



# BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Sacred Heart Primary School, 25 Cothill Rd, Booval St Peter Claver Secondary College, 10 Old Ipswich Rd, Riverview



**ALL CHURCHES ARE CLOSED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Fr Thomas will continue to celebrate our regular weekly Masses without a congregation as well as a Sunday Mass

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 3rd May 2020



### Gospel Reflection

The fourth Sunday of Easter is sometimes known as Good Shepherd Sunday. In the three different cycles of the liturgical year, the gospel on this Sunday comes from John, chapter 10 – an extended discourse by Jesus on the image of himself as the good shepherd. This year the reading is the beginning of the chapter and stops just immediately before the words, ‘I am the good shepherd’.

Our understanding of this whole image and the scene that is set in today’s passage is very dependent upon a contextual understanding of the times. Whilst shepherds were generally regarded as being little better than criminals, they often put their lives in danger to tend to their flocks. Of a night time, several flocks of sheep would be penned in a communal sheepfold, usually made of stone walls. There was only one entrance to the sheepfold and one of the shepherds would effectively become the gate by sleeping across the entrance-way. This was to keep the sheep in but also to guard against thieves. Thieves might climb over the wall into the sheepfold but the sheep were trained to respond to their shepherd’s voice alone so thieves could only steal what sheep they could carry off or those that were not sufficiently trained to their shepherd’s commands.

When Jesus described himself as the gate of the sheepfold, his audience would have immediately understood the analogy. For a shepherd to become the gate to the sheepfold of a night was to risk his life for not only his own sheep but all the sheep in the fold overnight. It took courage and demonstrated utter commitment.

### Gospel Focus – Life to the Full

John 10:10 is a very famous quote from this gospel passage. Having life to the full does not imply life filled with every convenience, comfort and wealth. Rather, it is about living a life filled with purpose and intent. If we fail to live with purpose and meaning then our life is a hollow shell of what it could be. Jesus came that we may have life – a life that is at its fullest when it is lived in such a way as to be an expression of what Jesus taught and lived.

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*"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...'" (Acts 2:38)*



The word "repent" means to turn from sin, to change our actions. Change that is permanent comes from within. It requires prayer, discipline, and perseverance. Change is also hard. We have to recognize that we are broken and need help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

4th Sunday of Easter - A



**A VOCATION VIEW:** This is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. "The harvest is great but the labourers are few. Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers into the Harvest." The Church needs labourers. International Sunday of Vocations.

**WATCH MASS online** - Join the Archdiocese of Brisbane online for Mass broadcast live from St Stephen's Cathedral 12.30pm weekdays, 8am and 10am Sunday at [www.archbne.org/bzw](http://www.archbne.org/bzw). You can also watch an earlier Mass recorded on the same website.

**MASS ON TELEVISION** - Sunday at 6am on Channel 10.

**D**uring these difficult times that we are experiencing if you know of anyone that needs assistance or you yourself are requiring anything please give us a call here at the Parish Centre on 3282 1888 and we will do our best to help or arrange for someone to assist even if it is just someone to talk to.

Here are some strategies recommended by Lifeline that might be helpful:

- 1. Perspective** - try to see this time as unique and different, not necessarily bad, even if it is something you didn't necessarily choose.
- 2. Connection** - think of creative ways to stay connected with others, including social media, email, written notes and phone.
- 3. Be generous to others** - giving to others in times of need not only helps the recipient, it enhances your well being too. Is there a way to help others around you?
- 4. Stay connected with your values** - Don't let fear or anxiety drive your interactions with others. We are all in this together!
- 5. Daily Routine** - create a routine that prioritises things you enjoy and even things you have been meaning to do but haven't had enough time. Read that book, watch that show, take up that new hobby, plant some flowers or vegetables.
- 6. Limit your exposure to news and media** - perhaps choose specific times of day when you will get updates, and ensure they are from reputable and reliable resources

As this time of isolation lingers, there may be some people who will need professional help or more guidance than you think you can offer ... Here are some helpful phone numbers:



<b>Lifeline</b>	<b>13 11 14</b>
<b>Kids Helpline</b>	<b>1800 551 800</b>
<b>MensLine Australia</b>	<b>1300 789 978</b>
<b>Beyond Blue</b>	<b>1300 224 636</b>

**Our Parish now has facebook page.**  
**This is another way you can keep up to date and see what's happening in the life of the parish.**



**Booval Catholic Parish**

Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis  
to the Faithful for the Month of May  
2020



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

**O Mary,**

You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you,  
Health of the Sick,  
who, at the foot of the cross,  
were united with Jesus’ suffering,  
and persevered in your faith.

