



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Weekly Diary

Monday 4th September

NO Mass

Tuesday 5th September

NO Mass

Wednesday 6th September

NO Mass

Thursday 7th September

NO Mass

Friday 8th September

NO Mass

Saturday 9th September

4.00pm-4.30pm - Reconciliation

5.00pm **Vigil Mass** - Booval

Sunday 10th September

23rd 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.

Baptisms by appointment.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd September, 2017

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

One day, a sister was explaining the Stations of the Cross to her class. They got to the fourth Station where Jesus was on the road to Calvary where he meets his mother.

The sister explained that even though they could not talk to each other, mother and son spoke just using their eyes.

"What do you think they said to each other?" she asked the pupils. The class gave many different answers. One child suggested that she said, "This is unfair." Another child suggested that she said, "Why me?" Finally a little child raised his hand, got up and said: "Sister, I know what the Blessed Mother told Jesus. She said to him, 'Keep on going, Jesus!'" Do you know why a little child would say that the holy mother encouraged her only son on the way to crucifixion to keep on going? Maybe the little child understands and remembers today's Gospel, "deny yourself and take up your cross."

In today's gospel, we can see how poorly Peter understood the true mission of Jesus.

He still had to learn that God's ways are often not human's ways. We should not forget last Sunday when Simon Peter said and confessed to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." And now, when we hear the words of this Gospel, "Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly ... and be killed and on the third day be raised,"

What is the cross in your life? What hurdles do you face? The cross, when embraced with love and trust that God knows what he's doing, changes us ... and through us, can touch the hearts and open the minds of others as well. In this way it will become salvific for you and for those who know you.

This is why following Christ means taking up the Cross.

And, when the Cross is a sign of sincere love, then it becomes enlightening and a sign of salvation. Many blessings Fr. Joji

PS: I will be absent from the Parish for the next five weekends as I take my annual leave. Fr Peter Gillam and Fr Nestor Candado will be helping the Parish in my absence.

ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS – PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE FOR TRAINING.

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 **Sunday September 10**, 10.45-1.45 for initial training or 11.45-1.45 for refresher. Thank you for your patience in this – Troy is back on deck but has very little available time before the end of the year so I hope you can make it. I look forward to catching up with you at one of these training dates. Donna Conway – Local Safeguarding Representative.

Our new mass times commence the first weekend of November

Saturday - 5pm (Booval)

Sunday - 7am(Riverview)

9am (Booval)

5pm (Booval)

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 5th Sept at 9.30am: Craft Group
at 7.30pm: Pastoral Council meeting
Friday 8th Sept. at 6.15pm: CFC Group
Sunday 10th Sept. 10.45am-1.45pm: Safeguarding Training



BAPTISM - This weekend we welcome into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism **Caelan and Delaney Ashton-Quinn and Ballyn Dixon.**

CWL - Hoy & Euchre will be held in the Parish Centre this **Wednesday 6th September at 10.00am.** CWL meeting to be held at 1.00pm. All welcome.



Margaret, Teresa and Michael Kane and family would like to thank the parishioners of Sacred Heart for their prayers, words of comfort and support on the sudden loss of their beloved Rob.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE APRIL 2018

The 14-day pilgrimage to Holy Land is led by **Fr. Joseph Vattaparambil CMI** departing on **8th of April, 2018**, featuring Petra, Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea, Jericho, Masada, Mt Carmel, Mt Tabor, Mt Nebo & Jerusalem for an **all-inclusive early-bird offer of \$5,190.** To avail the early bird offer you can reserve your seats with an initial deposit of \$500. **This offer ends on 30th of October, 2017.** For further details or any queries please feel free to **call Magi Pilgrimages on 03 8562 2246.**

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SAFEGUARDING TRAINING DATE

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 for initial training or
 11.45am-1.45pm for refresher training.

The **Sacred Heart Craft Group** are selling craft items [quilted Christmas stockings, table runners, place mats and lots more] to raise funds for much needed new carpet in the Parish Centre. The Stall times are as follows - **Sunday 1st October, Sunday 5th November, Sunday 3rd December.** This will take place after the 9.30am mass. The Stall will also be open each Tuesday 9.30am-12noon at the Parish Centre.

COLLECTIONS DURING MASS - To assist the collectors could you please be ready with your envelopes etc. before the collection bags are sent around and also there needs to be a little gap between the passing of the first and second collection. This will make things a little easier for them. Looking forward to your cooperation in this matter. If you would like to help take up the collections please see the leader before mass.



TRIVIA NIGHT - Friday 15 September at St Mary's Primary Hall, Mary St, Woodend at **6.30pm for 7pm start.** Cost \$15. To a book a table of up to 10 people or individual bookings please contact Anne Underwood 0412 357 659 or 3812 2481. Proceeds to Community Development for the People of Tonga and Faith Formation for Youth in Tonga!

Waltzing Matildas are going to Brisbane City Hall and Museum for a guided tour and those adventurous ones can attempt the bell tower! This **Tuesday 5th September.** Leaving the Parish Centre at **8.00am.** Cost \$40.00. Bookings and cancellations ring Anne Hall 32889240, mob. 0408 773 734.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass - Couples celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary (or longer) and their family and friends, are invited to the annual Mass with Bishop Brian V. Finnigan at the Cathedral of St Stephen. The Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday 7th October, commencing at 10.00am.** Light refreshments will be served in the Hanly Room, following the Mass and for catering purposes you are asked to RSVP to cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au or telephone 3324 3030 by Friday 29 September. The Cathedral car park will be available.

A VOCATION VIEW - Don't run away from what you are called to be. Christians take the less travelled road. "What does it profit us if we gain the whole world but ruin ourselves in the process?"

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"
 MATTHEW 16:26



St Francis of Assisi once said, *"Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else."* We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.