



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Weekly Diary

Monday 8th May

No Mass

Tuesday 9th May

7.00pm Mass

Wednesday 10th May

9.00am Mass

Thursday 11th May

9.00am Mass

Friday 12th May

9.00am Mass

9.30am Exposition

Saturday 13th May

4.00pm-4.30pm - Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

Sunday 14th May

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7th May, 2017

As far as intelligence is concerned, sheep do not have a good reputation. Slow, sluggish, conformist are characteristics usually applied to them but a recent scientific study shows that they are not quite as stupid as has been assumed. This study found that they have extraordinary memories, especially for those who look after them. Even after two years absence, they remembered the farmer who had fed and cared for them. Maybe this is the characteristic Jesus was drawing on when he used the imagery of the shepherd. In the story of the 'Man Born Blind', we see the religious authorities acting in a way that was solely concerned with their own good. In contrast, we see Jesus acting for the good of the man. The man himself, through the story, learns to sift through his own experience and ultimately, he not only recognises that Jesus is the one who truly cares for him, he 'sees' who Jesus truly is and worships him.

We, too, need to sift through the experiences of our lives to recognise where goodness has been at work. We live in a society where plenty of people tell us what to do. For example, we are constantly being told what we should or shouldn't eat. Many years ago a wise doctor told me to listen to my own body - it will tell me what is good for it - but that takes sensitivity, attentiveness and discipline. In some ways it is easier to 'cop out' and follow what others tell me even though I know that is not the way to health.

One of the challenges of life is to learn to discern what is good for us and to embrace it. So many voices come at us asserting what we 'should' do. Jesus refers to himself as the *Good Shepherd* as 'goodness' itself is the tool by which we judge aright. We have been created in goodness, each with a unique set of characteristics, gifts and talents. These we should recognise and embrace as it is upon these that our path to a rich life will be built. Throughout life, we have various experiences some resulting in good, some not. Being attentive to what happens and what effect it has on us, will attune us to the voice of God calling us to fullness of life. *Sr Kym Harris osb*

The word of God provides us with such a wealth of images that sometimes they seem to collide with one another. In Eastertide, for example, Jesus is both lamb and shepherd. Only last week the author of 1 Peter wrote of Jesus as a lamb whose blood had won our salvation; in today's passage he describes Jesus as "the shepherd and guardian of our souls." This play of images is meant to inspire, not confuse, us. They allow us to inhabit the mystery and find our home in it.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 9th May at 9.30am: Craft Group
Wed. 10th May at 7.30pm: Finance Committee meeting
Thursday 11th May at 4.30pm: St Vincent de Paul meeting
Friday 12th May at 6.15pm: CFC Group

Marian Valley Canungra - All are invited to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia, at Marian Valley, Canungra on **Saturday 20th May 2017** commencing 10am with Exposition, Rosary, Confession, Holy Mass (lunch available). Eucharistic Procession and Divine Mercy Chaplet - Mass Celebrant: Most Rev Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane. For those not wishing to drive a bus will leave **8.00am French Street, Booval** and **8.10am Tessman Street, Riverview**. Fare \$20 - bookings and info Anne 3282 0321 or Pam 3288 4594.

Women's Weekend Silent Retreat - *Dancing with the Divine*

Hosted by Dragonfly Ministries. Facilitated by Sue Thomas. Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston – single, ensuited rooms. All resources, meals and linen provided.

6.00pm Friday 16th June to 3.00pm Sunday 18th June 2017.

Cost: \$350 (\$320 concession)

Enquiries: grace@dragonflyministries.net.au



Reach out. Give life.

**We invite you to pray for, or consider registering to attend,
Mission: One Heart, Many Voices**

<http://mohmv.com.au/2017conference/>

The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. This is because, every year, the gospel reading is on this theme. It is fitting that a gospel passage in which we hear Jesus declare: "I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full" not only celebrates His presence in our lives as the Good Shepherd but is also the theme for Catholic Mission's annual Propagation of the Faith appeal. As the official agency for Mission and Evangelisation, we help those who shepherd the flock, in more than 1100 dioceses, across 160 countries, including Australia. But Catholic Mission also has a part to play in helping each of us take on the role of shepherd, through empowering, equipping and enabling. This is what the *Mission: One Heart, Many Voices* conference will be all about on May 15-17: helping those who attend become a 'gate', through which they can lead others to a fuller life, in the same way Jesus modelled for his disciples. Please pray for the success of this event.

David McGovern, Director, Brisbane Archdiocese

A VOCATION VIEW - This is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. "The harvest is great but the labourers are few. Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers into the Harvest." The Church needs labourers. International Sunday of Vocations.



PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS - Our meeting held last Tuesday was mainly an introductory session where all members gave a brief outline about their personal background. Also members received information about the workings of the Finance Committee.

St Mary's Parish Historical Society will be conducting tours of St. Mary's Church as part of the National Trust Heritage Festival, on Sunday 7th May, beginning at Noon and finishing at 4.00pm. Admission, gold coin donation. Please come and have a look at our wonderful church and maybe find out something of its history.

Centenary of St Joseph's School Corinda

– **Saturday 27 May 2017** - Past pupils,

parents, staff and the present communi-

ty are invited to join in celebrating this event. The day begins with Mass at 10:30am followed by festivities in the school grounds: food vans, rides, open classrooms, memorabilia, entertainment by past and present students.



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INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

*"Be still and know
that I am God"*



A four week course will be held at the Church of the Resurrection, 30 Ridley Road, Bridgeman Downs on **Thursday afternoons 4 – 25 May at 1.00pm – 2.30pm. (In the Church).**

This course provides an opportunity for those interested in finding out about Christian Meditation to experience the practice in a small group, to learn about its origins, and to discover its relevance as a form of prayer for the contemporary world. For more information contact Johanna Lawrence, School Coordinator, Australian Christian Meditation Community Qld. Email johanna1@optusnet.com.au or phone 0432 327 666. It would be appreciated if you could email or ring/text to let me know if you are thinking of coming. Thank you.

"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...' ACTS 2:38



The word "repent" means to turn from sin, to change our actions. When it comes to change, do we take responsibility for change or do we think that others have to change instead? Change that is permanent comes from within, we must take control and be disciplined. Remember though that we are not alone, Jesus is there to help lighten the load.

Time for a Smile - Entrance into Heaven:

A Capuchin dies and goes to heaven, humbly knocks on the door, and is let in without any fanfare. One day, a long time later, he notices lots of commotion. Flowers are arranged, all the candles are lit, and a red carpet is rolled out. He asks an angel what's going on, and is told that they are preparing to welcome a Jesuit into heaven.

Perplexed, he asks St Peter, "I always thought there would be justice and equality in heaven, with no one receiving preferential treatment. Why are you going to such great lengths to welcome a Jesuit, whereas you hardly took any notice of me when I arrived?" St Peter tells him in reply, "Don't you see? Another Capuchin enters heaven almost every week, but you can't imagine how long it's been since we welcomed the last Jesuit up here!"