



Lakeside Bulletin

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

Our Lady Help of Christians - 84 Main Road, Speers Point

St Mary's - 2 Bayview Street, Warners Bay

St Michael the Archangel - 46 Ranclaud Street, Booragul



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

SUNDAY, 01 June 2025

Ascension of the Lord Year C

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Our Lady Help, Boolaroo - Sat 5:30pm

St Mary's, Warners Bay - Sun 9:00am

St Mary's, Warners Bay - Sun 6:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

St Michael's, Booragul - Tue 9:00am

Our Lady Help, Boolaroo - Wed 9:00am

St Mary's, Warners Bay - Thu 9:30am

RECONCILIATION

5:00-5:15pm Saturday

Our Lady Help of Christians Church

BAPTISMS & SACRAMENTS

Booking/Enrolment via Parish Website

Baptisms celebrated most Sundays.

MARRIAGE

Celebrated by arrangement with at least
3 months notice.

Contact the Parish Office

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(RCIA) Parish Office 4943 4153

Dear Parish Family,

*You will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but
throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.*

As a student in the seminary, I was required to teach religion classes in the local state primary school at Manly. One day, I was teaching a class of year fours, and I asked them to draw for me a picture of what the Ascension might look like. Well, most of them did a fairly conventional portrait of Jesus rising up on a cloud or just rising up. However, I remember one of the students, who was a particularly gifted artist, he had Jesus blasting off into the sky with Jesus holding on to a rocket. On the side of the rocket, it had NASA. I asked why a rocket, and he said..."Jesus had a long way to go"!

Since Easter we have been reflecting upon our life, in light of the resurrection and what it means to us. Over the last Sunday's, our gospels had Jesus at the last supper reflecting upon going home and trying to comfort his disciples by talking about the coming of the advocate, the Holy Spirit. He reflected upon the gifts of love and peace and how wondrous but also challenging these gifts are if we are to live these in the world. Now he talks about witnessing to the truth – *not many days from now, (you) will be baptised with the Holy Spirit*. A baptism that will help, guide and shape the church to proclaim and be the good news to the end of earth and until the end of time.

The author of the gospel of Luke is also the author of the Acts of the Apostles ...this weekend's gospel and first reading. We could say, as one book ends, the other begins as the gospel finishes with Jesus' Ascension and Acts begins with the story of the Ascension. It highlights the life of the disciples after the Ascension and Pentecost telling the story of spreading the good news even further than Jesus was able to do in his earthly life. The Acts of the Apostles really doesn't end at Acts 28.31 (that's the end of that book) because that's all that was recorded. Why? The Acts continues in the same ministry carried on by millions of people just like you and me throughout time and place.

As we conclude Reconciliation Week, the opportunity for reconciliation never ends as we are challenged by the Spirit in the call to love, peace and truth. Reconciliation takes place when we sit at table together, when we listen and not just hear, when we love and are loved, when we bring peace and experience peace, when we forgive and are forgiven. We have come a long way, we can't change our past, but we can acknowledge its hurts and pain and make a better present and future. As Pope St John Paul II once said to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities: *You are part of Australia and Australia is part of you. And the Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others.*

As we approach Pentecost next weekend....we will hold our Gifting Sunday asking for you to put up your hand to support the various ministries within our parishes. As St Peter writes....*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. (1 Peter 4:10)* What gift am I already gifting to our community or what could I gift? As we pray come Holy Spirit come.

Have a great week everyone.....

Fr Darryl Mackie

Parish Priest



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: John McEwen, Fr John McEneaney, Ross Turton

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: Jo Turner, Robyn Williams, John Evans, Kath Cromie, Helen Sligar, Terry Clancy, Leslie Henry, Andrew Regan, Eileen Brooks, Vince Abdilla, Paul Tobin, Dallas Green, Alan Watson, Margaret Ryan, Alison Kris, Mark Saesar, Stuart Shepherd, John Kenny, Peter Reynolds, Jeanette Gatens, John Osborne, Yvonne Selby, Andrew Garvie, Ariane Hampton, Bernadette Gill, Patricia Neilson, Peter O'Neil, Catherine Wilson, Eoin O'Connor, Jana Javorska, Paul Fitzpatrick, Brian Coogans, Pat Casey, Ann Moore, Peter Reynolds, Rianna MacKaway, Joan Bain, Eva Newton, Billy Eckersley, Andrew Carr, Lewis Carr, Leah Scott, Darren Heaton, Glenda Noble and Keely Heaton.

