

# 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 May 2023**

**The Ascension of the Lord Year A**

Dear Parish Family,

I was watching a documentary recently on the problem of jiggers (sand fleas) in Kenya. Originally from Central America they were brought accidentally to Africa and places like India via trade and shipping routes. They affect more often the very poor in part due to the fleas living in dirt and sand and in some parts of the world as we know the very poor, the poorest of the poor, usually live in very difficult and primitive conditions.

These fleas infect by laying their eggs in the flesh of the host. In the documentary the hands and feet were most affected. So much so that in many cases victims eventually find themselves unable to walk, huge scabs on their skin, infected sores and in extreme cases with malformation and deformity that is permanent. And because they are then unable to be mobile, to work or attend school, in their poverty they find themselves even more disadvantage and hidden away by families.

In the documentary it showed some of the extreme ways that families tried to cure their family member from the infliction, from covering their feet in petroleum jelly to setting their feet on fire. As you might imagine creating an even bigger problem. Not only does the larvae of the jigger eat the flesh and cause extreme pain, if they die, they cause a greater infection and even more pain.

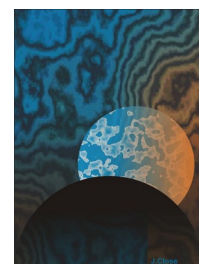
I was struck by the simplicity of the best solution. A trained local person with a sharp knife or razor blade who simply scraps off the scab and cleans out the jigger from the person's foot or hands. The skin heals. Dusting the hut or sleeping area with lime or a similar product prevents the flea from reinfecting their hosts. So simple, so cheap and so effective; like most solutions to poverty. And what it does is transforms lives, families and communities. The ripple effect of the solution right across the community is palpable.

I was sent a reel recently that I wish I could share. It showed a series of five- and six-year-olds standing with their best friends. All different shapes and sizes, mobilities and ethnic backgrounds. They were asked 'what makes you different from your friend?' They all had to think for a moment or two. An adult would have immediately spotted the difference; the girl in the wheel-chair different in that obvious way from her friend standing beside her. They all struggled to identify a difference. This pair identified one like tomato sauce more than the other. Another pair that one lived up the hill and the other down the hill. What is difference? A state of mind, a prejudice(?) a barrier(?).

Happy Ascension Sunday – may the transformation of Easter continue.

*Greg*

Parish Priest





## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

**Recently Deceased:** Laetitia Fitzgerald, Ted Larkin

**Anniversaries:** Margaret Knight, Madeline Aitken, Joan McCabe, Fr John McEaney 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:**

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, Monica Gooch, Vince Abdulla, Helen Ryan, Rajiu, Rianna MacKaway, Aileen McEwen, Pat Tobin and Patrick Perkins

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.

## Prayer for Vocations

**O Holy Spirit,  
you filled the hearts of the  
prophets with  
understanding to know  
the mind of God.  
In our needs, enlighten  
people of our time with  
your understanding, so  
God's word may reach the  
ends of the earth.  
Amen**

## PARISH TIMETABLE

### WEEKDAY MASS:

**22 May – 26 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

**27 May - 28 May**

Sat 5:30pm	Elaine Rooney Tim Carroll Paula Graham
Sun 9:00am	Steve Kehde Lisa Des Forges Ray O'Donoghue
Sun 6:00pm	Melissa Wood Helen Beath Viv Evans

### BAPTISM

This weekend we will witness the baptism of

***Eloise Laura O'Donnell***

May the gift of baptism she receive strengthen her for the journey of life and faith she will share with us.

Please remember the O'Donnell family in your prayers.

Dear Parish Family,

Our Christian vocation is highlighted in this Sunday celebration of the feast of Ascension of Christ into the heaven. This feast invites us to proclaim what we live as Christians. We proclaim with our lives our encounter of Christ in our activities. The mission that Jesus gave to his disciples was to bear witness to everyone by living the Good News of Jesus. We proclaim in our lives the personal God experience and tell how God has worked in our lives.

