



# BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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## Weekly Diary

### Monday 6th June

No Mass

### Tuesday 7th June

7.00pm Mass

### Wednesday 8th June

9.00am Mass

### Thursday 9th June

9.00am Mass

### Friday 10th June

9.00am Mass

9.30am Exposition

### Saturday 11th June

4.00pm-4.15pm Reconciliation

4.30pm Vigil Mass - Booval

6.00pm Vigil Mass - Riverview

### Sunday 12th June

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.00am Mass - Booval

9.00am Mass - Booval

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

**Baptisms** by appointment.

## TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4th/5th June, 2016



## Year of Mercy

*“What is the fruit of (God’s) love and mercy? It is life! God’s mercy gives life to the widow’s son; it raises him from the dead. The Lord watches over us with mercy. Let us not be afraid of approaching him! He has a merciful heart! If we show him our inner wounds, our inner sins, he will always forgive. It is pure mercy. Let us go to Jesus!”*

— Pope Francis, Pope Francis Speaks to our Hearts: Words of Challenge and Hope

## Be On The Lookout

It’s one thing to help people when they ask. It’s another to notice that people need help even though they aren’t asking for it.

I’m a busy guy. My days are usually pretty packed. I’m good at helping people, if it’s on my calendar. Unfortunately, I think I often miss people who need help – but don’t ask for it – when I rush through my day, moving from task to task. Like Jesus, I need to be on the lookout for people who need me.

Look at Jesus in this week’s Gospel. The widow didn’t approach him; Jesus approached her when he saw her weeping. The story shows how focussed Jesus was on looking for people who needed him. He wasn’t focussed just on his daily tasks.

And the widow desperately needed his help. In many ancient cultures, it was very difficult for unmarried women and widows to support themselves. Women without husbands or sons were destined for extreme poverty. The widow in this story lost not only her son but everything. Jesus knew that. He went to her so God’s healing power could restore her son’s life and her hope.

How about us? How often do people pass us who feel like they’ve lost everything? Friends who’ve broken up with a girl or boyfriend. Parents struggling at work. Homeless people looking for shelter or a hot meal. Do we keep our eyes open for them? Do we ask God for the vision to see them and the grace to help them? Or do we rush through the day focussed on what’s next in our world?

Christians are called to be on the lookout for people who suffer. Ask God to focus your vision beyond your schedule. Look for the widows that come across your path. Reach out. Your compassion will cause people in this day and age to echo the people in this week’s Gospel who watched Jesus and said, “God has visited God’s people”.

***Who is one person in your life who inspires you by his or her willingness to drop everything to help someone, even if that someone may not be asking for help?***

## DIARY DATES

**Tuesday 7th June at 9.30am:** Craft Group  
at 7.30pm: Pastoral Council meeting  
**Thursday 9th June at 4.30pm:** St Vincent de Paul meeting  
**Friday 10th June at 9.30am:** Meditation  
**Sat/Sun 25th/26th June: WELCOME SUNDAY**

**WALTZING MATILDAS** leave Parish Centre **8am this Tuesday 7th June** and after morning tea (bring cup) stay in the bus for a one hour guided tour of the Brisbane Airport area. Later go to confectionery warehouse at Hendra. Cost \$40, incl. lunch. Bookings and cancellations ring Anne Hall 3288 9240, Mob 0408 773 734.

**BREATH OF THE SPIRIT, SILENT PONDERING, PRAYER, REFLECTION, DEEP CONNECTION** - A weekend for women hosted by Dragonfly Ministries **Friday 17 June 6pm – Sunday 19 June 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)

**PARISH NEWSLETTER** - Our parish newsletter is now available to be viewed on line by going to [www.boovalcatholicparish.org.au](http://www.boovalcatholicparish.org.au)

For the past thirty-two years the **Knights' of the Southern Cross Ipswich** and the **Little King's Movement Brisbane** have provided, on the third Sunday of each month, March to November inclusive, a day of friendship to the handicapped persons who live in the Ipswich region. Due to ill health and old age our number of helpers has decreased to the point that we require at least Six Adults to help us continue to hold these days. The only Ability that you require is Availability and any other ability will be a bonus. For further details please call OWEN WILDIE on 3281 4388 or Brisbane office on 3391 1432.

**The Annual Mass for Deceased Christian Brothers, Teachers, and Old Boys of St Edmund's College** will be held at CWL house, 35 Waghorn Street, Ipswich on **Tuesday 14 June 2016 at 7.00 pm**. All are invited. If you wish to remember a deceased Old Boy, please contact Andrew McGrath on 3389 6858.

*"And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, 'Do not weep.'" Luke 7:13*

This verse is a great reminder that the Stewardship lifestyle is one of service, putting God first and to 'love one another.' Unfortunately today, many people have "passion" for activities they enjoy - their job and off-work activities. Many times our "passion" to excel is at the expense of someone else. Maybe we need to focus on a little less passion for our individual concerns and a lot more compassion for others.

**A VOCATION VIEW:** Through our Baptism, we are called to not only follow Christ but to be witnesses through our family, work, and social lives. Let our actions and words reflect the love that Christ has for each of us, and proclaim the Kingdom of God is near.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK UP  
YOUR PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES  
THIS WEEKEND**

If you would like to be part of  
our *Planned Giving Programme*

Please phone the office on 3282 1888

**Date Claimer**

**Sacred Heart School and Parish Fete 2016**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

**10:30am – 3:30pm**

## FAMILY GROUPS:

Please pray for Fr Peter McGrath, founder of the Passionist Family Group movement, who is very ill.

**alive in the spirit**



## Children's Activity & Fun Day

All children in Prep

to Year 6 are invited to an Activity & Fun Day to be held on **Wednesday, 6th July from 9.30am-2.00pm at St Mary's School Hall & Grounds**. Cost \$5.00 each (Morning Tea & Lunch included). Please bring a sun-smart hat and a water bottle. Registration is essential by **24th June 2016**. Please phone 3281 2133 (St Mary's Parish Office).

**"VILLA MARIA" HOSTEL, IPSWICH 1950 – 2016:** A Thanksgiving Mass will be held in the Chapel at Villa Maria, Ipswich at **11.00am on Tuesday, 21st June 2016**. This is an opportunity for all who have fond memories of "Villa" - the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, former residents and staff, their families and friends – to come together for a Mass of Thanksgiving, followed by a time to share refreshments and memories. This Mass is being offered by Catholic Health Care (current providers of care at Villa Maria) as this centre will eventually be closed and moved to new premises.

**TWO-MINUTE HOMILIES:** Priests from around the Archdiocese are preparing "Two Minute Homilies" and uploading them on social media platforms on a weekly basis now. To view or listen to a podcast please visit <http://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/two-minute-homilies/> at your leisure.

**Time for a Smile:** Sister Mary was truly a religious woman. Besides her duties as a nun, she was also very active in various hospitals visiting sick patients and taking care of all their needs. So it was no surprise that one day when she ran out of gas, the only container she could find to put the gas into was a bedpan. Sister Mary happily walked two blocks to the closest gas station filled up the bedpan with gas and headed back to her car. As luck would have it just as Sister Mary started tipping the gas into the fuel tank, the traffic light turned red and she had quite a large audience witnessing the spectacle. Just when she had finished pouring in the last drops of gas a fellow opened up his window and hollered, "I swear! If that car