Please contact the office once a person is well again.

Sunday 01 June 2025 Ascension of the Lord Year C

First Reading

(Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

(Ps 46: 2-3. 6-7. 8-9. Rv.6)

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **(R.)**

2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**

3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**

Second Reading (Ephesians 1: 17-23)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 28: 19. 20)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Luke 24: 46-53)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

Universal Prayer
Ascension of the Lord Year C
Sunday, 01 June 2025

Presider: Rejoicing in Christ's glorious ascension, let us bring our petitions to the God of all.

Reader: That the Church, the body of Christ on earth, will carry on what Christ began with wisdom and perception.

(pause) We turn to you:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That oppressed peoples will be clothed with justice and power.

(pause) We turn to you:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have nowhere to live or are far from their families may find comfort in the risen Christ.

(pause) We turn to you:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That this community gathered may always acknowledge and rejoice in God's presence among us. **(pause)** We turn to you:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

(pause) We turn to you:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will be raised to new life with Spirit, especially John McEwen, Fr John McEneaney and Ross Turton whose anniversaries occur during this time.

(pause) We turn to you:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider: God of all ages, through your mighty power you have glorified Jesus who ascended into heaven. Hear our prayers and send us forth as your witnesses to all the earth. We ask this in the name of Jesus your Son.

All: Amen

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Boolaroo

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Booragul

BSB: 066 739

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Readers Roster
07 June - 08 June 2025

Sat 5:30pm	Therese Toshack Paula Graham Jane Bennett
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Sun 9:00am	Camilla Palamo Sue Withers Eileen Brooks
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Sun 6:00pm	Peter Hill Lois Wilson Melissa Wood
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Committee for Centenary
Celebrations

We are looking to form a committee to plan the
Centenary celebrations of
Our Lady Help of Christians, Boolaroo and the
closure of the Church in 2026.

Anyone interested in joining the committee to
discuss how we celebrate and include the
wider community, are welcome to a meeting on
Wednesday, 11 June 2025, 6:30pm at
Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Boolaroo.
For more information, please
contact the Parish Hub.

COME JOIN US FOR...
Ladies Day Luncheon

♥
MONDAY
2 JUNE 2025

When: From 11.30am
Where: Boolaroo Sports Club,
Eighth Street, Boolaroo

RSVP: June 0407 010 663
Gwen 4956 9596

ALL WELCOME
♥

What's happening in the Diocese and Surrounds ...

Join us for the Called & Gifted Discernment Process

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is excited during the Jubilee Year to launch the Called & Gifted Discernment Process within the Diocese. The process is designed to help Christians discern the presence of charisms in their lives. Charisms, or spiritual gifts, are special abilities given to all Christians by the Holy Spirit to give them power both to represent Christ and to be a channel of God's goodness for people. Mission & Evangelisation is working directly with the Catherine of Siena Institute to offer the Called & Gifted Discernment Process this year. The process will be facilitated online by professionally trained practitioners based in the USA.

Part One of the Called & Gifted process will take place across four Tuesday evenings from **10 June to 1 July, 7:30pm - 9:00pm** and you will learn:

- The role of every Catholic and of the local parish in the mission of the Church to the world.
- The critical role of charisms in the life and service of other lay Catholics and in the life of the parish or Christian community.
- The signs and characteristics of 24 common charisms.
- How discerning and using your charisms can change your life and the life of others, your parish, and the world.

Part two of the process will be a **one hour personal gifts interview** held from **7 July to 25 July**. Experienced CSI-trained gifts interviewers will be helping you with recognising patterns in your life that may indicate the presence of a charism and choose one charism to discern.

Part three of the process is **Discernment in Faith** held across 4 Tuesday evenings from **29 July to 9 September**. You will now be put into practice what you have learned about discernment. You will pick one charism to "experiment with" (two hours a week for a minimum of 6 – 8 weeks) – and see what God does!

