



All Saints' Boonah
Boonah

St. John's Peak Crossing
Peak Crossing

Sacred Heart
Harrisville

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Anointing of the sick and Holy Mass
First Wednesday of every month at the Fassifern Retirement Village

Sacrament of Penance
Sat 5pm Boonah or on request.

Hospital and Home Visitation:
Please notify the Priest of family illness.

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting:
3rd Monday of each month
1pm SVdP Family Support Centre
High Street, Boonah
Ph: Kathryn 0437 989 880 or 5463 4180

Rosary Makers and Friends:
Meets 10am Parish Hall on the first Monday every 2 months
Ph: Marcia 5463 1287

Meditation & Prayer Group for Peak-Harrisville:
Ph: Lesley 5467 2314

Piety Stall:
Margaret Toohill
Ph: 5463 8126

Divine Will Prayer Group
Every 2nd Wednesday 10am
Phone Mary Wittman 5463 1102

Marian Movement of Priests
Every Wednesday after Mass.

Our Lady of Fatima
1st Saturday Devotion
After Mass

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16th - 17th 2019

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The crowded agenda at the recent Parish Pastoral council meeting indicated a busy year ahead for our parish. Not only are we about to prepare a response to next year's Plenary Council but we are also pressing ahead at full steam with the Arise Youth Group.

- Fr. Nicholas commented on his recent visit home to Nigeria. His mother's 70th birthday celebration was a huge success with over 500 guests attending. Fr. Nicholas also thanked the community for their efforts in helping run the parish while he was away.
- Faith formation has started on **Wednesdays at 10am**. Fr. Nicholas plans to start with the sacraments and he also intends to include some of the Lenten program.
- The launch of the Arise Youth Group was a huge success. Unfortunately, Michelle Shiels is unable to continue with the group and so, Ann Artesi and a small band of assistants are now taking responsibility of running the Sunday activities. The group has been successful in gaining a \$10,078.00 grant from the Archdiocese and this will help pay for a data projector for the parish hall. Helpers are wanted to assist with food preparation on Sundays.
- John commented that the area around the piety stall has been cleaned and the religious items have been stored in the cabinets. The parish is now looking for a number of volunteers who could be rostered on to display and sell the various items after Mass. Helena Lagas has volunteered to help out.
- In preparation for the **Plenary Council 2020**, the parish will gather together in order to prepare a submission. Fr. Nicholas will consult with the archdiocese regarding a facilitator who will run the meeting. It is planned to gather before Ash Wednesday. In the meantime, parishioners are encouraged to go online to learn more about the gathering and to send a submission.

The web site is as follows:

plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/

- There are still vacancies for parish committees. Leslie Winks and Dennis Dwyer have been added to the Properties and Maintenance committee. These committees will be displayed in each church.
- The annual pilgrimage to Marian Valley will take place on **Saturday March 23rd**. More details to follow.
- There are two Lenten groups operating this year at Harrisville/Peak Crossing and Fr. Nicholas is planning to include some of this material in the Wednesday faith formation program at Boonah. There is still time to join any of the groups.

God bless,

John Nunan

There will be no Sacrament of Penance at 5pm next Saturday because I will be going for a meeting that day and will only come back for 6pm Mass. Thank you.

We have invited Evangelization Brisbane Office to our parish to facilitate a Listening Session for the forthcoming Plenary Council 2020. It will take place on Monday 4th March at the Boonah Parish Hall. Time is 6pm. Every parishioner is invited; Catholics (Active and lapsed), teachers, parents etc. This is a great opportunity for us to make ourselves heard on the way forward for the Church in Australia. Come one, come all!

Lenten Discussion Group: At this stage we have two Lenten Groups at Peak Crossing/Harrisville (Morning and Evening Sessions) and one at Boonah. The one at Boonah will be every Wednesday at the Parish Hall at 10am before Faith Formation Class. For the Peak Crossing/Harrisville People, please contact any of this phone numbers: 0754672400, 0427240245.

One of the things we said we will start this year is an anointing Mass (Mass for the sick). They will be every First Friday of the Month at 9:30am at All Saints' Boonah. The first one will be on Friday 1st March 2019.

Position Vacant – Youth Ministry Coordinator

Applications are open for a position of Youth Ministry Coordinator at the Rochedale Parish. This position is for 2 years for 10 hours a week.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

Applications close – 15th March 2019

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.

Women's Reflection Day 9am – 2.30pm Saturday 2nd March, Mater Dei Church, Sadliers Crossing.

This day is open to women in the Ipswich and surrounding areas, to take a day apart in reflective silence, and prepare for the Lenten Journey. As we explore Mary, Mother of Mercy, our eyes and hearts are opened to the path we are invited to journey as Disciples of Christ.

Saturday 2nd March. 9am – 2.30pm. Please bring your own lunch, pen and paper, and your bible. Morning Tea supplied. There is no cost for this day. A donation is invited to cover the cost of resources.

Facilitated by Sue Thomas and Donna Conway. Sue works in the wider community as a Spiritual Director and Retreat Facilitator, and has worked in lay ministry for 15 years. Donna Conway is Pastoral Ministry Coordinator, Booval Parish, and has vast experience in companioning people on the faith journey.

For further information and to RSVP please contact Sue by Tuesday 26th February email sue@suethomas.net.au or 0428597264.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm.

They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

Readings for this Sunday

Jer 17:5-8

Psalm Response

Happy are they who hope in the Lord

1 Cor 15:12,16-20

Lk 6:17,20-26



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Faith Formation

Answering Your Questions about Our Faith

On Wednesday this week (13 Feb) Fr Nicholas held the first of his talks on Faith Formation in the Parish Hall. This is a series of talks every week on different aspects of our Faith, with the opportunity for everyone to ask questions about anything that they're not sure of.

