

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 14th May 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A

Dear Parish Family,

Happy Mothers' Day!! I am sure you will recognise that every day is supposed to be Mothers' Day. ☺ It is an important day and whilst not celebrated on the same day in other parts of the world many cultures and countries acknowledge just how important parenting and in particular motherhood is.

Doesn't matter how old we get our mums don't stop being mothers or mothering. The worry for a child is lifelong. Good advice 'combed hair, washed faced, clean hanky, clean and good underwear' before leaving the house has a synergy across many, many households! 'What if you are in an accident?' Was the reply in our house when we rolled our eyes as teenagers to the sage advice! Mind you in an accident the last thing you would want is your only good underwear on, as the ED staff cut them off ☺

Sadly, the death of a child, no matter the age of the child (0 to 80), is a heartbreak to a mum. And they don't stop being a mum, they no longer have a child to hold. Mums estranged from their children no matter what the cause or fault is also a heartbreak for them and for us. Recently in our parish some mums have died, looking to the kingdom to come. Today as we gather, we remember them all in our prayers.

Mary the mother of Jesus is such a marvellous example of motherhood in all its complexities. The care and worry of Our Lady for her Son throughout His short life, I hope gives courage, strength and perseverance to all mums. Her fortitude at the very foot of his cross an example of the cross that many mothers bare; Mary gets a mother's sorrow. As we read, she stored much in her heart and even a sword pierced her own heart too.

I suspect the 'super mum' sense has brought many young mums undone in the wee hours of the morning as a baby cries, doesn't eat, doesn't sleep. Or the sense of not getting much done during the day as a baby does all of the above. There is no manual! Life is never perfect! What I like about our community as a faith community is that mums shouldn't have to do this parenting thing alone. We are a village after all, called to support, encourage, care, love one another.

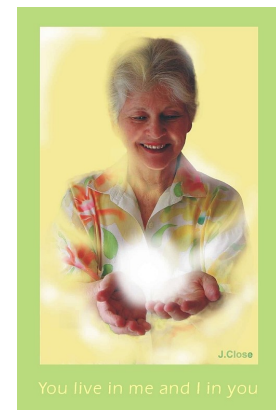
On this day then let us remember our mums whether they are here with us, in other parts of the country or world or resting peacefully in the arms of God. Lets pray an extra prayer for new mums and for those carrying expectantly a child in the womb. May they have the strength they need.

Happy Mothers' Day!!

Greg

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Parish Priest





PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Joyce Hopper, Mercy Knight, Stanley Joseph Gleeson and 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:

Pope Francis, Toni Harkin, Joe Panek, Jo Turner, Arian Hampton, Leila Grew, Nick Gibson, Barry Maggs, James Grew, Greg Adam, Allan Baxter, Bayly Turner, Anne Keating, John Evans, Pam Mason, Winston Aslin, Maria Terwkar, Kristie Porters, Narelle Lackenby, Reuben Neilson, Laurence Marshall, Fr Petar Mak ofm, Kath Cromie, Carol Robinson, Helen Sligar, Terry Clancy, Veronica Clipsham, Leslie Henry, Craig Flanagan, Fr Tony Kelly, Andrew Regan, Eileen Brooks, Janusz Prudzienica, Anne Campbell, Jeremiah, Sean Ross-Gowan, Irene Kelly, Barbara Ryan, Ted Larkin, Monica Gooch, Vince Abdulla, Helen Ryan, Rajiu, Rianna MacKaway, Aileen McEwen and Pat Tobin

*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.***

Mother's Day weekend 13 - 14 May

We are inviting anyone wishing to bring a single flower with their Mother's name attached (alive or deceased).

There will be a basket in the foyer (rear of church) at each mass to place your flower.

Flowers will be taken up to the altar with the Offertory Procession.



PARISH TIMETABLE

WEEKDAY MASS:

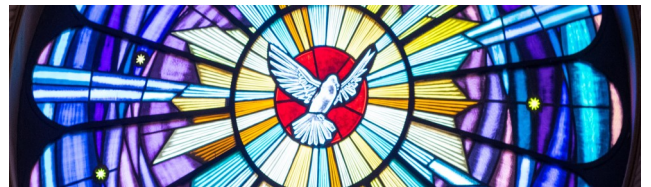
15 May – 19 May
TUE: 9.00am Booragul
WED: 9.00am Boolaroo
THU: 9.30am Warners Bay

WEEKEND MASS:

Sat 5.30pm
Our Lady Help of Christians Church
82 Main Road, Boolaroo
Sun 9.00am and 6:00pm
St Mary's Church
2 Bayview Street, Warners Bay

Readers Roster 20 May - 21 May

Sat 5:30pm	Anne Clancy June Fava Pat Davey
Sun 9:00am	John Doran Annette Innes Brad Fuller
Sun 6:00pm	Andrea Matulura Mary Sacco Lois Wilson



