



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Weekly Diary

Monday 8th October

9.00am Mass

Tuesday 9th October

No Mass

Wednesday 10th October

6.00pm Mass

Thursday 11th October

9.00am Mass

Friday 12th October

9.00am Mass

9.30am Exposition

Saturday 13th October

4.00pm-4.30pm - Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

Sunday 14th October

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.30am Rosary - Riverview

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.

Rosary will be recited half an hour before week day mass during the month of October

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 6th/7th October, 2018

This is not an easy Gospel to write on. Many hearing or reading it could think that it does not apply to them as they are widowed, unmarried, celibate, rejected, deserted or even divorced. That is quite a swathe of people. But it still does speak to us, to all of us. It tells us that long-term loving relationships are integral to our development as persons.

I recently watched the movie *The Way* and while it received rave reviews I was profoundly disappointed with the ending. While the central character Tom did need to learn to embrace life and allow it to form him, I question whether becoming a traveller of the world would actually bring him to a rich deep life – who would he love? Who would challenge and form him radically on a daily basis? For it is in the deep bonds of love that we are formed as persons. And, as antithetical as this is to the popular notion of romance, this usually happens in ordinary mundane situations devoid of glamour or excitement.

The Bridges of Madison County is a movie with a very different ending. Romance here does not trump everything. It is not the high road to self-fulfilment justifying abandonment. After her four day affair, Francesca is profoundly tempted to abandon her family and leave with Robert, the lover who has brought her so much joy. But she does not because her husband, her boring husband, is a good man and doesn't deserve this. And what would it teach her 16 year-old daughter about love? After her death, her children discover the true stature of the woman who was their mother.

Harriet Goldher Lerner in her book *The Dance of Anger* gives a definition of 'intimacy': maintaining a relationship over the long haul. As we do that, our strengths and weaknesses are revealed, as are those of the other in the relationship. In dealing with each other, we necessarily change. As we chose to grow in love, we are transformed. As we chose to remain in that delicate and difficult dance, we will discover that we have entered into the Kingdom of God.

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CONGRATULATIONS to the following couples who are celebrating significant Wedding Anniversaries this year and are joining us at the 5pm mass this Saturday - Alan & Gwyn Hendy (60), Cliff & Leila Ryan (60), Wally & Trish Gibson (56), Michael & Lynne Connors (49) and Pamela & Ferdinand Sarmiento (20). Supper will be served in front of the Parish Centre following the mass so please join these couples on this special occasion.



You are invited to join Our Lady of Perpetual Help Riverview Community to pray the Rosary this Sunday 7th October at 3pm.

DIARY DATES



Tuesday 9th October - 9.30am: Craft Group

Wednesday 10th October - 7.00pm:-

Combined Pastoral Council & Finance Committee meeting

Friday 12th October - 6.15pm - CFC Group

The last **MEN'S BREAKFAST** for the year will be held on **Saturday 20th October between 7am and 9am**. Guest speaker will be Rob Amedee. Cost \$5.00. Please bring your own bowl, plate, cup/mug, knife, fork & spoon.



If you would like to come please put your name on the sheet in the foyer of the Church or phone the Parish Office on 3282 1888. For further information please phone Martin Smith 0421 525 232.



Saint Mary's Garden Party will be held on **Saturday 13th October 2018 at 10am-2pm**.

Address: 129 Wildey Street, Raceview. There will be entertainment throughout the morning. Enjoy a Devonshire Tea and visit our several stalls that will be operating, this includes Residents stalls, cakes and sweet stalls, trash

and treasure, entertainment, hamburgers. Donations of baked goods are welcome. All baked goods must be labelled with all ingredients, and if they have been frozen please include the letter "f" on the label.

"So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name."

GENESIS 2:19

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations build our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

A VOCATION VIEW: The Christian Vocation has expression through marriage, single life, priesthood and consecrated life. Our call to holiness is to answer God's call to build the Kingdom of God. 'Let the little children come to me; ... for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs.'

Time for a Smile: -



One night, while we were out for supper at a Mediterranean restaurant, my sister-in-law had a question about one of the appetizers. When the server showed up to take our order, she asked, "Where do you get your mussels?"

The young waitress blushed, looked sheepishly at her biceps and quietly answered, "Cross-training?"



Queensland Community Alliance - Project Launch 3 May 2017 where the Minister for Health Cameron Dick formally announced funding for the WM MH Collective Impact Project at the Ipswich Club (over \$250,000). Over 25 organisations committed to the project which has helped to improve the lives of people living with mental illness and suicide. The project is still running with funding coming to an end. Discussions are currently underway with a view to building on the good work that has been done so far. All those involved should be proud in this achievement which highlights what can be achieved when the community works together.

Members of the Ipswich Catholic Community, Uniting Churches of Ipswich, other local churches, local Amnesty International, local union delegates and members of community as part of the **Queensland Community Alliance** invite the people of Ipswich and surrounds to come and share your stories about the pressures facing us and our families around this area. This is part of the process towards acting collectively for our community. Please come and take part in this important event and share local issues and pressures with a view to taking action and making a real difference in our community.

Please note: **5pm for 5:30pm** start

WHEN: October 11, 2018 at 5pm - 7pm

WHERE: Redbank Plains Community Centre

180 School Rd, Redbank Plains, QLD 4301

For further information please contact

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WALTZING MATILDAS - Next trip **Tuesday 16th October** going to Larsen's Bulbs Nursery (Hippeastrum place and other bulbs) and lunch at Plainlands Hotel. Leaving Parish Centre 8am. Bookings and cancellations Anne Hall 0408 773 734.

Reflected Love - a Weekend Silent Women's Retreat

Encounter with God is an encounter with Love. It is enveloping "If I can but touch his cloak". It is transforming. We have been sealed with God's love. This weekend retreat is an opportunity to sink into the enveloping love of God, and to explore how that same love is reflected in each one of us.

A weekend of shared silence in community with others who seek encounter with God. Draw away from the rest of life for a short time and walk gently, slowly and with purpose, knowing that you are held within a supported and compassionate community of women.

Facilitated by Grace Harwood of Dragonfly Ministries

Friday 7 December 2018 to Sunday 9 December 2018 at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston

Enquiries to: grace@dragonflyministries.net.au or 0409 524 283. Registrations close **23 November**

Share your story, your voice is needed.

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