



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 7th April 2024

Second Sunday of Easter Year B

Dear Parish Family,

Firstly, let me say how much difference our volunteers make to the life of our Parish Community. Our parishes couldn't survive without your generosity in sharing your gifts and talents. We wouldn't be anywhere nearly as successful without all of you. There is always room for more people on our rosters and in our groups.

These are some of the **truths about volunteering**, and almost every community-based organisation including the government website dedicated to volunteering NSW say the same things. Volunteering is **good for your health** both physical and mental – volunteering **helps with happiness**. Every person in the world is gifted and talented and volunteering **helps to share some of those skills (gifts) for the betterment of others** – it doesn't matter what you see your gift as, the community and others need it. Volunteering is a **great way to meet people** and especially people you may not have normally associated with. It helps **build friendships** and **gets us out**. Helps all of us **to belong**. Many volunteers tell us they get more out of it than they give, often reflecting they **learn new things and skills** every day. Being part of an organisation that seeks to build a better world gives a **sense of purpose** – we all need a reason some days to get out of bed. And volunteering **can be fun**, helps us get out of our comfort zone and **deepens the connections we all need** to each other.

I recognise that the process, no matter where you volunteer can be a 'bit' off putting. I have been working for years with our agencies, People and Culture (HR) and Safeguarding, to develop and simplify the process to help volunteers get on with the ministry they are volunteering for more quickly. There is always room for improvement. You do have to be computer literate but if you are not, don't let it put you off. Our office staff are very adept at negotiating the forms. Everyone who signs up to be a volunteer has to go through our process. It is part legislation and part local church law and part Church Australia wide. The process does take a little bit of time.

Not everyone will need a National Criminal History Check or a Working With Children Check. If, however, you need one or other of these checks you can't volunteer till they are done. Depending on a number of factors this can be a 24 hour wait or an up to 6 weeks wait from the time you submit the proofs of identity forms.

Only one person sees the checks and that is the person who clears for volunteering **That person is in our offices in town**. All I, we, get is that you are clear to volunteer.

You might have noticed that most of our emails come out to you without any email addresses. They are almost always Bcc (Blind Carbon Copied), that is the recipient addresses are hidden. The Privacy Act is particularly strict in what data and information can be given out. We are obliged but also want to protect your privacy and personal information. As an organisation and parish, we should always seek your permission to share information. We don't share it otherwise. I prefer that permission in writing by the way.

Don't forget volunteering helps our sense of wellbeing and can be fun!!

Best wishes,

Greg

Parish Priest

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased: Helen Triffitt

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 Saesar, 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):

BSB: 062815
Account Number: 00328161
Account Name: CDF 5264
Reference: *Your Surname and Parish*

2nd Collection (Booragul):

BSB: 062815
Account Number: 00328161
Account Name: CDF 48
Reference: *Your Surname and Parish*

2nd Collection (Boolaroo/Warners Bay):

BSB:062815
Account Number: 00328161
Account Name: CDF 5263
Reference: *Your Surname and Parish.*

Dear Friends,

I would like to share with you all one of the best experiences that I have experienced last month.

On Wednesday 27th March I was invited to visit Rosary Park Catholic School Branxton, where the Year 4 students enacted the last supper of our Lord Jesus Christ. It was so inspiring, and it made me experience how the Lord's last supper would be, and even this made me feel that I am at last supper. I could also have experienced through this liturgy the children were enlightened and edified. After the last supper liturgy I visited some of the classrooms, Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 along with the principal Sallyanne.

Some of the children asked me questions like Why do you become priest? Is it easy to be a priest? What is the most important thing that makes you happy in priestly life? How many years studies have you gone through to become a priest? What is the qualification for priest? Like these there are many questions they have asked to think about. Their thought-provoking questions have really made me think a lot to give them a satisfying answer to them. This is the place for me to learn the slang and learn the language. There I had a slight problem in understanding their slang. But the children were so kind to me in repeating their questions when I was unable get them all. It is the biggest challenge for me to achieve something through them. In the coming days I am planning to visit our school through which I can learn many things from our children.

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: 9.30am

St Mary's Church
2 Bayview Street, Warners Bay

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

Readers Roster

13 April - 14 April

Sat 5:30pm	Jenny Harrison Sallyanne Stanbridge Anne Clancy
Sun 9:00am	Ray O'Donoghue Ryan Gato Camilla Palamo
Sun 6:00pm	Kim Smith Suzanne Kay Andrea Matulura

St Anne's Playgroup
PLAY & CONNECT
@ St Joseph's Community Centre
Fridays
10am-12pm
during school term
Find out more:
Claire 0413 044 382

Biggest Morning Tea
Save the Date
FRIDAY 24TH MAY 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

(4:32-35)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm

(Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1)

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' **(R.)**

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. **(R.)**

3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**

Second Reading

(5:1-6)

A reading from the first letter of St John

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith.

Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by

water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation

(John 20:29)

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

Gospel

(20:19-31)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Universal Prayer Second Sunday of Easter Year B Sunday 7 April 2024

Presider: Brothers and sisters, having seen the Risen Lord, we bring our prayers before God.

Reader: That with faith in Christ, the Holy Church will ever bear witness to the spread of the Gospel.

(pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who doubt their faith may find belief in Christ who was once dead, but now lives forever.

(pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our parish community, without seeing Jesus, will continue to believe and acclaim the victory of Christ.

(pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick will experience the divine healing of Christ, especially those in our parish bulletin.

(pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will share in the glory of Christ our Saviour, especially Helen Triffitt who passed away recently.

(pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider: God our Father, having not seen, we believe in Jesus Christ. Hear our prayers and help to sustain our faith in Jesus as the true flesh who rose to glory with you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Magdalene Award: Nominations are open from Monday 8 April

The Magdalene Award recognises a woman living in, and committed to, the Diocese of Maitland Newcastle. This is a public affirmation of a life lived in ways that echo the spirit of Mary Magdalene.

For more information, visit www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/mission-and-outreach/council-for-women/magdalene-award-2024

An event celebrating the Ministry of Teresa Brierley

You are invited to join us in celebrating the ministry of Teresa Brierley on Friday 12 April.

After almost 20 years with the Diocese, Teresa has resigned from her role as Director Pastoral Ministries. We're looking forward to recognising Teresa and acknowledging her significant work for the diocese and our community before she finishes in April.

Please find the event details below:

Date: Friday 12 April

Time: 2pm to 4pm

Location: Southern Cross Hall (841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West)

RSVP: By 4 April, at <https://teresabrierley.eventbrite.com.au> **Registering is essential.**

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.

Women of the Well: Weekend Retreat

Rest, reflect, release and reconnect at the next Women of the Well Weekend Retreat. It starts on Friday 19 April (ending Sunday 21 April) and will be hosted at St Joseph's, Kincumber. Cost is \$125. For more information or to register, visit www.womenofthewell.com.au/events/gatherings-at-the-well

Fishing Weekend: God for Blokes

If you're looking for an opportunity to think about God, hear from other men, do some fishing, and relax you should attend the God for Blokes Fishing Weekend from 3 to 5 May. You will travel from Newcastle to Forster, food and accommodation are included in the cost. For more information or to book, visit <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1092382> or call Wayne Caruana on 0466 631 394.



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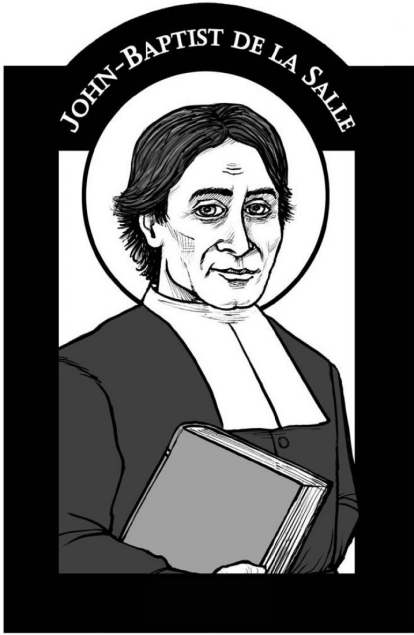
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St John Baptist de la Salle was born of a noble family in 1651 and from a young age was destined for the church. He was ordained a priest in 1678 and with the help of a layman he opened two schools for poor boys and dedicated the remainder of his life to education. Some of his initiatives included the establishment of the first training-college for teachers and the division of classrooms into separate grades. Through his work he founded the Order of the Brothers of the Christian Schools; today there are approximately 20,000 members of the 'Christian Brothers'. Because of John Baptist de la Salle's pioneering efforts, he was declared the patron saint of all school teachers.



Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

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| afraid | forgive | Lord |
| appeared | hand | middle |
| doubting | happy | Thomas |
| faith | Holy Spirit | week |

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Thomas had doubts about Jesus being alive. He wanted to see Jesus' hands and side before he would believe that Jesus had come back to life. Re-arrange the tiles to discover the important message Jesus gave to Thomas.

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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

TBA,

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



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St Mary's Primary School K-6

2 Bayview Street, Warners Bay

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W: www.warnersbay.catholic.edu.au/

Principal: Liz Starling

St Paul's Catholic College 7-12

70 Primrose Street, Booragul

P: 02 4958 6711

E: admin@booragul.catholic.edu.au

W: www.booragul.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Nick Wickham

St Mary's Catholic College 7-12

47-49 Pacific Highway, Gateshead

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