Dear Parish Family,

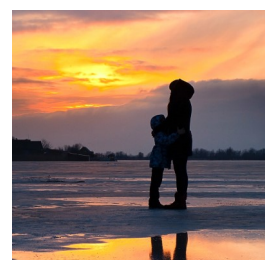
When we reflect on the last supper discourse of Jesus these days in our Gospel reading Jesus says how to joyful invites us to be his friends. Jesus says that he wants his own joy to be in us. It is a generous wish for us. According to him it is by remaining in His love and loving one another as He has loved us. The path to authentic joy is the path of love. Jesus also says that We are His friends and He has chosen us to have a friendship. To have a friendship, two persons have to choose one another. If one person chooses another but the other person does not accept it, the friendship won't last or happen. Jesus has befriended us and He says, keeping his new commandment of love we can choose Him as our friend.

On Mother's Day we remember with gratitude and affection our mothers giving some material gifts and praying for them. The role of motherhood is not only to give birth but also to nurture, protect and teach children. She becomes a role model and a care giver. It is good to remember on this day the women who has played the above role in our life apart from our biological mother. My mother who is in Sri Lanka expect only one thing that I should ring her every day. So, mothers do not demand much more things but the reciprocal love which we can give without any expense. I wish and pray to all the mothers. Mary the model of all the mothers may intercede for all the mothers.

Have a blessed week.

Priyantha Fernando

Assistant Parish Priest



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

(Acts 8:5-8. 14-17)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

(Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1)

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)

2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)

3. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. (R.)

4. Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

Second Reading

(1 Pt 3:15-18)

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation

(Jn 14:23)

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel

(Jn 14:15-21)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

Universal Prayer

6th Sunday of Easter Year A
Sunday 14th May 2023

Presider: Sisters and brothers, through the Holy Spirit, we turn to God with our prayers.

Reader: That our mothers will be blessed by God for the love and care they give to us.

(pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That mothers who have lost a child will find comfort in God's promise of life in heaven.

(pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That religious missionaries will be supported in their work of bringing Christ's love to all people.

(pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our parish community may share the love of Christ and the Spirit of truth with all we encounter.

(pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick will be comforted through the Holy Spirit, especially those in our parish bulletin.

(pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

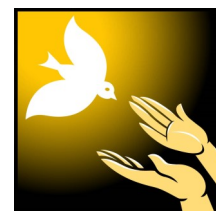
Reader: That those who have died will live with God in eternal love, especially Joyce Hopper, Mercy Knight and Stanley Joseph Gleeson whose anniversary occur at this time.

(pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider: God our Father, we trust in your Spirit of truth. Hear our prayers and help us to live by your commands in love through the Holy Spirit. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.



A prayer for Mother's Day

Lord, we remember the mothers
who have gone before us.
**For their love, sacrifice, struggle
and joy, we thank you.**

Lord, we remember the mothers of
Scripture who are a part of our story
as we are a part of your story.
**For their courage, faith, love and
fierceness, we thank you.**

Lord, we remember those who have not
given birth to us, but are mothers to us.
**For their gift of themselves that they
have given, we thank you.**

For the women who struggle with
fertility, for those women whom
society labels as less in their childlessness,
for those women who have lost children.
**For their tears, for their strength,
for their wisdom, for their lives,
we thank you.**

In your name we pray. Amen.


by Claire Schoepp



Prayer for Vocations

Wisdom of God,
come inspire all
God's children to
hear and Respond to
the challenge to take
up the mission of
proclaiming the
reign of God in the
world.

Amen



St Joseph's PARISH OF TORONTO
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MONTREAL-NEWCASTLE

Invite you to an: **ANOINTING MASS**
When: **Thursday, 18th May**
At: **11:00AM**
Where: 140 Wangi Rd, Toronto

*An anointing with the 'Oil of the Sick' for the sick,
frail, elderly or anyone in need of healing.*

You are invited to stay for some light refreshments after this special Mass.

Pope Francis' Gospel Reflections

When one is intimately united to Jesus, they enjoy the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which are — as St Paul tells us — “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control” (Gal 5:22). These are the gifts that we receive if we remain united in Jesus; and therefore a person who is so united in Him does so much good for neighbour and society, is a Christian person. In fact, one is recognized as a true Christian by this attitude, as a tree is recognized by its fruit. The fruits of this profound union with Christ are wonderful; our whole person is transformed by the grace of the Spirit: soul, understanding, will, affections, and even body, because we are united body and soul. We receive a new way of being, the life of Christ becomes our own: we are able to think like Him, to act like Him, to see the world and the things in it with the eyes of Jesus. And so we are able to love our brothers, beginning with the poorest and those who suffer the most, as He did and love them with His heart, and so bear fruits of goodness, of charity, and of peace in the world. (Regina Caeli, 3 May 2015)



A very heart felt thank you to all parishioners who have been donating non-perishable items to the food collection bins at St Mary's and Our Lady Help of Christians churches.

