



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Weekly Diary

Monday 6th February

9.00am Mass

Tuesday 7th February

No Mass

Wednesday 8th February

No Mass

Thursday 9th February

No Mass

Friday 10th February

No Mass

Saturday 11th February

4.00pm-4.30pm Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

Sunday 12th February 2017

Sixth 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4th/5th February, 2017

This weekend's celebrants are Fr Peter Gillam (5.00pm, 7.00am & 9.30am] and Fr Thomas Manimalayil (8.15am Riverview)

TRANSCRIPT OF VIDEO MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE RE: THE FINAL HEARINGS INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AT THE ROYAL COMMISSION

By now the Royal Commission into the institutional abuse of the young is into its fourth year. It's been a long and agonising but very important journey for the Church and for many others as well.

On Monday the 6th February, the final hearing into the Catholic Church will begin and it will go for about three weeks. It seems I will appear a number of times through that final hearing.

In those weeks, the Royal Commission will try to do two things:

- It will ask the question, first of all, what has the Church learnt from the experience of the Royal Commission? What have we done on the basis of what we've learnt and what will we do in the future? That's a very important question.
- Secondly, the Royal Commission will ask what were the cultural factors that led to the abuse in the Church and to the mishandling of the abuse by Church leaders? That, too, is a very important question because it's not enough to change procedures and protocols. That has to happen.

But we have to shift the culture. And that's a much more difficult thing to do.

So, that's why that second question - what were the cultural factors - is again a very important one.

Through these three weeks there will be some grim moments and there will be some shocks, inevitably. But there will also be a chance to tell a better story of what has been done and what is being done now and what will be done in the future to ensure that the future is very much better than the past.

We say this is the final hearing into the Catholic Church but, in fact, there will be a story to be told beyond the final hearing. The Commission will present its report at the end of the year and that will be important. But it will also have a long tail. The journey will continue long after the final report has been published.

So, I invite all of you to join me on the journey through the three weeks of this final hearing and the journey that stretches before us beyond that, so that together we can do everything possible to ensure a better future for the Church; a better future particularly for young people; and even more particularly for those who have survived abuse. That justice and healing may be done to them.

So, a better future for them and for the whole of society as well.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 7th Feb. 9.30am: Craft Group

7.00pm: Pastoral Council meeting

Friday 10th February 9.30am: Meditation

6.15pm: CFC Group

7.00pm: Booval Youth Group

World Day Prayer Friday 3rd March at 10.00am. Trinity Uniting Church, Jacaranda Street, Booval. This year's theme - "Am I being unfair to you?" prepared by WDP Committee Philippines. Everyone welcome.

WALTZING MATILDAS meet, greet and start the year with a mystery trip on **Tuesday 7 February** leaving the Parish Centre at 8am. Lunch and morning tea included (bring a cup). Cost \$40. Bookings and cancellations ring Anne Hall 3288 9240 Mob 0408 773 734.

CWL - Hoy & Euchre will be held in the Parish Centre on **Wednesday 8th February at 10.00am.** CWL meeting to be held at 1.00pm. All welcome.

St Edmunds Old Boys Association Annual General Meeting to be held at **10.00am on Sunday 5 February 2017** at the Old Boys House, 2 Macgregor Street Woodend. All enquiries to be made to Andrew McGrath on 3389 6858 or 0438 164 452.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."
Matthew 5:16

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above the people you have been called to help.

A VOCATION VIEW - Jesus speaks on Vocations: "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. Your light must shine before people so that they may see your goodness in your acts, giving praise to your heavenly Father."



Time for a Smile - Three Hymns

One Sunday a pastor told his congregation that the church needed some extra money and asked the people to prayerfully consider giving a little extra in the offering plate. He said that whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three hymns.

After the offering plates were passed, the pastor glanced down and noticed that someone had placed a \$1,000 bill in offering. He was so excited that he immediately shared his joy with his congregation and said he'd like to personally thank the person who placed the money in the plate.

And there sat our Rosie all the way in the back who shyly raised her hand. The pastor asked her to come to the front. Slowly she made her way to the pastor. He told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much and in thanksgiving asked her to pick out three hymns.

Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation, pointed to the three most handsome men in the building and said, "I'll take him and him and him!"



SACRED HEART CFC (Catholic Friendship Club) - CFC is a junior youth group for grades 3-6 and involves some prayer and learning, supper and games and activities. We had a great year last year with many fun activities. We learned about Pope Francis' letter *Laudato Si'* (On Care for our Common Home), had a Trivia night and an outing to Moogerah Dam for the Passion Play. We meet every two weeks on Fridays from 6.15-8pm in the Parish Centre and ask for \$2 to cover supper and supplies. All our helpers hold current Blue Cards. We begin this year on Friday 10th February. If you have any questions please call Donna at the Parish Centre on 3282 1888 or 0411 459 367

YOUTH GROUP is for high school aged teenagers wishing to explore their faith in a safe and fun way. We meet every two weeks on Fridays from 7-9.30pm beginning in the Sacred Heart Church. We share prayer and experiences of our week, supper and games and activities and ask for \$3 to cover costs. Last year we had a pilgrimage to St Stephen's Cathedral for the Year of Mercy and hope to do another excursion of some sort this year. All our helpers hold current Blue Cards. We begin this year on Friday 10th February. If you have any questions please call Donna at the Parish Centre on 3282 1888 or 0411 459 367.

March for Life 2017

If ever there was a time to stand up for life, it's now. Please come and join us as we "March for Life".

When: Saturday February 11 at 3.00pm

Where: Start assembling from 2.30pm in Queens Gardens (corner of George, Elizabeth and William Streets in the CBD)

Why: State politicians are poised to vote on decriminalisation of abortion just days after the march

What's Provided: March organisers will provide all signs and banners – please just bring yourselves, family and friends

More info: www.marchforlife.com.au

If any parishioners would like to attend the "March for Life" and require transport please call 0435 821 284

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN

Evangelisation Brisbane is conducting a series of workshops throughout the Archdiocese and Ipswich has been selected to host a workshop. The workshop is for those interested or are currently members of a team who work with families preparing infants and children for the Sacraments of Initiation. The venue for the workshop is St Mary's Parish Centre, Elizabeth Street, Ipswich, and will be held on **February 9th from 6pm to 9pm.** It is important that you RSVP to Evangelisation Brisbane by the 27th January. You can phone them on

07 3324 3440 or mail their office at ebad-min@bne.catholic.net.au

The great lesson is that the sacred is in the ordinary,
that it is to be found in one's daily life,
in one's neighbours, friends and family, in one's backyard.
Abraham Maslow