

Lakeside Bulletin



**The weekly Bulletin of the Catholic Parishes of
Boolaroo, Warners Bay and Booragul**

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We acknowledge the Awabakal people - the traditional custodians of this place

SUNDAY 21st April 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B

Dear Parish Family,

This week has been full of turmoil in our media. Take time however to turn off some of it. Whilst it is good to be informed and for us as Christians to know what we need to respond too in action and in prayer some of it is just too much. Played over and over way too much! *If the world ends someone will tell me if I happen not to be watching the news when it occurs.*

I was listening to some of the interviews in the street post the Bondi critical incident. One mum holding a small baby did say it made her stop and think just how precious life is and like many mums she said, she was hugging her baby a lot more often and just a little closer. I suspect parents of every age particularly were holding their kids a tad more tightly and watching them a little more closely.

We do get reminders occasionally about making sure that the people we care most about know just how much they are loved. Life at the end can be full of regrets, many of which were and are beyond our control. Saying to someone that they are loved shouldn't be one of them. Sometimes family members get estranged from each other and as time goes by forget exactly what caused it. Not taking the time to forgive or be forgiven shouldn't be one of them either. After death too late to say the words, we should say when people are alive.

I knew two cousins in New Norfolk who lived next door to each other for most of their adult lives and for most of it hadn't spoken to each other. Same surname and almost the same first name. One had gone so far as to add another T to his last name, Cyril and Cedric. It seems they had an issue with the price of a car or maybe over a relationship, or maybe a slight given at the pub – they and others couldn't agree on the cause and now in their 80s were still not speaking.

Hurts run deep. You know though we get hurt sometimes over what feels like a magnitude 8 or 9 and to the one hurt intense. Sometimes the other hardly noticing. We feel the hurt for a long time even when we are not so clear on the cause as time goes by. With the two cousins, one carried the wound and one got on with his life hardly noticing and not remembering. A few timely sincere words could well have healed their relationship.

As that mum said life is precious – our loved ones are precious. I think that every time there is legislation before the parliament to shorten or end life whether from the womb or before the tomb. We have to keep reminding those around us of that reality. One way is to tell our loved ones they are loved no matter what. We stand together in solidarity in our good times and our bad, in our sickness and our health, for richer and for poorer. The marriage vows are drawn from a much deeper faith base than we sometimes give them credit. Not taken lightly at the wedding they shouldn't be taken lightly by any of us throughout our Christian life.

Go home this week and hug someone you love, ring someone you love you haven't spoken too for a while, forgive someone who needs it and remember as you do just how precious their life and your life is.

Best wishes,

Greg

Parish Priest

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased: Paul White & Philomena O'Neill
Anniversaries: All the family members who have anniversaries at this time.
We remember and pray for those who are ill at home and in hospital at this time, may they know the healing presence of Christ: Toni Harkin, Jo Turner, Arian Hampton, Leila Grew, Nick Gibson, Barry Maggs, James Grew, Greg Adam, Allan Baxter, Bayly Turner, John Evans, Pam Mason, Winston Aslin, Maria Terwkar, Steve Barnett, Kristie Porters, Narelle Lackenby, Reuben Neilson, Kath Cromie, Helen Sligar, Terry Clancy, Veronica Clipsham, Leslie Henry, Craig Flanagan, Andrew Regan, Eileen Brooks, Janusz Prudzienica, Barbara Ryan, Vince Abdilla, Helen Ryan, Rianna MacKaway, Aileen McEwen, Pat Tobin, Paul Tobin, Patrick Perkins, Dallas Green, Alan Watson, Margaret Ryan, Alison Kris, Mark Caesar, Kris, Sylvester, Stuart Shepherd, Rod Milligan, John Kenny, Alice Vayne, Peter Reynolds, Barbara Ryan, Marie Jones and John Osborne.

*Please ring the parish office if you wish to add your loved ones to the sick list and also **to be taken off the list once they are well.***

Clergy (1st Collection):

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BAPTISM

This weekend we will witness the baptism of

**Kyan Paul Van der Velde
Landon Kris Van der Velde
Kingsley Milan Babic**

May the gift of baptism they receive strengthen them for the journey of life and faith they will share with us.
Please remember the Babic family in your prayers.

Dear Friends,

Visiting the sick along with extraordinary communion ministers helps me a lot to learn things in a better way. In particular, they taught me a lesson on how I should act prudently in distributing communion to the person. Visiting the sick in different nursing homes and in their homes helps me cultivate the virtue of kindness and patience, which is more important for my future life to exercise my ministry successfully. I am touched by their faith every time I visited them.

On 9 April, I went to C.A. Brown Nursing Home with one of the communion ministers. It was a remarkable experience for me to visit that nursing home. Their desire to receive the body of Christ Jesus made me think about my own faith. Similarly, that helped me to strengthen my faith more and more in Jesus Christ. When people spoke about their personal prayer life, I was reminded of my connection and communication with God. How much time do I spend to satisfy my creator?