This week was about the Sacraments: What are they and why are they so important to us? The old catechism tells us that a Sacrament is 'an outward sign of an inward grace'. God uses material things and human actions to give us His grace, and to help us recognise and understand the spiritual reality of the Divine that is taking place beneath the external signs.

The first and complete Sacrament is Jesus Christ, who is the Sacrament of God. Jesus is the physical human manifestation of God in our world, the Word who "became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14), someone who could be heard, seen and touched (1 John 1:1). The Church is the Sacrament of Jesus, the continuing presence of Christ in the world, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit; and as members of the Church, we witness to Christ.

Seven Sacraments are recognised and practised in the Catholic Church:

- a) Baptism and Confirmation - unique rites of Christian initiation, can only be given once.
- b) Penance and Holy Eucharist - continuing rites, the proper minister is an ordained priest.
- c) Matrimony and Ordination - rite of vocation with an indelible 'character', only given once.
- d) Anointing of the Sick - special rite of healing for Christians who are sick or close to dying.

It is necessary to have a recognised Christian Baptism to receive all the other Sacraments.

Every Sacrament has two components: (i) Matter, and (ii) Form, and its proper minister, who is usually (but not always) an ordained priest. If an ordained minister (Bishop, Priest or Deacon) is not available, especially in matters of urgency and death, Baptism can be administered by any Christian using the correct 'matter' (water) and 'form' (words: "I baptise you in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit"); and matrimony is administered by the couple. Only a priest can consecrate the Eucharist but lay persons can be delegated to distribute it.

The power and efficacy of a Sacrament comes from God, and does not depend on the worthiness and dispositions of the minister - even an unworthy minister can administer a valid Sacrament, because the Church supplies what is lacking. Some Sacraments require the recipient to be in a state of grace (Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, Matrimony, Ordination), and others are directed to bestowing or restoring a state of grace (Baptism, Penance). The Sacrament of Penance is an important means of restoring our spiritual life and health.

There are some challenges for administering the Sacraments, especially Holy Eucharist. Sometimes visitors to the church may not understand the significance of the Sacrament and may approach it in a casual or disrespectful manner, not knowing what to do (they can ask for a blessing). Some Catholics who have been absent for some time may expect to receive Holy Communion without fully considering their own state of grace. The Church always welcomes its members, but it also wants to restore the life of grace in each person.

One question is whether a person must be baptised. The answer is yes. But people who are not Baptised, through no fault of their own, but live good and loving lives, seeking the truth and suffering injustice patiently, are 'Anonymous Christians', who follow the pattern of Christ and can hope for mercy from a loving God and Father of all mankind.

Please come to the next 'Faith Formation' on Wed 20 Feb at 10am in the Parish Hall. We are advised to purchase this book "Path Through Scripture: New Interactive Edition by Mark Link, SJ for our Scripture Studies.

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Monday (February 18)

Weekday, Ordinary Time 6
Gen 4:1-15, 25 • Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday (February 19)

Weekday, Ordinary Time 6
Gen 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10 • Mk
8:14-21

Wednesday (February 20)

Weekday, Ordinary Time 6
Gen 8:6-13, 20-22 • Mk
8:22-26

Thursday (February 21)

Weekday, Ordinary Time 6
Gen 9:1-13 • Mk 8:27-33

Friday (February 22)

The Chair of St Peter, apostle
1 Pet 5:1-4 • Mt 16:13-19

Saturday (February 23)

St Polycarp, bishop, martyr
Heb 11:1-7 • Mk 9:2-13

Sunday (February 24)

7th Sunday in ORDINARY
TIME
1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-
23

Training Day on Discernment**with Ken Barker**

on Saturday 23 February 2019

at CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate

Program:

- 9.30am Morning tea
- 10.00am P&W
- 10.30am Session 1
- 12.00pm Lunch
- 1.00pm P&W
- 1.30pm Session 2
- 3.00pm Afternoon tea
- 3.30pm Session 3
- 5.00pm Finish



Topics will cover summary of the rules of discernment, making decisions in life, communal discernment.

Cost: donation to cover expenses**Catering:** BYO lunch; morning and afternoon tea provided.**Contact:** secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au or 3103 2400**Mass Times for February 18 – February 24***Mass Times – Tues, Wed, Sat 8am / Thurs 5:30pm / Fri 9:30am***Sat 23rd Feb****6pm Boonah****Sun 24th Feb****7:30am Peak Crossing****Sun 24th Feb****9.30am Boonah**

Date	Readers	Offertory	Comm. Ministers	Counters	Welcome Roster
16/02/19	M Neuendorf H Dwyer	Lehmann Family	M Wimmer M Zurvas		
17/02/19	D Judge S Webber	Toohill Family	J Nunan L Nunan	T O'Neill C O'Neill	Frank & Lynn Reid
23/02/19	J Greatrex C Rebelo	Lehmann Family	M Wimmer M Zurvas		
24/02/19	H Lagas K Barrett	Rasmussen Family	J Gilloway R Dort	K Salway P Merlehan	Frank & Lynn Reid

Last week's collections:**Collections** \$ 1411.35**Direct Debit** \$ 245.00**Total** \$ 1656.35**May God bless and reward you.****Thankyou to everyone for your generosity.****PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:**

The sick: Fr.Ellis Clifford, Chris Healy, Bill Castley, Paul White, Thyrlene Devin, Bridget Muller, Liliana Toohill, Libby Shields, Jonathon Hancock, Pio Artesi, Marko Babic, Dermot Peters, Max Gardiner, Nicole Wimmer, Rosemary Cranley, Kathy Pascoe, Diane Heggie, Bernice Lippiatt, Pam Gill

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