



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Weekly Diary

Monday 1st May

No Mass

Tuesday 2nd May

No Mass

Wednesday 3rd May

No Mass

Thursday 4th May

No Mass

Friday 5th May

9.00am Mass - Followed by
Adoration & Benediction

Saturday 6th May

4.00pm-4.30pm - Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

Sunday 7th May

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

30th April, 2017

Australians love irony, much of our humour is based upon it. One thing is said, while at least one other meaning is intended for the audience in the know. An ability to work on different levels of meaning is a good quality to bring to the reading of the Gospels, especially this Sunday's excerpt. We, the readers of this story, realise the obtuseness of the two disciples travelling to Emmaus. It is not only the identity of Jesus that they have missed but also the meaning of the events of the past days and the significance of the Scriptures. 'But we had hoped...' they cried without realising that their very hopes, their very limited hopes, had blinded them to the mystery taking place. They knew their own hopes...but had they wondered about God's hopes? They admit being astounded at what the women said...and then dismissed it. Maybe Jesus had to disappear straightaway when their eyes were opened or they would have confined him yet again to their expectations, their hopes, their needs.

The drama of the two disciples is our own unless we constantly try to wonder at the richness of God's love working in our world. In Scripture and in our lives we see God working in various ways. The one event can affect people differently in multiple different ways. If we allow our understanding of events to be determined by our hopes and needs, we simply will miss the central mystery of life: God's love working through all events for our good, a love that can bring grace where sin abounded, hope where despair had reigned and life where death had seemed to conquer. *Sr Kym Harris osb*

SAVE THE DATE! We are holding new and refresher training on the **Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy** and requirements. As you would remember, I spoke at mass last year about the Archdiocesan response to the need to protect the vulnerable members of our community. I also mentioned that we, as a community, would be called to implement some new processes in response to this need. With our Church and wider community reeling from the findings of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, it is even more important that we provide a safe environment and are seen to provide a safe environment for all within our parish. Some of you may have already participated in training but it is now time to refresh that training. The ministries now required to participate in training has widened so many of you may need to participate in initial training. The list of ministries involved are: Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (both in Church and to the sick), Choir Conductors (Child/Adult), Hospitality (morning tea, greeting), Altar Servers & trainers (18 years +), Readers, Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders, Cleaners, Counters, Finance Council Members, Organists with access to keys, Pastoral Council Members, Sacramental Preparation Co-ordinator & helpers, Sacristan, Youth Group Leader (CFC & Youth Group), Local Safeguarding Officer, Visitors to the Sick, Transport Ministry.

Initial training will take 3 hours and refresher training 2 hours. Our training has been booked for: **Saturday May 6 1.30-4.30pm (Initial); 2.30-4.30pm (Refresher - to be confirmed)** Please make every effort to prioritise this training. We will complete volunteer forms at the training as well (another requirement of our policy). Those requiring Blue Cards will also be identified and assisted with completing paperwork.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 2nd May at 9.30am: Craft Group
7.30pm: Pastoral Council meeting



WALTZING MATILDAS heading up to Esk/Toogoolawah on **Tuesday 2nd May** leaving Parish Centre **8.00am**. Cost \$40. Bring a cup. Bookings and cancellations ring Anne Hall 3288 9240, mob 0408 773 734.

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 20th May 2017** 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 **8.00am French Street, Booval** and **8.10am Tessman Street, Riverview**. Fare \$20 - bookings and info Anne 3282 0321 or Pam 3288 4594.

The Catholic Leader: Keeping faith with you * Special edition welcoming Bishop Tim Harris as the new Bishop of Townsville * Evangelisation Resources Down Under to close after 23 years as a parish ministry leading the way in Scripture study for many people around Australia * New Gold Coast project aims to end the cycle of homelessness * Priest brings Easter joy to notorious Don Dale youth detention centre * Vietnam veteran tells why Anzac Day is such an emotional time for him and what he's doing to help other veterans in need * Local Catholics rejoicing over canonisation of two Fatima visionaries on May 13 * 'Fast track' asylum-seeker processing putting people at risk * Good Samaritans leader ponders the science-religion dialogue * Euthanasia opponent discusses the idea of 'suicide as a lifestyle choice' * Rockhampton bishop says it will take some time for people to recover from the devastation of Cyclone Debbie and the flooding that followed.



Time for a Smile - A Franciscan, and Dominican, and a Jesuit were out playing golf one day. They were moving along the course quite well, until they got stuck behind a group of golfers who were taking quite a long time and weren't letting anyone else play through. Feeling a little frustrated, the three went up to the head of the group and asked what was going on. He told the three priests that they were part of a special program that allowed the blind to play golf. Each blind person was paired off with a sighted player who would help him line up the shot and give him advice on what else to do. The Franciscan was deeply edified by this display of generosity. He apologized for being so pushy, and announced that he was so impressed by this example of service that he would incorporate it into his own prayer and service to the poor. The Dominican, too, was touched by their example, and declared that he would use this display of service in his preaching, and help others to work with those in need around them. The Jesuit, finally, was deeply moved by their ministry. He took the fellow aside and encouraged him to continue with his work. However, he had to add one qualification: "Don't you think it would be a lot easier for everyone if they played at night?"

CWL - Hoy & Euchre will be held in the Parish Centre this **Wednesday 3rd May at 10.00am**. CWL meeting to be held at 1.00pm.

SIGNS OF WONDER - Free concert. A vibrant worship experience "**The Sound of a Transformed Generation**" by a family of orphans from Uganda. Thursday 4th May at 6.30pm at Whitehill Church of Christ, 219 Whitehill Road, Raceview. The Watoto Children's Choir, whose members are orphans and other vulnerable children, present worship music from Watoto Church in Uganda and invite audiences to expect an encounter with God.

Centenary of St Joseph's School Corinda - **Saturday 27 May 2017** - Past pupils, parents, staff and the present community are invited to join in celebrating this event.



The day begins with Mass at 10:30am followed by festivities in the school grounds: food vans, rides, open classrooms, memorabilia, entertainment by past and present students.

INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

*"Be still and know
that I am God"*



A four week course will be held at the Church of the Resurrection, 30 Ridley Road, Bridgeman Downs on **Thursday afternoons 4 - 25 May at 1.00pm - 2.30pm**. (In the Church).

This course provides an opportunity for those interested in finding out about Christian Meditation to experience the practice in a small group, to learn about its origins, and to discover its relevance as a form of prayer for the contemporary world. For more information contact Johanna Lawrence, School Coordinator, Australian Christian Meditation Community Qld. Email johanna1@optusnet.com.au or phone 0432 327 666. It would be appreciated if you could email or ring/text to let me know if you are thinking of coming. Thank you.

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.

**"Did not our hearts burn within us
while He talked to us on the road,
while He opened to us the scriptures?"**

LUKE 24:32



How often do we take the time to discern what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time in silence to listen to what Jesus is asking of you.

A VOCATION VIEW - We can feel the Lord's call at the strangest places and times. The call can haunt us and pursue us until we say, "Lord, what will you have me do?"