



BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH



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Weekly Diary

Monday 10th September

9.00am Mass

Tuesday 11th September

No Mass

Wednesday 12th September

6.00pm Mass

Thursday 13th September

9.00am Mass - Anointing Mass

Friday 14th September

9.00am Mass

9.30am Exposition

Saturday 15th September

4.00pm-4.30pm - Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Booval

Sunday 16th September

Twenty-Fourth 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.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9th September, 2018

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Sight is one of the greatest blessings that we enjoy. Since we are able to see from our birth we do not appreciate its value. In Today's first reading Isaiah reminds Israelites that when God leads his people home, He will work miracles on behalf of those who need it most: blind, deaf, lame and mute persons. Today's gospel tells us how Jesus, by healing a deaf and mute man, fulfils Isaiah's Messianic prophecy, "The eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped."

The ailments listed by Isaiah are symbolic of our interior illnesses: blindness to the needs of our neighbour. When we apply the miracle of Jesus symbolically to our generation, we are the blind people who need to be touched by Jesus to open our eyes. We remain blind to the needs of our brothers; we remain blind to the injustice around us; we remain blind to the violation of human rights; we remain blind to the persecution of women and children. When we are blessed with everything we take things for granted. The most powerful thing is that we are alive. We are capable of changing ourselves; we are capable of changing our situation; we are capable of changing the lives of the people who come into contact with us. That is what Jesus did. Seeing his actions people commented, "**He has done all things well.**" But the question is, "**are we prepared to do so?**" we are not. Because life has no urgency for us. Jesus knew that he had not much time left. He had a lot of work to be completed. That sense of urgency made him work even without any rest. We take things for granted and assume that we have a lot of time to begin our work. We hear about people who die in accidents; we hear about people who go to bed and never get up; we hear about people who sit for breakfast but never leave the table. These everyday experiences compel us to take life seriously. If we want to do something it requires to be done today, and now. If we postpone we may not get a chance to do it again. Jesus is waiting willingly to cure our blindness and our deafness, by giving his Spirit. Accept our mission to be at the service of our brothers and sisters.

May God bless you.

Fr. Joji



This weekend we warmly welcome
Prep & Year 4 students and their families
who will be joining with us at the 9.00am mass.
There will be a sausage sizzle and cuppa after mass
over in front of the Parish Centre.



PARISH PICNIC - Come and join our wonderful community for a fun day at our Parish Picnic to be held on **Sunday 16th September at 11.30am** at Sacred Heart Parish. An Alfresco Picnic Lunch will be provided by the Parish for a gold coin donation. BYO drinks [tea & coffee provided] and desserts to share. For catering purposes could you please put your name on the sheet in the foyer of the church indicating the number attending.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 11th Sept. - 9.30am: Craft Group
Wednesday 12th Sept. - Finance meeting



ANOINTING MASS this **Thursday 13th September**
 at **9.00am** followed by morning tea.
 Please bring a plate to share.

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS - Are you celebrating your 10th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th etc. Anniversary of Marriage this year. We would like to invite you and your family to the **5pm mass on Saturday 6th October** to join with the parish in celebrating your special occasion. Please phone the Parish Office on 3282 1888 if you would like to be part of this celebration. Parishioners are asked to bring a plate to share.



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.

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" JAMES 2:5

What Is more important - being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first in all things and realize that material things really don't matter and that it's more important to share with those who have less.

A VOCATION VIEW: Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom? Chosen to be rich in faith. So take heart, be not afraid, consider your part in God's Kingdom.

Time for a Smile:



Book Him - When I returned a recipe book to my local library, the librarian noticed there was water damage to the book and asked me to pay for it. I agreed, but as I wasn't carrying any money, I said I would pay next time I was in.

There was a different librarian on duty the next day when I dropped by with the money. She swiped my library card and my account came up on the computer screen.

In the "notes" section, it read: "Customer says he'll hand in the \$20 next time, but I don't think he will."

Our Church, our community. Doing good.

This weekend our parish is holding a special collection for the **Annual Catholic Campaign**, in support of the vital ministries in our Church.



It's the one time a year that all of the parishes in the Archdiocese pull together to help build these good works of our Church and local community.

Please consider a thoughtful gift.

It will be the answer to someone's prayer.



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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

IN THIS WEEK'S CATHOLIC LEADER

- * Record numbers march down Brisbane City to protest Labor's "extreme" abortion bill
- * Professor Greg Craven has deep concerns for the future of child sex abuse victims.
- * Australia's bishops and religious vow never to repeat shocking betrayals
- * Parish community aim to keep St Columba's Church in Wilston standing for another 100 years.
- * Passionist Family Groups celebrate their 35th Anniversary
- * Dad's keep growing faith in fatherhood
- * Fr Harry Bliss laid to rest
- * Kindness is keeping watch on the birds and the sacredness of every life

PLUS: A regional focus on Northern NSW