



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



† Sacred Heart Church, Cothill Rd, Booval † Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 10 Old Ipswich Rd, Riverview
Sacred Heart Primary School, 25 Cothill Rd, Booval St Peter Claver Secondary College, 10 Old Ipswich Rd, Riverview

Parish Priest

Fr Joji Thomas MCBS
thomasj@bne.catholic.net.au

Pastoral Ministry Co-ordinator

Mrs Donna Conway
pmc.booval@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Secretary

Mrs Cathy Peacock

Chairperson - Finance Board

Mr Paul Peacock

Liturgy Co-Ordinator

Mrs Margaret Kane

School Principals

Sacred Heart School - Mr Brendan Creevey
St Peter Claver College - Mr Niall Coburn

Outside School Hours Care Co-Ordinator

Mrs Linda Caplin

Office Hours: Monday-Friday: 8.30am-4.30pm

Ph: 3282 1888 **Fax:** 3282 5702

Email: booval@bne.catholic.net.au

Web: <http://www.boovalcatholicparish.org.au>

Weekly Diary

Monday 6th March

9.00am No Mass

Tuesday 7th March

7.30pm Mass

Wednesday 8th March

9.00am Mass

Thursday 9th March

9.00am Mass

Friday 10th March

8.30am Stations of the Cross

9.00am Mass of Anointing

Saturday 11th March

4.00pm-4.30pm Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

Sunday 12th March

Second Sunday of Lent

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

4th/5th March, 2017

Liminality! A great word though rarely dropped into casual conversation. It means being at a limit which turns into a threshold and so applies perfectly to the temptations of Jesus. In his fast, he went to the limit of his human capacity. There Satan tested what it meant for him to be the beloved 'Son of God'. In remaining faithful in weakness, he showed what was the source of his strength: his trust in the Father. What happens on the edges often reveals our true nature. This applies to each of us, as individuals and as a society.

We admire sports people when they go to the very edge of their ability and still succeed. So, too, we should admire the recovering alcoholics or addicts who day by day, even moment by moment, confront their weaknesses, trusting in a higher Power. Parents learn the depth of their love, not just when their kids are cute, but when, night after night, they walk the floor with a sick child, or, when their children are older, they go searching for their lost ones in the dark night of drugs or delusion. Spouses know what marriage means when they hang in there, when 'it' doesn't seem to be working, still trying to find another way. People find what integrity means when they have to walk away from an abusive situation - be it a marriage, a job - feeling as though they are risking their future. We all learn much when someone we love dies and we recall our joys together, our regrets, who that person made us be.

So, too, for us as a community and as a society. It has been said that you can tell how well a society is by how well it cares for the weakest, the people on the edge. In the Old Testament, the yardstick for the soundness of a society was how well the widows and orphans were treated. Having no male to defend them, they had no voice in law. With Project Compassion we are invited to consider the weak of our world. But there are others we need to consider: the mentally ill and their families, refugees, foreigners, some elderly...the list can go on.

As we enter Lent, and join Jesus in experiencing our liminality, let us take time to reflect on where we are weak: in ourselves, in our community and in our society, and pray that the Spirit may drive us through that wilderness so we may become the beloved of God. *Sr Kym Harris*

MASS OF ANOINTING this **Friday 10th March at 9.00am**
followed by morning tea. Please bring a plate to share.



"It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." Matthew 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from power and riches and put God at the centre of our lives. How is God calling you to serve?

A VOCATION VIEW - Lent is a season of renewal, of spiritual growth. These forty penitential days invite us to strive for our true calling.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 7th March at 9.30am: Craft Group

Friday 10th March at 6.15pm: CFC Group

7.00pm: Booval Youth Group



DISCERNMENT EVENING FOR NEW PASTORAL COUNCILLORS

A discernment evening will be held on **Tuesday 14th March at 7.30pm** to select our new Pastoral Councillors. This is an open meeting and all are invited to attend. If you have accepted nomination it is important that you are present at the meeting. Sr Kari Hatherell OSU will facilitate this meeting.



1st Sunday of Lent

PROJECT
COMPASSION

Like many of her neighbours in her rural village in the Philippines, Dinia struggled to feed and educate her children. She now has the skills to earn a better income for her children and help her neighbours.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help people in rural areas of the Philippines build better futures for their families and their neighbours.



