



# BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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## Weekly Diary

### Monday 31st October

No Mass

### Tuesday 1st November - All Saints

7.00pm Mass

### Wednesday 2nd November - All Souls

7.00pm Mass

### Thursday 3rd November

9.00am Mass

### Friday 4th November

8.45am Prayers for the Dead

9.00am Mass - Followed by  
Adoration & Benediction

### Saturday 5th November

4.00pm-4.30pm Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

### Sunday 6th November

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.00am Mass - Booval

8.15am Mass - Riverview

9.30am Mass - Booval

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

## THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29th/30th October, 2016



## Year of Mercy

*"Jesus, with his merciful behaviour, shows the church the path it must take to reach out to every person so that each one can be healed in body and spirit and recover his or her dignity as a child of God."*

- Pope Francis, Papal Audience 31st August, 2016

This Sunday's Gospel is a great kiddies' story. Unpopular man makes a fool of himself climbing a tree to see Jesus. Jesus is friendly and kind to him, inviting himself to the man's house. The man is so happy, he changes and becomes generous...and, we might as well add, everyone lives happily ever after. I don't think so and you didn't either because when the story is recounted like that, it sounds too good to be true. So how did we get the first story? From two verbs that have been mistranslated. The man does not promise to give to the poor and to make restoration to those cheated in the future; he states he is already doing it. Read that way, the readers and hearers of this story are not heartened by a nice conversion story of a baddie but rather hear the awful story of a person being ostracized by his whole town on the basis of his occupation and their assumptions. Jesus uncovers the truth and pronounces salvation. Now the story is no longer for kiddies but becomes a story which challenges adults concerning the ways in which we judge others.

The adult version invites us to enter the moral maze of living in a complex, difficult and, often sin-filled, society. Perhaps Zacchaeus drifted into being a tax collector, perhaps circumstances forced it on him, perhaps he was greedy and embraced the life whole-heartedly. But, at some point, he chose to live as respectably as he could within the confines of his life. Opting out probably wasn't an option. But did anyone stop to notice the change?

The point Jesus was making to the people of Jericho, by word and by gesture, was that they had misread Zacchaeus. It is easy to do. Our preference is for our morality to be black or white. We know it isn't and accept that there are shades of grey. But there aren't. Life is still more complex than that: it is multi-coloured and sometimes people have different or even a limited palette to choose from. The challenge Jesus is making is for his followers to be prepared, firstly, to look for good even in the most unlikely people and, then, to proclaim it boldly to all the sceptics around. That's no easy task, as it so much easier to think badly of people than to look for good. *Sr Kym Harris osb*

**NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY** - This year our parish is taking part in the National Church Life Survey. It asks questions about your opinions as to your parish life and helps to give us an overview of the kind of parish we are - our strengths, our weaknesses and our unique blend of people and gifts. This will go to helping us plan for the future of our parish.

This will occur next weekend 5th/6th November during mass and, for that weekend, will take the place of the homily in order to have as many responses as possible from each of you.

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING** - Current Altar Servers and those wishing to become Altar Servers are invited to attend a training session on **Thursday 3rd November at 3.30pm**. This is an opportunity for some of our newly confirmed to participate in the ministries of the Church. Afternoon tea will be provided beforehand.

## DIARY DATES

**Tuesday 1st Nov. 9.30am:** Craft Group  
**12.30pm:** Melbourne Cup Function  
**7.30pm:** Pastoral Council  
**Wednesday 2nd Nov. 7.30pm:** Finance Committee meeting  
**Friday 4th Nov. 9.30am:** Meditation  
**10.00am:** Charismatic Renewal Group  
**6.15am:** CFC Group  
**7.00pm:** Booval Youth Group  
**Sat/Sun 26th/27th Nov.: WELCOME SUNDAY**

## A CALL TO CARE FOR CREATION

*A presentation by Fr Sean McDonagh SSC will be held on Thursday 3rd November at St Mary's Parish Centre Ipswich, Cnr Elizabeth Street and Roseberry Parade, Woodend commencing at 10am with morning tea. The presentation will be 10.30am—12.30pm.*

Irish Columban Fr Sean McDonagh is known around the world as an eco-theologian who works to raise awareness on the connections between justice and peace issues, environmental sustainability and faith. He is an outspoken critic of policies that allow for the systematic degradation of the environment, linking them to global poverty and the increased suffering of the poor. Fr Sean is the author of numerous articles and nine books including *Climate Change: The Challenge to All of Us*, *Greening the Christian Millennium*, *Care for the Earth* and *Dying for Water*. He highlights the causes and consequences of issues such as global warming, genetically engineered food, water pollution, the nuclear industry and loss of biodiversity.