With love,

Naveen

Parish Deacon

PARISH TIMETABLE

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday: 9.00am

St Michael's the Archangel Church
Ranclaud Street, Booragul

Wednesday: 9.00am

Our Lady Help of Christians Church
82 Main Road, Boolaroo

Thursday: 10.30am (ANZAC DAY)

Our Lady Help of Christians Church
82 Main Road, Boolaroo

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 5.30pm Vigil Mass

Our Lady Help of Christian Church
82 Main Road, Boolaroo

Sunday: 9.00am & 6.00pm

St Mary's Church
2 Bayview Street, Warners Bay

ANZAC DAY MASS TIMES

25 APRIL

9.00AM - ST JOSEPH'S
TORONTO

9.30AM - ST JOHN VIANNEY
MORISSET

10.30AM - OUR LADY HELP
OF CHRISTIANS
BOOLAROO

LEST
WE
FORGET



**Readers Roster
27 April - 28 April**

Sat 5:30pm Tim Carroll
Therese Toshack
Paula Graham

Sun 9:00am John Doran
Annette Innes
Brad Fuller

Sun 6:00pm Helen Beath
Jo Turner
Ian Ross-Gowan



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

(4:8-12)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Responsorial Psalm

(Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22)

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. **(R.)**

2. I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. **(R.)**

Second Reading

(3:1-2)

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us

be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation

(10:14)

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

(10:11-18)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

Universal Prayer

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B
Sunday 21 April 2024

Presider: Brothers and sisters, with faith in Jesus the good shepherd, we turn to God with our prayers.

Reader: That Christians all over the world will be united in Christ as one true flock.

(pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our parish community may always remember the love God has for us.

(pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have wandered from the flock will be returned with a strengthened spirit.

(pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick will be comforted through God's merciful love, especially those in our parish bulletin.

(pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will be granted eternal life, especially Paul White and Philomena O'Neill who passed away recently.

(pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider: God our Father, you lead us and we listen to your voice. Hear our prayers and help us to trust that we are always in the care of our true Shepherd. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.





LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS

The **Promoters of Safeguarding** continue to endorse a culture of safeguarding within the Parish.

This week our focus is on part 2 **Coercive Control**

Research has identified that domestic and family violence is rarely a single incident, rather it is a pattern of behaviour that may or may not include physical force and extends beyond the home and beyond the duration of a relationship. These patterns of behaviour may occur throughout a relationship or may be initiated or exacerbated at times of heightened risk, for example, pregnancy, attempted or actual separation, and during court proceedings.

In some relationships physical violence is part of the pattern of coercive control but incidents of physical violence may be routine, minor and frequently repeated. Other victims-survivors report that physical violence is rare or a once off or occurred early in the relationship but establishes the abuser's capacity and potential for physical violence. Some people who experience coercive control do not experience physical violence.

Coercive control can be damaging even when there is no physical violence. Many victim-survivors identify that non-physical abuse deeply impacts on their sense of self and freedom, and often continues to affect them years after separation. Many victim-survivors of domestic and family violence report that the most difficult forms of abuse they experienced were non-physical forms of abuse, especially emotional abuse.

The community and broader service and response system, including law enforcement and the courts, can typically

focus on physical violence and single or episodic acts of violence in isolation, rather than considering patterns of physical and non-physical behaviour over time and their cumulative impacts. This can make it easy for perpetrators to hide their actions from systems and can lead to a perpetrator's subtle and highly contextualised abuse, and the compounding impact of coercive control, being overlooked and/or minimised. Incident-based responses can also heighten the risks of misidentifying the victim-survivor as the perpetrator.

<https://dfvbenchbook.aija.org.au/terminology/coercive-control/>

Resources

1 800 RESPECT (1 800 737 732)

<https://www.180orespect.org.au/violence-and-abuse/domestic-and-family-violence/support>

Lifeline 13 11 14, or text [0477 13 11 14](tel:0477131114) at night (6pm-midnight AEDT).

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Open Days

Have you heard of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd?

Operating out of the parish hall at Our Lady of Lourdes Beresfield in the Chisholm Parish region, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd offers a child-focused program that meets in the specially prepared environment called "The Atrium". Following the Montessori philosophy, The Atrium is currently open on Wednesdays during the school term, with sessions for 3–6-year-olds in the morning and 6–12-year-olds in the afternoon after school. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd are holding open days during Term 2. If you would like the opportunity to visit and learn more, please register at: <https://forms.office.com/r/9KMf55C5nz>

aMeN caMiNo Information/ Walk & Talk

If you are considering attending one of the aMeN caMiNos this year and want more information, please join us for the Information / Walk & Talk on Saturday 27 April commencing at 8.30am at St Columba's Parish Hall, Lockyer St, Adamstown. After an information session, we will set off on our walk, returning around 1.30pm.

Contact formed@mncatholic.org.au to register or for further information.

aMeN caMiNo 2024 Dates: 6-10 July, 3-7 August and 7-8 September.