You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Little Black Books are available in the foyer of the Church at a cost of \$3.50. Please place money in the envelopes provided.

ST PAULS HOLY WEEK MISSAL - This missal includes the following: New Order of Mass: a comprehensive extract of the Order of Mass from the New Roman Missal 2010. Palm Sunday: all four gospels for the Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem, readings and gospel proclamations (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) of the Passion. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week: Daily Mass with texts for the antiphons, prayers, readings for each day. Chrism Mass which the bishop celebrates with his presbyterate. The Sacred Triduum - Holy Thursday evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday celebration of the Lord's Passion, Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Liturgy, Easter Sunday Celebration of the Eucharist. This missal is available in the foyer of the Church. Cost \$5.00. Please place payment in the envelopes provided.

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

WALTZING MATILDAS visit the interesting Abbey Museum, then on to lunch at the RSL on Bribie Island, on Tuesday 21 March, leaving Parish Centre 8.00am. Cost \$40. Bring a cup. Bookings & cancellations ring Anne Hall 3288 9240 Mob 0408 773 734.

WANTED ROOM TO RENT for middle aged lady living at the Gold Coast but working at Redbank. For further details please phone the Parish Office on 3282 1888.

St Edmunds Old Boys Bowls Day - Sunday 2 April 2017 - United Sports Club, Joyce Street, East Ipswich. 8.30am for a 9.00am Start. \$10 Per Player. Any Bowlers or Teams welcome to play, please contact Andrew McGrath on 0438 164 452 or 3389 6858.

NEWSLETTERS from Centacare—Community Services are available in the foyer of the Church. Don't forget to pick up a copy and see what services they have to offer.

FEEDBACK FROM THE SCHOOL RENEWAL DINNER ON OUR PARISH - * "Most welcoming parish in Ipswich" * In it for 48 years 'just love it' * The Community * Sacred Heart gave me a "new start". After personal difficulties, life with this parish has given me a new direction "and love it!"

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has a Pastoral Care Ministry for people with a psychiatric illness. Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care is an organization, now in its thirty first year, that seeks to immediately, and sensitively, respond to people with a mental illness by giving them access to trained pastoral carers whose ministry is both spiritual and therapeutic.

We are looking for Volunteers to be trained for this Ministry. **Could this be your Ministry?**

The Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Team requires more committed Catholics with an ability to relate pastorally to those who are suffering a mental illness.

The Training Course is held at the Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Centre each Wednesday from 3rd May to 22nd November from 9.00am to 3.30pm.

We require a voluntary commitment of eight hours per week on completion and Graduation of the Course. The various ministries of Pastoral response are the Day Centre, Hospitals and Hostels.

Final date of applications is Friday 21st April 2017. Please apply now in writing to: **Fr Jim Smith, Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care**, 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006 Or Telephone (07) 3252 5461 Monday-Friday 8.30am-4pm. Fax (07) 3257 1885. email: cppc@bne.catholic.net.au

A QUIET DAY presented by **The Australian Christian Meditation community Queensland**. All are welcome. The theme for the day is **LIVING FULLY**. **When:** Saturday March 25, 2017. 9.30am – 2.30pm. The day will start with morning tea at 9.30. BYO Lunch. **Where:** The Fort. 199 – 219 Fort Road, Oxley, Qld. **Suggested Donations:** \$10 - \$15. **Save our earth:** Please bring a mug/cup for own use. **For any queries contact:** Johanna Lawrence. johanna1@optusnet.com.au **phone:** (home) 3314 1404 (mobile) 0432 327 666. **A Quiet Day** gives you a space in which your spirit can breathe. The day will include meditation, teaching, quiet times, and more. The grounds at the Fort offer spaces for walking, for sitting in prayer and reflection, and enjoying God's creation.



Time for a Smile - Hymn #365

A minister was completing a temperance sermon. With great emphasis he said, 'If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.'

With greater emphasis he said, 'And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.'

And then finally, shaking his fist in the air, he said, 'And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.'

Sermon complete, he sat down ...

The song leader stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, nearly laughing, 'For our closing song, let us sing Hymn #365, 'Shall We Gather at the River'.