### Pondering Expectantly

Journeying with Mary and Elizabeth as they ponder and wait with great expectations for the advent of God-with us. Gentle Reflection Prayer Deep Connection Anticipation A retreat opportunity for women of all ages.

**Friday 9 December 6pm – Sunday 11 December 3pm**

Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Wellington Street, Ormiston.  
Cost: \$350 (\$320 pensioners and full-time students) Individual, ensuite rooms. All linen, meals and resources supplied.

To Register or Enquire: Contact Grace on 0409 524 283 or [grace@dragonflyministries.net.au](mailto:grace@dragonflyministries.net.au)

*"But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.'" Luke 19:8*

We are all called to graciously give back to the Lord in proportion to the blessings we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but is called to give equal sacrifice. No amount is too small or insignificant! Open your heart, how is God calling you?

### Time for a Smile ☺

A Sunday School teacher said to her children, "We have been learning about how powerful the kings and queens were in Biblical times. But there is a higher power. Who can tell me what it is?" Tommy blurted out, "I know, Aces."



**NOVEMBER DEVOTIONS** - During November we remember and pray especially for all the faithful departed. **Sung Morning Prayer on Fridays at 8.45am in November** will give us an extra opportunity to do this. **Nov. 4** - prayers for deceased parents; **Nov. 11** - for spouses and children; **Nov. 18** - for brothers and sisters; **Nov. 25** - for all relatives and friends who have died.

**NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS** - The envelopes for the November Mass offerings are available at the doors of the Church.

**GOD'S WORD 2017 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.

**WALTZING MATILDAS** finish the year with a trip to the Gold Coast area on **Tuesday 29 November** leaving the Parish Centre at 8am. Lunch at the Tweed Heads Golf Club. Cost \$40. Bring a cup. For all bookings and cancellations ring Anne Hall 3288 9240 Mob 0408 773 734.

**CWL - Hoy & Euchre** will be held in the Parish Centre on **Wednesday 2nd November at 10.00am**. CWL meeting to be held at 1.00pm. All welcome.

### LITURGY AND BLESSING OF GRAVES GLAMORGAN VALE CATHOLIC CEMETERY

A Liturgy and the Blessing of Graves will be held on **Saturday 19 November** at the Glamorgan Vale Catholic Cemetery which is located on the Fernvale Road near the junction with the Glamorgan Vale Road outside Ipswich. The ceremony will commence at 10am. The cemetery was established in 1879 with the first burial in 1880. There are over 140 graves in the cemetery. Visitors are asked to bring chairs and umbrellas for shade. Donations for the upkeep of the cemetery would be welcomed. For further details please contact Gabriel Dempster on (07) 3201 7051. (Authorised by John Dredge OAM for the Glamorgan Vale Catholic Cemetery Committee-0403 722 946).

### Australian Christian Meditation Community Qld *Invites you to join us for a Community Gathering* **Led by Kath Houston – "The Reality that is Love"** **WITH A NEW FORMAT AND A NEW LOCATION**

**When:** Saturday 5 November 2016. **Where:** Uniting Church, 52 Merthyr Rd, New Farm (WARNER HALL). **Time:** 9.30am – 12.30pm (stay for lunch BYO together to 1.30pm) Morning tea from 9.30am. Please bring mug / cup for own use. **Suggested Donations:** \$10 - \$15. **Resources:** Books, CD's, DVD's for sale.

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T: 3281 3755. Kath Houston E: [kath@wccm.org](mailto:kath@wccm.org) T: 0407 020 448. *The morning will include Meditation, Teaching, and group sharing*

**A VOCATION VIEW** - Do whatever is necessary to see Jesus: climb a tree, make a retreat, confess your sins, read His life, help an enemy, say a prayer. He will stay with you today and I will praise your name for ever.