obey you, even when we can't see Your great plan.

**Jacob** (12 people) - Gen 28: 10-17 We remember Jacob who had a dream about a ladder that went all the way to heaven. God, we thank you for our dreams. Remind us each day, God that you are with us, even when we feel alone.



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

**THIS WEEKEND 1/2 DECEMBER** - Christmas goods and cash.

Christmas without joy is no Christmas at all. Your donation could change a child's life and provide food for needy families.

"Kind Deeds Change Lives"

"Life is Good - Live to Give"

## CHOIR PRACTICE FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

this **Tuesday 4th December at 7.00pm**

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

**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:

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December following 7am Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December following 5pm Mass at Sacred Heart**

This is also 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.

**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.