



# 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 31st July

No Mass

### Tuesday 1st August

7.00pm Mass

### Wednesday 2nd August

9.00am Mass

### Thursday 3rd August

9.00am Mass

### Friday 4th August

9.00am Mass - Followed by  
Adoration & Benediction

### Saturday 5th August

4.00pm-4.30pm - Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

### Sunday 6th August

The Transfiguration of the Lord

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.

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 30th July, 2017

One of my sisters tells a story from her time working in the Kimberley. In a lively discussion on religion at the pub one night, her interlocutor cut in: 'Look, I think religion is important. You just shouldn't let it dominate your life!' Ah, but my sister's point, and the point of this Sunday's Gospel, was that it should dominate your life' The question is how should it dominate.

The presumption the guy in the pub made was that religion was one of the many practices in life that we could do and which might make life a bit better – like eating well, doing yoga or getting plenty of exercise. For him, religion could be a drag on enjoying yourself if you let it get out of hand.

The Gospel uses the imagery of a farmer and a merchant allowing the pursuit of their goal to dominate their lives *and* fill them with joy. That joy is important. It is the sign that we are living our faith in the right way. Even in times of sorrow, grief and pain, we can have a form of faith-filled joy because we know that this life is moving towards something greater. The Kingdom of God's love has already broken into our lives and *is* making sense of all the different situations in which we find ourselves. Here, religion is not an added ingredient to be fitted into life, but a transformation on how we live.

*Sr Kym Harris osb*

**IPSWICH MAYORAL ELECTION ASSEMBLY** The Ipswich churches, union members and community groups who are involved in the Queensland Community Alliance have organised an Ipswich Mayoral Election Assembly. We will invite serious contenders for the Mayoralty to attend, and ask them to engage with our organised civil society around the issues that concern us. This will include the need for better care for people living with mental health issues and a more consultative approach, including revitalising the city heart.

This will not be a candidates' debate, or a rowdy meeting with gotcha questions. We will be disciplined civil society organisations coming together to seek to create a new relationship of two way respect with the next Mayor of Ipswich, where they respect our commitment to fight to see our values reflected in the City Council.

While Fr Joji had committed to our place being the venue, there has been some concern expressed by our parishioners over holding this event in the sacred space of our Church. This concern has been listened to and the assembly will now occur at Ipswich City Uniting Church. In honouring this change it seems now even more important for the Sacred Heart Catholic Community to provide a strong presence at the assembly. It would be great if car-pooling could occur and if you need assistance with or can provide transportation please contact the parish centre.

**Time: 11am - 12.30pm Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

**Place: Ipswich City Uniting Church**

## DIARY DATES

**Tuesday 1st August at 9.30am:** Craft Group  
**7.30pm:** Pastoral Council meeting  
**Thursday 3rd August at 4.30pm:** St Vincent de Paul meeting



**BAPTISM** - This weekend we welcome into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism **Lucy, Fletcher and Harrison Golles.**

**THANK YOU** to all those wonderful people who helped out in the Coffee Shop at the Fete last Sunday and all those who provided food. It was another successful day.



### St Edmund's College Old Boys Golf Day

Sunday August 27 2017 - 6.00 am Breakfast. 6.30 am Tee Off.  
Sandy Gallop Golf Club, Lobb Street, Churchill  
18 hole, 4 Ball Ambrose. Cost \$30.00

Raffle Ticket, Breakfast, a Hamburger Lunch and Complimentary Drink (Beer or Soft Drink) Included. Anyone can enter and play. You do not have to be a member of the Old Boys. You don't need an Official Golf Handicap. Please Phone Ross Cruice on 3288 6105 or 0437 114 598 or the College on 3810 4400.

### Queensland Catholic Schools & Colleges Music Festival

The annual QCMF will be held Thursday night 17th – Sunday 20th August at Villanova College & St James Parish, Coorparoo. Come and hear schools and colleges from all over Queensland perform in choirs, bands, and ensembles. Festival Passes, available at the door, are \$10/Adult and \$5/Concession. For more information, visit [www.qcmf.com.au](http://www.qcmf.com.au)

*"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."*

ROMANS 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you believe that all things work for good? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, means that God's plan for our lives may be different than our plan. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.



### Vocations Novena (V9) Campaign 8

**A: At the sight of the crowds Jesus' heart was moved**

B: For they were like sheep without a Shepherd

**A: Jesus said, "The harvest is ready"**

B: "But the labourers are few"

**A: Ask the Lord to send out labourers for the harvest**

B: O Lord we pray that young men will answer the call to become priests in Your harvest

**A: And shepherd for the people.**

Amen



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Sunday 20th August, 2017**

### ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING TRAINING 2017** Sacred Heart Parish will be hosting a Combined Safeguarding Training for those needing to do their initial training and those needing a refresher training (those who completed their initial training in 2014), facilitated by Troy Tornabene, on **Wednesday August 23**, 6-9pm for initial training or 7-9pm for refresher training **OR Sunday August 27** 10.45am-1.45pm for initial training or 11.45am-1.45pm for refresher. Sorry for the change of date – hope this doesn't cause an issue. I was unaware when booking the training that the previous date of Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> was Exhibition Holiday in Brisbane and Troy had not realised it either. He would obviously be wishing to spend this day with his family. Thanks for your continued commitment to ensuring our parish is a safe and caring environment for all. I look forward to catching up with you at one of these training dates.

Donna Conway – Local Safeguarding Representative.

**Saint Mary's Garden Party** will be held on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 10am-2pm.**

Address: 129 Wildey Street, Raceview 4305. There will

be entertainment throughout the morning. Enjoy a Devonshire Tea and visit our several stalls that will be operating, this includes Resident's stall, cake and sweet stalls, plants, fresh flowers, trash and treasure, sample bags, hamburgers and while you are here come along and visit our baby farm animals. Donations of baked goods are welcome. All baked goods must be labelled with all ingredients, and if they have been frozen please include the letter "F" on the label.

**GARDEN  
PARTY**

**A VOCATION VIEW** - Finding our vocation in life is like finding a buried treasure. We will do whatever we have to in order to be able to possess it. Finding the treasure is a gift, possessing it is our vocation.



### Time for a Smile—

Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson were going camping. They pitched their tent under the stars and went to sleep. Sometime in the middle of the night Holmes woke Watson up and said: "Watson, look up at the stars, and tell me what you see." Watson replied: "I see millions and millions of stars." Holmes said: "And what do you deduce from that?" Watson replied: "Well, if there are millions of stars, and if even a few of those have planets, it's quite likely there are some planets like Earth out there. And if there are a few planets like Earth out there, there might also be life." And Holmes said: "Watson, you idiot, it means that somebody stole our tent."