Alpha at The Mackillop Parish

The Mackillop Parish invites you to join them for Alpha. Alpha is a friendly, informal environment for people with various beliefs to explore the meaning of life, faith and God. The program is simple: we start with dinner, watch a thought-provoking video exploring life from a Christian perspective, and then have time for sharing our perspectives in small groups. No cost, no pressure, no judgment. All are most welcome.

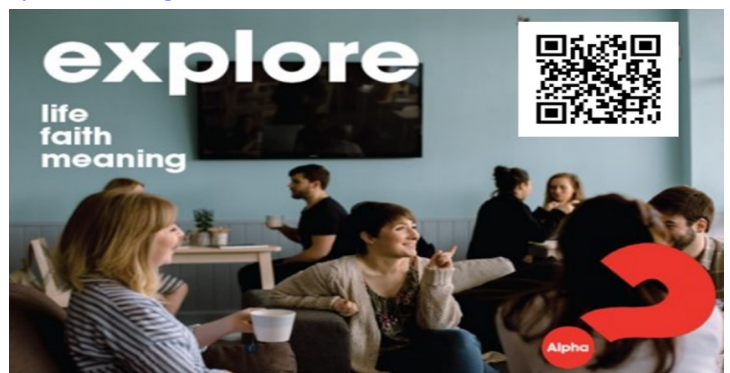
Event Start Date: Thursday 2 May

Time: Thursdays 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Location: Mackillop Function Room: - 7 Milson St, Charlestown NSW 2290.

RSVP: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdn9PD6B1firXrYg1gGVtBQ6S_DJ64l4QTX9lCyqYC4QqIN7g/viewform

Dinner is provided and the cost is free. If you need any help registering, please contact Yvonne Rego: Mobile: 0450 323 206 Email: yvonne_rego@hotmail.com





Very little is actually known about the real life of St. George other than he was martyred in Palestine during Christian persecution in the third or fourth century. The most famous legend depicts George as a young soldier who rescued a maiden princess from a dragon at Silene in Libya. His actions, inspired by his belief, led the townsfolk to convert to Christianity. George refused any reward for his heroic deeds, but rather, he encouraged the people to show compassion towards the poor. He became the patron saint of England, which adopted St. George's flag (a red cross on a white background) as its national flag.



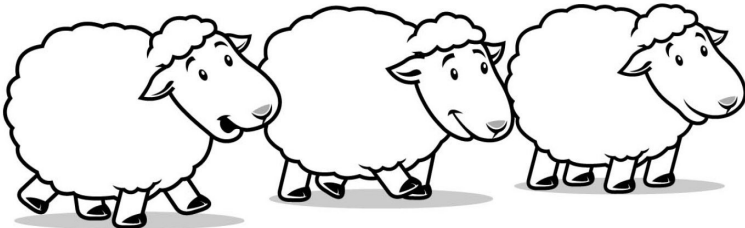
Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

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|-------|---------|----------|
| flock | one | shepherd |
| hear | run | together |
| know | scatter | voice |
| life | sheep | wolf |

T T M G O L N S Z F J B Y D D O
 A I U A P K F X V P N B G D Z B
 I F H A P G K L R J K J E N I P
 Y H H H T Y U I O N F K T N G B
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 Z J R O R Y Q E S Z L C W O A K
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 W I A E B X A F L H Z U W I L I
 Q R G O H W L F E U Z W M B I C
 M O F Z R S C A T T E R H U W K

I am the _____.
 I know my own _____ and they
 _____ me, just as the _____
 knows me and I know the Father.
 I lay down my _____ for my sheep.



Use the following words to find out what Jesus said his disciples.

- shepherd
- Father
- life
- good
- sheep
- know



BAPTISMS

Celebrated most Sundays.

Contact the Parish Office

MARRIAGE

Celebrated by arrangement with at least 3 months notice.

Contact the Parish Office

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

Contact the Parish Office

CATHOLIC CARE

Phone: 02 4979 1120 for services provided in Newcastle



PARISH TEAM

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PARISH GROUPS

Real Women

Sue Campbell 0417 091 255

Ladies Day

June Fava 02 4946 8415
Gwen Tompsett 02 4956 9596

Finance Committee

TBA,
Meeting Room, Warners Bay

Parish Council Meeting

30 April 2024,
Meeting Room, Warners Bay

Promotion of Safeguarding

Contact Joy, Peta or Nathan
Via the office

Baptism Team

Meetings 1st Monday monthly,
7pm, Meeting Room, Warners Bay

St Vincent de Paul Warners Bay

Meetings Wednesdays fortnightly,
Meeting Room, Warners Bay

Membership enquiries to:

Peter Deed 0419 106 519

St Vincent de Paul Booragul

Meetings 4th Thursday monthly,
1pm, Meeting Room, Booragul Hall

All new members welcome

Steve Barnett 0409 917 995



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Don't miss out on anything in your Diocese! Go to mnnews.today to view the events calendar, see photos and read stories about what is happening locally.



RECONCILIATION

5:00-5:15pm Saturday

Our Lady Help of Christians Church

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(RCIA) Parish Office 02 4947 3301



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