



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Weekly Diary

Monday 5th February

9.00am Mass

Tuesday 6th February

No Mass

Wednesday 7th February

6.00pm Mass

Thursday 8th February

9.00am Mass

Friday 9th February

9.00am Mass - Followed by

9.30am Exposition

Saturday 10th February

4.00pm-4.30pm - Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

Sunday 11th February

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4th February, 2018

Dear parishioners and visitors,

Why man has to suffer; get sick and die are the problems that continue to nag people today just as it did humanity from the beginning. In the story of Job, Job was a rich man and at the same time sincere and honest. He had been blessed with sons and daughters. But when Job least expected, misfortune struck: his children died, his possessions were taken away, and a repugnant disease affected him. Job never got an answer for his suffering.

But when the sick and suffering met Jesus, they found that their suffering brought them closer to God. Whenever there was trouble Jesus was close to them. Whenever we are in trouble God is closer to us.

Sickness brings us closer to God. The people flocked to Jesus. The evening found Peter's house besieged with crowds seeking Jesus' healing touch. The people of Capernaum waited until the sun had set to bring their sick to Jesus. There was no way in which Jesus could shut the door. A great doctor has said that the duty of medicine is "sometimes to heal, often to afford relief, and always to bring consolation." That duty was always upon Jesus. And today the same duty is demanded of us. In the midst of the terrible suffering of a loved one, it is sometimes impossible to find God, because it is here that God enters us in extreme and unfamiliar ways.

Sickness brings us closer to our brothers. Those who suffer much in life are more compassionate with the weakness of others.

Our care should be expressed in deeds and not just in words by rendering material aid to those in need of it, and by bringing comfort to sick people through visits, and encouragement to the family. We need to live for others as Jesus did: Jesus was a man for others, sharing what he had with others. Let us take up this challenge by sharing love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness with others. Instead of considering life as dull and boring let us live our lives as Jesus did, full of dynamism and zeal for the glory of God.

Many blessings.

Fr. Joji Thomas

Mass times for ASH WEDNESDAY

14 February 2018

9.00am - Amare Centre [School Hall]

6.00pm - Sacred Heart Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be celebrated on **Fridays at 8.30am** before the 9am mass during Lent.



DIARY DATES



Tuesday 6th Feb - 9.30am: Craft Group
Wednesday 7th Feb - 7.00pm: Pastoral Council meeting
Thursday 8th Feb - 4.30pm: St Vincent de Paul meeting
Friday 9th Feb - 6.15pm: CFC Group

WALTZING MATILDAS - This Tuesday 6th February 2018 leaving 8am from Parish Centre. "Mystery Trip". Please bring mug and water bottle. Cost \$40. Bookings and cancellations Ph Anne Hall - (Home) 3288 9240, (Mob.) 0408 773 734.

The new rosters for Readers & Extraordinary Ministers of Communion will be available soon. If You would like to make any changes or would like to be involved in these ministries could you please contact the Parish Office on 3282 1888.

FETE NEWS

Gardening lovers URGENTLY needed!!

We have people wanting to donate plants but no one to care for them until fete time. Please contact us if you are able to help nurture our plants.

We are also calling for donations of art & craft items, books, plants, Trash to Treasure items, and more importantly your time, to make this year's fete on **22 July** the community event of the year. If you have a specific skill to share eg graphic designer, public relations, carpenter, electrician, gardening, baking, sewing, or if you would like to help but unsure how, please contact the convenor Kath Doyle 0421 000 057.

We also encourage any business owners who may be interested in our sponsorship proposal to call Kath.

You are invited to our next fete meeting at McDonald's Booval meeting room on **Wednesday 28 February at 6.30pm.**

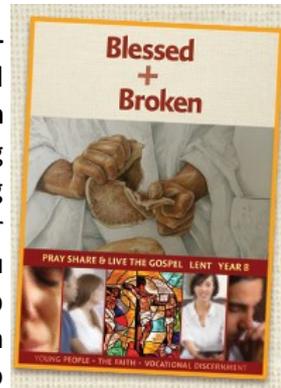
"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."" - Mark 1:35,38



In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

A VOCATION VIEW - The afflicted Job in the Old Testament thinks that his life is like dust in the wind; his restlessness depicting the sorrow and sadness afflicting society today. Are we prepared for the task ahead? To heal the broken-hearted, to bind up all their wounds? How do you choose to respond?

LENTEN PROGRAM "Blessed + Broken" - The first of six sessions will commence the week of the **12th February**. This year we are offering a Lenten Group one evening during the week possibly a Monday or Tuesday at the Parish Centre. If you would like to be part of this group please phone the Parish Office on 3282 1888 as soon as possible so books can be ordered.



Little King's Movement Annual Church Appeal will take place at all masses this weekend **3rd/4th February**. The Movement caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities. There is no Government funding and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year the calls for their services are increasing. The Movement, though based on Catholic beliefs is truly ecumenical, and all members are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the Movement. The Church Appeal is one of the major fundraisers for the year. In previous years this Parish has been very generous even in the most difficult financial times, for which the Movement is most grateful.

CWL - Hoy & Euchre will be held in the Parish Centre on **Wednesday 7th February at 10.00am**. CWL meeting to be held at 1.00pm. All welcome.

Sacred Heart Parish School 2018 Renewal Dinner Monday February 19th, 2018 @ 6.00pm Amare Centre



Our School Renewal Dinner is an annual event held at Sacred Heart. It is an opportunity for our School and Parish Community to share in the direction our School will take over the coming year. All parents and Parish members are invited to take part in the evening. Our staff will be your hosts as you enjoy a two-course meal and drinks. We discuss various school subjects to obtain your feedback. This will be our sixth Renewal Dinner; they have proven to be a valuable tool in planning the future direction of our School, as well as an enjoyable social evening.

If you will be attending, for catering purposes, would you please RSVP on 3282 1976 or megan.preston@bne.catholic.edu.au

The Australian Christian Meditation Community Queensland invites you to a morning of meditation, information, reflection and discussion on **MEDITATION AND AGING**

Are you resisting getting old, or working on your vocation of growing old?

WHEN: Saturday, 17th February 2018

WHERE: Uniting Church, 52 Merthyr Road, New Farm

TIME: Morning tea 9.30am, program 10am – 12.30pm.

BYO lunch

COST: Suggested donation \$10

FURTHER INFORMATION:

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