Your donations have gone into making up food hampers with CatholicCare Food Programs and have provided support to anyone experiencing financial hardship, homelessness, mental illness, physical/intellectual disability, substance abuse and social isolation.

Since June 2022, CatholicCare Food Programs have made up 136 emergency food hampers and 150 Christmas hampers for the Newcastle-Lake Macquarie area, all from donated food items.

This year we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of requests we have received for emergency food hampers, especially from families with young children.

Our hampers are given as a one off 'hand up' (not a 'hand out') and are made up completely of donated food.

If you would like to donate, any of the following types of non-perishable items would be most gratefully received: UHT milk, cereal, jam/ vegemite/ peanut butter, tinned vegies/ fruit/ soup/ fish/ meat, dried pasta, rice, pasta sauces, teabags/coffee, biscuits/ crackers, custard, jelly, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo/ conditioner (even the travel sized ones from hotels), deodorant.

St Joseph's Men's Group

Later this month, the St Joseph's Men's Group will be hosting a Dinner and Talk on Mother Mary at the Sydney Junction Hotel, 8 Beaumont Street, Hamilton. It'll start at 6.30pm on Tuesday 16 May. Entry is free.

For Clergy (1st Collection):

BSB: 062815

Account Number: 00328161

Account Name: CDF 5264

Reference: *Your Surname and Parish***Ongoing monthly direct debit for Planned Giving**

To change your planned giving to monthly direct debit on an ongoing basis, please complete the CCF Direct Debit Request Form on the parish website www.boolaroocatholicchurch.com/donations and return it to the Parish Office in Warners Bay or Post Box: PO Box 14, Boolaroo 2284.

**For Planned Giving
(2nd Collection Boolaroo):**

BSB: 062815

Account Number: 00328161

Account Name: CDF 5263

Reference: *Your Surname and envelop number.***For Planned Giving
(2nd Collection Booragul):**

BSB: 062815

Account Number: 00328161

Account Name: CDF 48

Reference: *Your Surname and envelop number.***LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS**

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

A gentle reminder to complete our Parish survey. If you would like to fill out the survey online please see the link: <https://forms.gle/SwDC3x8XWZ5RkTK79>

Newton's Third Law: Action & Reaction states that for every action (force) in nature there is an equal and opposite reaction. This physics law can be applied to our actions in everyday life; actions (or lack of) have consequences. Thoughtless and negative words and actions can cause harm and distress. We have all experienced this behaviour, someone makes light of a situation you are finding difficult and this may diminish how you feeling and impact on how you cope. Some people hide behind anonymity, often to avoid consequences, when they talk negatively about or write a complaint.

What drives someone to write anonymously? In a word-Power. Simply because the correspondence is anonymous, the writer of this kind of mail is using a power hold over the selected victim. From the feeling of power comes an inner sense of superiority, as real or imagined developments are anticipated. Conversely, some compliments are sent without identification too, not to avoid consequences but rather not to change a relationship and to make the receiver feel good.

There's a big difference between fair and unfair criticism, but sometimes the line between the two is hard to see. Fair criticism can help you to grow and learn, while unfair criticism can drag you down. It's natural to react strongly to unjust criticism, stay calm, get your critic to repeat the comments, and show that you understand them. If the criticism is based on a misunderstanding or a different perspective, you should be able to resolve the problem.

We are imperfect beings who are blest to understand God's grace and forgiveness. We make mistakes. When giving both solicited and unsolicited feedback/ comments ask

- Why am I making these comments?
- What is the purpose or expected end result?
- Are they based in fact or just my opinion?
- Are they valid and truthful?
- Is it necessary?
- Are the comments hurtful – could the situation be managed a different way?
- How would I feel if I was the receiver?

When giving negative feedback: 5 ways to give criticism people actually want to hear

1. Understand the psychology of feedback (and how it's going to impact the person receiving it)
2. Reframe feedback as "advice" or "guidance"
3. Focus on candour
4. Be informative and focus on areas of improvement
5. Continually work on building a culture of trust

When receiving negative feedback: The Dos and Don'ts of how to properly accept criticism

- Don't: React right away
- Don't: Take it personally
- Don't: Try to justify, deflect, or ignore it
- Don't: Always wait for others to offer up feedback
- Do: Take time to gather your thoughts and not get overwhelmed
- Do: Ask for explicit feedback and clarification
- Do: Set expectations for what kind of feedback you're looking for
- Whether positive or negative, feedback is the best way to grow, improve, and learn



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



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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

Thursday 4th May 2023,
Meeting Room, Warners Bay

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 2nd May 2023,
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 3rd 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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