



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Weekly Diary

Monday 10th April

No Mass

Tuesday 11th April

7.00pm Mass

Wednesday 12th April

9.00am Mass

7.30pm Tenebrae

Thursday 13th April

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 14th April

10.30am Stations of the Cross (Amare Centre)

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday 15th April

6.00pm Easter Vigil Mass - Booval

Sunday 16th April

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7.00am Mass - Booval

8.15am Mass - Riverview

9.30am No Mass - Booval

Marriages by appointment - at least six months notice is required.

Baptisms by appointment.

PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD 9th April, 2017

When something got broken in our family, Dad would call out: 'who did this?' And then there would be a chorus of 'I didn't' coming from the various parts of the house. This frustrated him as he didn't want to know who didn't do it but who did. Only when someone accepted responsibility could the issue be dealt with. Thus it ever has been with humans.

Thus it is in Matthew's account of the Passion: running through the story is the confronting question of responsibility. What can seem like the lowest point, the crowd screaming for blood, is an integral part of God's plan. The screaming, murderous, manipulated crowd got one thing right – they accepted responsibility for what they were doing: 'Let his blood be upon us and upon our children,' they cry. Unknowingly they accepted their part in the drama of God's covenant for dealing with sin. In contrast, those who coldly and calculatingly brought about Jesus' death showed, by some minor action in which they sought to absolve themselves, that they knew the evil they were doing: Judas by returning the money, the Pharisees by not defiling the Temple with that money, Pilate by washing his hands. Even after Jesus' death the scheming evasions went on, with the Pharisees and Pilate sealing the tomb.

What about us? We have an antiphon in our community prayer that sums up the attitude we should take. 'We have sinned, we have acted perversely, but now we turn to you with all our hearts.' As we enter Holy Week, as we go to kiss the cross on Good Friday, let us face our weakness, sinfulness, yes, even our perversity, and offer them to Jesus, knowing that he knows how to deal with them. As we turn with all our hearts, we know that God is there waiting to embrace us with the riches of forgiveness, love and grace. *Sr Kym Harris osb*

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS - The Pastoral Council met last Tuesday with our six newly appointed councillors bringing our member numbers to ten. We would like to announce that Mike Wilkinson has accepted the role of Chairperson with Rob Amedee accepting the Deputy Chair position and Cathy Peacock staying on as Secretary. Our other council members are Kev Buchanan, Finn Conway, Leanne Cook, Sita Faoa-Harris, Yvonne Folan, Angela Ryan and Martin Smith. We would like to thank Sr Kari for coming along to our first gathering and greatly appreciated her guidance and support during this process. The next Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd May at 7.30pm.



Holy Week & Easter Ceremonies - Timetable

[All ceremonies will be held at Booval]

HOLY THURSDAY - 13th April

7.30pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY - 14th April

10.30am – Stations of the Cross [Amare Centre – School Hall]

3.00pm – Passion of the Lord

HOLY SATURDAY - 15th April

6.00pm – Vigil of Easter and Mass of the Resurrection

EASTER SUNDAY - 16th April

7.00am – Mass of the Resurrection

8.15am – Mass of the Resurrection [Riverview]

There will be no Mass celebrated in the Ipswich area on Easter Sunday evening.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 11th April at 9.30am: Craft Group



CHOIR PRACTICE for Easter this Monday 10th April at 7.30pm. Anyone is most welcome to come along and join us to prepare for Easter.

FOLAN FAMILY GROUP - BBQ lunch this Sunday 9th April at 11.30am.



6th Sunday of Lent

PROJECT
COMPASSION

Participation in the Integrated Community Development Program has offered Aloma a leading role in helping her vulnerable community prepare for extreme weather events and work together to protect their environment.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help vulnerable communities in the Philippines learn how to work together to care for their common home, creating a more secure future for their children.

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

LITTLE WHITE BOOKS are now available at the front of the Church for \$3.50 each. Please place money in envelopes provided. Thank you.

ST PAULS HOLY WEEK MISSAL - This missal for Holy Week is available in the foyer of the Church. Cost \$5.00. Please place payment in the envelopes provided.

'Look, your king comes to you; he is humble, he rides on a donkey and on a colt the foal of a beast of burden. Matthew 21:5



Time for a Smile - An Augustinian, a Franciscan, and a Jesuit all die and get to heaven. Jesus asks each one, "If you could go back, what would you change?"

The Augustinian ponders a while and says, "There's so much sin in the world. If I went back, I'd try and stop people from sinning so much."

The Franciscan thinks a bit and says, "There's so much poverty in the world. If I went back, I'd try and get people to share more of their wealth with the poor."

The Jesuit looks at Jesus and quickly replies, "If I went back, I'd change my doctor."



TENEBRAE - This Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. The word 'Tenebrae' means 'darkness'. The prayer follows a pattern of several sets of short readings, reflections and silences. After each set, a candle is extinguished, reminding us of the darkness that covered the earth when Jesus died on the cross. The prayer ends in silence as people leave quietly.

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS 10.30am Any teenagers or young adults who would like to participate in the tableau for the stations on Good Friday are welcome to come along about 9.45am on Good Friday in the Amare Centre to organise our roles. Please wear black clothing. To indicate your interest please contact Donna at the Parish Centre on 3282 1888.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY

This will commence at 10.30am in the Amare Centre (School Hall). It is an opportunity for us to pray together as we remember the death of Jesus. You are most welcome to join us for a cuppa after the stations.



HOLY SATURDAY CELEBRATION

Everyone is invited to attend a small celebration at the Parish Centre after the Easter Vigil. Please bring a plate to share.

REPORT FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL Booval-Riverview Conference for the three months ended 31st March 2017. Our members attend 168 home visits comprising some 240 adults and 262 children with food vouchers amounting to \$12,698 and in kind assistance of \$7195 totalling some \$19,893.

Looking for past St Mary's Youth Group (SMYG) - Members in the 1970's which was overseen by Fr Paul Rooney. A reunion has been planned for the 15th July. Anyone interested in attending can contact Patricia Lennon (nee Ainslie) on 0423 165 741 or Doris Galea on 0423 937 404.

ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES

The 2017 One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies is scheduled for 5, 6 and 7 May. Persons participating in this multinational pro-life prayer event will pray at least one Rosary for an end to abortion. For details go to:

<http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org/>

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." MATTHEW 27:32



The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbour. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbour and help him "carry his cross". These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

A VOCATION VIEW - Today's world is so filled with suffering, injustice, anger, depression and loneliness that it cries for people waving palm branches of hope and resurrection, proclaiming new life.