“Protectress of the Roman people”,  
you know our needs,  
and we know that you will provide,  
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,  
joy and celebration may return  
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father  
and to do what Jesus tells us.

For he took upon himself our suffering,  
and burdened himself with our  
sorrows

to bring us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the Resurrection.  
Amen.

*We fly to your protection,  
O Holy Mother of God;  
Do not despise our petitions  
in our necessities,  
but deliver us always  
from every danger,  
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin*



*Mosaic, Mother of the Church, overlooking  
St Peter’s Square, Vatican City*

**2nd Prayer will be published in next week’s newsletter**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:** Mary Lloyd.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOM WE REMEMBER:** Brian Meara, Kirtley & Dolan families, Bob Cole, Dorothy Walsh, Donna Gabriel, Tracie Files, Noela Shute, Rita Vanderbyl, Tom Brown, Roland Millington, Bernie Kinnane, Chris Garton, Ken Adkins, Frank Van Gestel, Lorraine Murphy, David Samson, Brian McCarthy, Jack & Eileen McMahon, Bob, John & Mark Skippington, Thomas Boyle, Margery Boyle, Ellie & Ossie Cody, Rob Kane, Mike Cody, Helen Cody, Roy Folan, Alfred & Stella Grech, Moira Murphy, Melinda & Arthur Murphy, Bernice & Clement Goan, Arthur, Brian & Dane Bracey, Grahame Coultas.



**LET US PRAY for those who are sick or recovering from surgery:** Desolie King, Graeme Peters, Trish Rowlands, Joyce Samson, Joy Gallagher, Marianne Steentsma, Rae Clark, Jill Wright, 2 Special Intentions, Kath Cole, Eileen Adkins, Erin, Eileen Galligan, Benjamin Palmer (Chris Garton’s Grandson), Shannon Spencer, Thomas Manoj, Donna Brown, Brian Morgan, Hannah Smith, Fran Johnson, Julia Telford, Sophie Leonard, David Stewart, Anthony Eden, Concetta Tiberi, Darcy Watt, Lisa Lynch, Madge McLennan, Karen Purdie.

**We also include in our prayers all the aged and sick to whom we take Communion.**

**We pray for the safety and good judgement of those serving in our defence forces overseas.**

**(Please contact us when you feel that it is appropriate to remove the name of your friend or loved one from our Parish Prayer List)**

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE ANNIVERSARIES** 3 May - 9 May

Tom Reddy, Selwyn Black, Jim Farrell, Sr Mary De Lourdes Jarrett, John Throm, Sally Melvin, Brian Dooley, George Lawrie, Kevin Mallon, Sue Flynn, Florence Ford, Tina-Louise Priestley, Andrew McKay, Jack McMahon, Pacencia & Lorenzo Saldana, Patrick Ringelstein, Elsie James, Richard James, Tom Pierce, Constance (Connie) Davidson, Patricia Tucker, Fay Cooney, Yvette Zycz, Gladys Dominey, Teresa Barlow, Alma Flanigan, Fred Seng, Kathleen O’Toole, James O’Sullivan, Joyce Anderson, Peter Flynn, Jean (Drake) Le Bherz, Tom O’Brian.

*The Booval Catholic Parish acknowledge the Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul people, the Traditional Custodians  
who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.*

# Children's Page

Help the sheep find its way to the gate. Keep a look out for thieves!



## SENIOR WORDSEARCH

The Lord is my shepherd

Acts 2:14a. 36-41  
Ps 23:1-3a. 3b-4. 6. R. v.1  
Jn 10:1-10

U D S T O R Y Y O D A V G H T R I  
 D F R E T E P Y P R K D S T L U T  
 P L O E F N V G D O V Y G I L V N  
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 P O B B V N X U O F C Q J I L G A  
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 F S P K I H I R C T K P P S N F L  
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 O M T E A H Z M B D I T T H I Y L  
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 S J V N Q D J S C N S K V L N Y I  
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Try to find these words:

crowd  
 follow  
 Holy Spirit  
 name  
 Peter  
 sheep  
 shepherd  
 story  
 stranger  
 three  
 turn  
 voice