Diocesan Cursillo Retreat

The annual Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle 2025 Cursillo Retreat weekend will be held from **Thursday 12 to Sunday 15 June** at Catalina Conference Centre, 171 Dorrington Road, Rathmines, with the theme "Called to Be".

The Retreat is a short course in Christianity that will enrich your faith for the rest of your life. It is Christ-centred, based on gospel values, and is Sacramental.

"How can I BE Christian in my many everyday environments?"

The Cursillo movement has been alive and active across the Maitland Newcastle Diocese since 1970. Cursillo represents a renewal within the life of the Church and is predominantly led by lay people, both men and women, with the support of clergy.

If you are interested in joining the Cursillo Movement, enrolling for the Retreat weekend, or just wishing to learn more about Cursillo, please feel free to contact:

- Greg Standing: 0412 252 218 or Jane Scott: 0438 009 611

2025 NAIDOC WEEK COMMUNITY FESTIVAL


Hosted by Awabakal Ltd, this special event begins at Civic Park with a flag-raising ceremony at 9:00 am on 7 July 2025, followed by a united community procession to Foreshore Park, where festivities will continue until 3 pm.


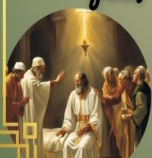
The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, a proud sponsor of the event, will host a dedicated information and activity tent alongside a wide range of community groups, offering engaging experiences for all ages across the Newcastle and Hunter regions.

This much-loved annual celebration draws more than 6,000 attendees and continues to grow each year. It is a meaningful opportunity to honour and share in the rich culture, history, and achievements of our First Nations peoples. The festival unites Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities to foster understanding, cultural pride, and education, particularly among younger generations, celebrating the strength and diversity of our shared Australian heritage.

General enquiries can be sent to mission@mn.catholic.org.au



**St John Vianney Parish Morisset**
Invites you to an
ANOINTING MASS
ON TUESDAY 17TH JUNE 2025
AT 09.30AM IN
ST JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH
60 YAMBO ST MORISSET
FOLLOWED BY A CUPPA
an anointing with the "Oil of the Sick" for the sick,
frail, elderly or anyone in need of healing



What's happening in the Diocese and Surrounds cont...

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

Join us for a weekend of community, praise, formation and adoration at our 2025 Young Adult Retreat.

Engage • Encounter • Worship



\$170 per person

27 – 29 June 2025

Catalina Lakefront Retreat
171 Dorrington Road,
Rathmines



Register now!



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National Reconciliation Week (May 27- June 3)

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships among all peoples.

Plant Hope with Red Cedar Trees

To recognise 10 years of Laudato Si, we're giving you the opportunity to help heal the planet and give hope to others by planting one or more red cedar trees across the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. With thanks to the Tighes Hill Community Garden, St Benedict's Inner Newcastle Catholic Parish and the Sisters of St Joseph, Lochinvar you can reserve, receive and plant your tree now - [Laudato Si – Plant Hope with Red Cedar Trees - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)

Storytime @ the Diocesan Resource Centre
Fri 6 June 2025 – 10am Suitable for 3–5-year-olds.
Bookings call Mary on 0409 033 449

Join the aMeN caMiNo in 2025!

Saturday, 14 June - Walk & Talk Information Session I

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, Mission & Evangelisation are offering two unique local aMeN caMiNo pilgrimage experiences. One over 2 days and the other over 5 days. To learn more, register via our website: [aMeN caMiNo - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)

Formation Friday – What does it mean to have an Augustinian Pope?

Fri 6 June 2025 – 1pm In Person or via Zoom meet with other community members in the Diocesan Resource Centre Library for a chance to reflect and discuss the Augustinian order that has shaped our new Pope Leo XIV.

Bookings: <https://forms.office.com/r/Y30LiPgYLg>

NAIDOC Week Prayer Service

Sunday 6 July – 1:30 for 2pm

Sacred Heart Cathedral will host the NAIDOC Week Prayer Service celebrating the theme “The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy”. This is the 50th year of NAIDOC Week and will feature the burial of a time capsule, a symbolic gesture preserving this legacy for generations to come. For more information and to register visit

[2025 NAIDOC Week Prayer Service - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)

FAITH TALKS

Dr. Robert Haddad is a passionate teacher, apologist and evangelist who holds firmly to all the truths of the Catholic Faith and wishes all to come to know, love and live this Faith. Robert promotes Catholicism through his public speaking tours, videos and books.

