



# BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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## Weekly Diary

### Monday 7th November

No Mass

### Tuesday 8th November

7.00pm Mass

### Wednesday 9th November

9.00am Mass

### Thursday 10th November

9.00am Mass

### Friday 11th November

8.45am Prayers for the Dead

9.00am Mass of Anointing

### Saturday 12th November

4.00pm-4.30pm Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

### Sunday 13th November

33rd 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.

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5th/6th November, 2016



### Year of Mercy

*"God's mercy is so great that you may sooner drain the sea of its water, or deprive the sun of its light, or make space too narrow, than diminish the great mercy of God."*

- Charles Spurgeon

It was wonderful to join with Fr Joji and Fr Noy and 34 parishioners from our parish and Our Lady of the Valley parish (Gatton/Laidley) last Saturday as we joined in a pilgrimage through the Door of Mercy. We celebrated Benediction and Adoration with the First Rite of Reconciliation in a moving experience of the love and mercy of God. It was certainly an enriching experience both personally and as a community to share more fully in Pope Francis' Jubilee Year of Mercy. Thank you to Francis for your assistance throughout the ceremony and to Walter for your musical assistance. There were a number of people who spoke of leaving feeling lighter than they entered.

This week we also celebrated Benediction and Adoration with the Sacred Heart school children from years 3-6. For many this was their first experience of this beautiful ceremony and again it was lovely to hear so many of them say they'd enjoyed the time of silence and the new experience. Thank you Fr Joji and Francis for providing this opportunity for our children. During this Year of Mercy it has been wonderful to rediscover the richness of prayer tradition available to us as Catholics. I would again encourage anyone who hasn't yet had a chance to experience the Door of Mercy either at the Cathedral or St Mary's to visit before the end of the Year of Mercy (Christ the King).

Have a good week! Donna



**NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY** - This year our parish is taking part in the National Church Life Survey. It asks questions about your opinions as to your parish life and helps to give us an overview of the kind of parish we are - our strengths, our weaknesses and our unique blend of people and gifts. This will go to helping us plan for the future of our parish.

This survey will take place this weekend 5th/6th November during mass and, for that weekend, will take the place of the homily in order to have as many responses as possible from each of you.

## DIARY DATES

**Tuesday 8th Nov. 9.30am:** Craft Group

**Thursday 10th Nov. 4.30pm:** St Vincent de Paul meeting

**Friday 11th Nov. 9.30am:** Meditation

**10.00am:** Charismatic Renewal Group

**Sat/Sun 26th/27th Nov.: WELCOME SUNDAY**

### **Pondering Expectantly**

Journeying with Mary and Elizabeth as they ponder and wait with great expectations for the advent of God-with us. Gentle Reflection Prayer Deep Connection Anticipation A retreat opportunity for women of all ages.



**Friday 9 December 6pm – Sunday 11 December 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)

**LAUDATO SI WORKSHOPS** - The Year of Mercy is drawing to a close. The Ipswich Catholic Community have done different things to recognise the year, and after the talk given by Sean McDonagh on 3rd November there will be two workshops offered, for those interested in exploring further the themes from Laudato Si. The workshops will be facilitated by Helen Mees, a Mercy Associate. We hope to make them more accessible to everyone, by offering them at **6pm, on Tuesday 8th and 15th November**, at St Mary's Parish Centre. While the workshops will be most useful if you are able to attend both, material can be provided if you can come to only one of them. We offer particular invitation to those past students of Mercy schools, as the workshops do draw on the Mercy Charism. Tea and coffee and sandwiches will be available, so feel free to bring some food to share as we explore what Laudato Si Means to us. Please contact the St Mary's Parish Office 3281 2133 if you intend to attend.

### **Good Grief: What's Next!**

#### ***Understanding Change, Loss And Grief***

**Monday 14th November, 6.00-9.00 pm,**

The Aspinall centre, 4 Klumpp Rd Upper Mt Gravatt.

This is a time:

- ✘ To recognise the broad range of changes and loss that can occur in life
- ✘ To explore how change, loss, grief and behaviour are inextricably linked
- ✘ To make sense of change and loss experiences

**Please register to help us with numbers for a light supper & Workbooks needed. Facilitators: Trish Stapleton & Patsy Grundy. PLEASE phone 07 3849 7158.**

***"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word."***

*2 Thessalonians 2:16-17*

There are two important lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope. As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well.

**NOVEMBER DEVOTIONS** - During November we remember and pray especially for all the faithful departed. **Sung Morning Prayer on Fridays at 8.45am in November** will give us an extra opportunity to do this. **Nov. 11** - for spouses and children; **Nov. 18** - for brothers and sisters; **Nov. 25** - for all relatives and friends who have died.

**NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS** - The envelopes for the November Mass offerings are available at the doors of the Church.

**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** finish the year with a trip to the Gold Coast area on **Tuesday 29 November** leaving the Parish Centre at 8am. Lunch at the Tweed Heads Golf Club. Cost \$40. Bring a cup. For all bookings and cancellations ring Anne Hall 3288 9240 Mob 0408 773 734.



**Happy Birthday and God's blessings to young Bob Massey who turned 80 last Friday. We hope your day was very enjoyable.**



**Congratulations to St Peter Claver College students Olivia Ryan-McInally** who was announced as College Captain and **Marie-Claire Rwigema** Mission Captain for 2017. Also congratulations to **Hannah Sotiriadis** who was selected as School Captain at St Mary's College for 2017.

### **LITURGY AND BLESSING OF GRAVES GLAMORGAN VALE CATHOLIC CEMETERY**

A Liturgy and the Blessing of Graves will be held on **Saturday 19 November** at the Glamorgan Vale Catholic Cemetery which is located on the Fernvale Road near the junction with the Glamorgan Vale Road outside Ipswich. The ceremony will commence at 10am. The cemetery was established in 1879 with the first burial in 1880. There are over 140 graves in the cemetery. Visitors are asked to bring chairs and umbrellas for shade. Donations for the upkeep of the cemetery would be welcomed. For further details please contact Gabriel Dempster on (07) 3201 7051. (Authorised by John Dredge OAM for the Glamorgan Vale Catholic Cemetery Committee-0403 722 946).

**A VOCATION VIEW** - May the Lord Jesus strengthen your heart for every good work and word. May you live your vocation and may your joy be full.

### **Time for a Smile ☺**

The Sunday School teacher was describing that when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom she turned into a pillar of salt, when Bobby interrupted. "My mummy looked back once while she was driving," he announced, "and she turned into a telephone pole."