



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Weekly Diary

Monday 5th December

No Mass

Tuesday 6th December

7.00pm Mass

Wednesday 7th December

9.00am Mass

Thursday 8th December

9.00am Mass

Friday 9th December

9.00am Mass

9.30am Exposition

Saturday 10th December

4.00pm-4.30pm Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

Sunday 11th December

Third Sunday of Advent

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

3rd/4th December, 2016

A big thankyou to all those grandparents, parents and friends from Sacred Heart school who participated in the carols night this week. Thank you for your commitment to community, your enthusiasm for new challenges and your inability to say no. Maybe next year we can even have a practice! I've had lovely feedback from the children so it was certainly worth it.

Advent Calendar - We have received an Advent Calendar that would be lovely to use in families throughout this Advent season with some lovely simple ideas to affirm what this time of participatory waiting is really about. The calendars are available at the doors of the Church.

Many blessings on your Advent season, Donna

ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Booval-Riverview Conference

This weekend 3rd/4th December - Christmas goods and cash to be placed in the basket in the sanctuary at offertory time.

Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible.

"Kind Deeds Change Lives"

"Life is Good - Live to Give"



CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS MASS & NATIVITY PLAY

Each year our parish holds a Children's Christmas Mass on Christmas Eve and we usually precede this with a small nativity play performed by our primary school children. This Mass is held in the Amare Centre with the nativity starting at 4.30pm. If your children are interested in being part of the nativity and/or choir for the Children's Christmas Mass we would love to have you attend our practices. Speaking and non-speaking parts available. Any secondary school students who would like to help out would be very welcome.

Nativity & singing practice (Amare Centre):

Friday December 16 - 2-3.30pm, Thursday December 22 - 9-10.30am

Friday December 23 - 9-10.30am

Saturday December 24 arrive about 4pm for Christmas Eve Nativity & Mass

Please contact me at the Parish Centre 3282 1888 if you are interested or if you have any questions, Donna.

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION will be held on

Tuesday 20th December at 7.00pm

Christmas Mass Times

CHRISTMAS EVE

Booval:

5.00pm Mass will be in the Amare Centre

[4.40pm Carols & Children's Nativity]

9.00pm [Vigil Mass - Carols 15 Mins. before Mass]

Riverview:

7.00pm [Carols 15 mins. before]

CHRISTMAS DAY

Booval:

8.00am [Christmas Mass - Carols 15 mins. before]



DIARY DATES

Tuesday 6th Dec. 9.30am: Craft Group

Friday 9th Dec. 9.30am: Meditation

10.00am: Charismatic Renewal Group

Advent Adventures Holiday Activity Day

All primary school aged children from the Sacred Heart Parish are invited to **Advent Adventures** to be held on Monday 19th

December from 9am-3pm at the Parish Centre!

It will be an exciting day of fun activities – craft, bible stories, songs, prayer, drama, plays and games all based on some of the stories from the Advent season.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided by the parish. The cost for the day is \$5 per child.

If you are coming, please let us know by the 12th (this will help with catering).

Please contact the Parish Office for further details or for a registration form pmc.booval@bne.catholic.net.au or 3282 1888

We also need high school students and adults to assist us with the variety of activities planned for this day e.g.

Registration

Group leaders

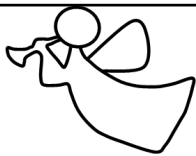
Catering (morning tea and lunch)

Craft supervisors

Games helpers

First Aid

If you are able to assist, even for part of the day, please contact the parish office pmc.booval@bne.catholic.net.au or 3282 1888



A retiring collection for Peter's Pence will be taken this weekend **3rd/4th December**. This collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters.

CHOIR PRACTICE - Anyone who would like to sing in the Choir for Christmas at the 7.00pm and 9.00pm masses Christmas Eve is very welcome to come along to our first practice this **Tuesday 6th December at 7.30pm** following the evening mass.



We say goodbye to two of our parish families the Goddard's and Braybon's who have been transferred and will be leaving shortly. We wish them well and many blessings on a new and exciting phase of their lives. You will always be welcome at Sacred Heart.

CHRISTMAS ROSTERS FOR READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Many families will be away at different times during the school Christmas Holidays. Therefore, we need to put together Rosters which suit people's holidays and availability to serve. Could you please put your name on the sheet in the foyer of the Church indicating which weekends you will be available and what Mass you are normally rostered on.

A VOCATION VIEW - Isaiah says: "The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord." Who taught you knowledge of the Lord, and who are you teaching today?

JESSE TREE

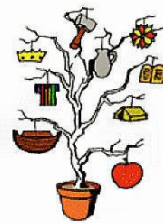
Jacob (12 people) - We remember Jacob who had a dream about a ladder that went all the way to heaven. God, we thank you for our dreams. Genesis 28:10-17

Joseph (Rainbow coat) - We remember Joseph, Jacob's special son, who wore a coat of many colours. Thank you for always being with us, even when times are hard. Genesis 37:3-36 & 50:15-21

Moses (Ten Commandments) - We remember that Moses was given the Ten Commandments on the top of Mt Sinai. Lord, help us to remember your rules and forgive us when we sometimes do the wrong thing. Deuteronomy 5:1-22

Ruth (Wheat) - We remember Ruth who was faithful to Naomi. Lord, thank you for always caring for us and help us to know we always belong to you. Ruth 1:1-2:2

Samuel (Oil lamp) - We remember that Samuel answered your call and trusted in your plan. We thank you God that you have a plan for each of us. Help us to trust in you. 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 16:1-13



CHRISTMAS CARDS are available in the foyer of the Church. Cards - pack of **8 for \$3.00**, Columban Calendars **\$9.00** & Church Art Calendars **\$6.00**. Please make payments via the Poor Box. Thank you for your support.

LITTLE BLUE BOOKS & 'EMMANUEL' Daily Advent & Christmas Reflections 2016 are now available in the foyer of the Church at a cost of \$3.50 each. Please place money in the envelopes provided.

GOD'S WORD 2017 with Daily Reflections - Copies of this book are available in the foyer of the Church for the discounted price of \$10.00 each. Please place payment in the envelopes provided.

WALTZING MATILDAS invite all interested to view a DVD of past trips at the Parish Centre at **2.00pm on Tuesday 6 December. SAVE THIS DATE**. Anyone interested in joining the group of travellers is most welcome. Bring a plate to share. See you there.

Glebe Road UCA would like to invite parishioners to join them for **CAROLS IN THE PARK** to be held in Cameron Park on **Saturday 17th December**. Once again, we will be forming a choir to assist with the carol singing on the night and we would welcome singers from your congregation to join us. The choir will be having a once only practice at **2.30pm on Sunday 11th December** and anyone who would like to be part of the choir would need to attend this practice. Further details please phone Donna on 3282 1888.

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk. Out time, our talent and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?