BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Weekly Diary

Monday 4th June

9.00am Mass

Tuesday 5th June

No Mass

Wednesday 6th June

6.00pm Mass

Thursday 7th June

9.00am **Mass**

Friday 8th June

9.00am Mass - Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Amare Centre - [School Hall]

Saturday 9th June

4.00pm-4.30pm - Reconciliation 5.00pm **Vigil Mass -** Booval

Sunday 10th June

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST 3rd June, 2018

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

The Pelican is excessively dedicated to its young ones. The pelican collects small fish and stores them the pouch at its neck. In the process of feeding them the bird presses the pouch against its neck. There is a reddish tinge at its breast plumage and redness at the tip of its beak. All these specialties of the pelican have given rise to a legend of the Pelican feeding its young with its own blood which is that the mother Pelican pierces its breast, opens her side and lays herself across her young pouring out her blood over the young. The young ones feed on the mother's blood and revive strength and come back to life. This symbol of pelican was used by the medieval church to indicate the sacrifice of Jesus.

Today we are celebrating the feast of the Body and blood of Christ. This feast reminds us of the great sacrifice of Jesus and His command to his disciples, "Do this in memory of me."

God's presence has always been with His people in various ways. He manifests himself through the astounding beauty and immensity of creation itself. Jesus at his departure instituted the Eucharist to continue his presence with his people. St Francis of Assisi who had a profound experience of Jesus declared, "Just as He appeared before the holy Apostles in true flesh, so now He has us see Him in the Sacred Bread. For in this way our Lord is ever present among those who believe in him, according to what He said: "Behold, I am with you all days even to the consummation of the world." (Mt. 28, 20)

The Eucharist, therefore, is the symbol of God's presence. St Maximilian Kolbe wrote, "God dwells in our midst, in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar." It is the symbol of God's concern and God's immeasurable love. St. Peter Julian Eymard expressed it as, "The Eucharist is the supreme proof of the love of Jesus. After this, there is nothing more but Heaven itself." Jesus is present among us in Eucharist. And we keep the Eucharist most venerably in the tabernacle.

When we receive the Holy Communion we become the tabernacle where Jesus is present. So Maximilian Kolbe says, 'If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion." Hence, it is binding on us that we should keep the tabernacle, ourselves, holy. St Francis de Sales preached to the people, "When you have received Him, stir up your heart to do Him homage, welcome Him as warmly as possible, and behave outwardly in such a way that your actions may give proof to all of His Presence." Blessed Damian dedicated his life for the service of the lepers. It was a hard choice. He said, "Blessed Sacrament is, indeed, the stimulus for me to forsake all worldly ambitions."

Many Blessings.

Fr. Joji



FIRST EUCHARIST

Please keep in your prayers the 32 children who will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time this Sunday at the 9am mass.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 5th June - 9.30am: Craft Group

Wednesday 6th June - 7.00pm: Pastoral Council meeting

Friday 8th June - 6.15pm: CFC Group

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES ARE NOW READY FOR COLLECTION AT BOTH CHURCHES THIS WEEKEND

If you would like to be part of our Planned Giving Programme Please phone the office on 3282 1888

DATE CLAIMER

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal weekend of the 16th/17th June.

WALTZING MATILDAS - Next trip Tuesday 12th June to visit Strathgordon Clydesdales and Shetland ponies Woodford/ Kilcoy area. Early start time 7.30am. Cost \$45. Please bring hats, water bottles and cameras and closed in footwear. Bookings and cancellations - Anne Hall 0408 773 734.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION - Sunday 2:00pm 3rd June 2018. St Stephen's Cathedral Brisbane. Proceedings by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. www.corpuschristibrisbane.com



"Let us love, since that is what our hearts were made for"

- Saint Therese of Lisieux 24 years old French nun in the 1980s



The Blackstone Ipswich Cambrian Choir presents Feel de Spirit (a concert of spiritual and gospel

favourites such as My Lord What a Morning, Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?, Go Where I Send Thee plus a cycle of spirituals arranged by John Rutter) on Sunday 10th June at 2.30pm doors open at 2pm at the Cambrian Centre, 10 South Station Rd, Booval. Ticket prices Adults: \$20, Concession: \$15, Primary School age and under: Free. Afternoon tea provided and tickets can be purchased at the door.

Time for a smile:- A stranger enters a store and spots a sign: DANGER! BEWARE OF DOG! Inside, he sees a harmless old hound asleep on the floor.

"Is that the dog we're supposed to be aware of?" he asks the owner.

"That's him," comes the reply.

"He doesn't look at all dangerous to me. Why would you post that sign?"

"Before I posted that sign, people kept tripping over him."

MEN'S BREAKFAST - Come along and join the men of the



Parish for breakfast on SATURDAY 16 June 7am-9am. Guest speaker: Fr Joji. Cost \$5.00. If you would like to come please put your name on the sheet in the foyer of the Church or phone the Parish Office on 3282 1888. For further information please phone Martin Smith 0421 525 232.

BAPTISM - This weekend we welcome into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism

Billie Chalk and Sienna Bowater.



PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 - Listen to what the Spirit is saying.

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future.

To prepare the agenda for the Plenary council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" Find Out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website now online: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

This week in the Catholic Leader -

- * North Stradbroke Island (Minjerribah) Catholics celebrate 175th anniversary of the first Catholic mission to Aboriginal people in Australia
- * Irish Catholics respond to referendum support for abortion
- * Philippines-born Jesus Nicodemus Lariosa prepares to be ordained with Australian Jesuits
- * Catholic artist's hands are 'tools of the Holy Spirit'
- * Bid to build chapel in honour of St Teresa of Kolkata at Marian Valley progressing
- * Brisbane pro-life leader produces book outlining ongoing battles for life across Australia
- * Parish seeks artist to create memorial for unborn children
- * Country parish's community spirit leaves lasting impact on Brisbane priest
- * Religious leaders' peak body in Queensland in transformation
- * Church destroyed in suspicious blaze
- * ACU discussion panel raises challenging questions and difficult truths
- * PLUS: A Regional Focus on Rockhampton Diocese



"Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to wardchip them and they all drank from it." - MARK 14:23 Jesus, The perfect steward, gave thanks, just before He gave Himself to us completely for our salvation. He offers us the chance to drink from

His cup. In the Eucharist, we meet Christ personally and, if we listen to Him, we know that drinking from His cup means our own sacrifice - giving up some of our time, talent and treasure to do His work on earth.

A VOCATION VIEW - Through the ministry of our ordained priests, we receive Holy Communion. Through the Body and Blood of Christ, we are made one body: to become Christ-like ... purified ... ready to serve. Pray for Vocations.