GUEST SPEAKER
**Dr. Robert
Haddad**

Friday, 13th June
Saturday, 14th June

See times on back

Function Room at
St. Mary of the Cross
Parish Hub
7 Milson Street,
CHARLESTOWN

REGISTER
HERE



FREE EVENT

Tea/Coffee available
Books for sale



29 May 2025

To: The People of the Diocese, Clergy, Staff of the Diocesan Offices and Agencies, Schools and Parishes, and Religious Congregations

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In recent days, I have witnessed the immense resilience, generosity, and compassion flowing through our Diocese in response to the floods that have so deeply affected our communities.

While the immediate danger has eased, the impact is ongoing and the road to recovery will be long for many. Homes, schools, parishes, and businesses within the region continue to grapple with loss. Some communities are only now beginning to understand the full extent of the impact. As we look ahead, the journey of recovery will require ongoing care and practical support.

With this in mind, I am launching the Bishop's Flood Appeal – Manning Community.

This appeal will provide direct assistance to those most affected across our Diocese, with funds directed to the local parish to provide on the ground support as people rebuild their lives. Every donation—no matter the size—will offer real hope to those in need.

In his letter to the Galatians, St Paul reminds us to “carry each other’s burdens, and in this way, you will fulfil the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2). Whether through financial support, volunteering, or simply holding affected communities in your prayers, your response is a powerful way of living out that call.

Let us continue to be a people of compassion and action. In times like these, the Gospel is made visible not only in our words, but in our willingness to accompany and uplift one another.

[More information about how you can support the cause is available in the attached flyer, and donations can be made directly on our website here](#) We continue to support all our services across the Diocese that were impacted in the recent natural disaster.

May God bless you for your generosity and for the love you continue to show to those in need.

Yours in Christ

Most Reverend Michael Kennedy
Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle



We stand with our
community, to serve
and support at this
difficult time.

Please give a gift today to support
people in the Manning.

The launch of the **Bishop's Flood Appeal – Manning Community** is providing critical support to local communities.

Your gift will go directly to local Catholic Parishes to distribute on-the-ground, practical support to those in need.

Please give generously. Donations will be matched by the **Catholic Community Fund**.

*Donations matched to the total value of \$25,000.

*Donations are not tax-deductible.

DONATE TODAY





LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS 01 JUNE 2025

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

The Promoters of Safeguarding continue to endorse a culture of protection within our Parish. In view of our current diocesan flooding, we mention **supporting young people during the recovery phase following a natural disaster**. They may be suffering from losses which are:

- Direct - loss of possessions, loss of sense of safety, death of loved ones or pets/animals.
- Indirect - through stories of family and friends affected, and children's increased likelihood of viewing graphic content, particularly via social media.

The following tips are helpful in the initial days and weeks following a natural disaster:

- Discuss the importance of young people's need to focus on physical and emotional safety
- Support young people to engage in activities that promote a sense of calmness
- Supporting young people to return to some routine and to get back to doing what they used to do as much as possible (e.g. school, games, sports, hobbies)
- Support connection with others, especially those who help young people feel OK.
- Include young people in the repair and recovery of their community and support them to identify ways that they can safely connect with themselves, peers, and families in ways that are meaningful and purposeful to them.
- Limit exposure to traumatic information through stories and media (social and traditional).

Winnies Blanket Appeal

Winnies are looking for Donations again this year.

Donations of Blankets, Sheets and Towels

These can be left in the tubs in the Foyers of both churches
On the Weekend 31st May/1st June 2025.

Please no donations of clothing these can be taken to
Winnies Stores at Cardiff and Belmont.

Thank you for your generosity

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Parish Council Meeting

TBA

Promotion of Safeguarding

Contact Maryanne, Joy, Peta or Nathan
Via the office

Baptism Team

Meetings 1st Tuesday monthly,
7.00 pm, Meeting Room Warners Bay

St Vincent de Paul Warners Bay

Meetings Wednesdays fortnightly,
Meeting Room, Warners Bay

Membership enquiries to:

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St Vincent de Paul Booragul

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

All new members welcome

Steve Barnett 0409 917 995

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