Christ's Ascension can be understood, to send the Advocate or Paraclete, to prepare a place in heaven for us and to be absent physically but to live in us spiritually in the form of the Holy Spirit. Though Jesus has ascended into heaven He is with us at all the time and all the places.

**I am with you all ways; yes, to the end of time.** (Mt 28;20) My prayerful wishes for all the activities in this week.

Let us welcome Holy Spirit.

***Priyantha Fernando***

Assistant Parish Priest



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

(Acts 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. 6-9. R. v.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

(Eph 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

(Mt 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

(Mt 28:16-20)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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## Universal Prayer The Ascension of the Lord Year A Sunday 21st May 2023

**Presider:** Brothers and sisters, with Christ ascended into heaven, let us bring our prayers to the Lord.

**Reader:** That the Holy Church will continue to bear witness to the Gospel with grace and courage.

**(pause)** In your glory:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That those in government and civic leadership serve their people with wisdom and kindness.

**(pause)** In your glory:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That young Christians will turn to God for strength, remembering that Jesus is at their side at all times.

**(pause)** In your glory:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That our parish community may be inspired by the joy and hope of Christ's Ascension into heaven.

**(pause)** In your glory:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That the sick will be strengthened by God's abundant mercy, especially those in our parish bulletin.

**(pause)** In your glory:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That those who have died will ascend to glory with Christ our Saviour, especially Laetitia Fitzgerald and Ted Larkin who passed away recently and especially to Margaret Knight, Madeline Aitken, Joan McCabe and Fr John McEneaney whose anniversary occur at this time.

**(pause)** In your glory:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Presider:** God our Father, your Son is with you, at your right hand. Hear our prayers and help us to glorify the work of our Saviour now enthroned in glory, through prayer, word and actions. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**



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(2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Booragul):**

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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>

Educating teenagers about consent and respectful relationships is a topic that is often brought up in parent meetings. These conversations can be tough at times to have at home, but they are critical in developing our teenager's capacity in order to have meaningful and respectful relationships as they develop into adulthood. Consent refers to the voluntary agreement to engage in physical contact, and it is a crucial element of any healthy relationship.

Below are some conversation starters for families about consent that can help build teenage capacity to develop meaningful and respectful relationships and why it is vital to begin these conversations at home:

**1. Encouraging Communication**

Educating teenagers about consent can help them understand the importance of open and honest communication in a relationship. By learning how to communicate their wants and needs, they can avoid misunderstandings and ensure that their partners understand what they are comfortable with. In turn, this can promote a more positive and respectful relationship.

**2. Respecting Boundaries**

Consent education can teach teenagers to respect their own boundaries and the boundaries of others. By understanding that everyone has different boundaries and preferences, they can learn to navigate relationships with respect and sensitivity. This helps to build mutual trust and respect, which are crucial elements of any healthy relationship.

**3. Empowering Choices**

Educating teenagers about consent can also empower them to make choices that align with their values and beliefs. By understanding that they have the right to say no to any physical contact, they can assert themselves in a relationship and avoid feeling pressured or coerced into doing something they don't want to do.

**4. Understanding Consequences**

Consent education can also help teenagers understand the consequences of their actions. By learning about the importance of consent and the potential harm that can be caused by non-consensual physical contact or peer pressure, they can develop a greater sense of responsibility and empathy towards others.

Educating teenagers about consent is crucial for building their capacity to develop meaningful and respectful relationships as they develop into adulthood. By promoting communication, respecting boundaries, empowering choices, and understanding consequences, teenagers can learn to navigate relationships with respect and sensitivity, which can help to foster healthy and fulfilling relationships throughout their lives.



## Teaching Meditation and Prayer



2023 Online intensive unit over four Saturdays

This unit develops skills to teach meditation and prayer in a variety of contexts. Students will explore various approaches with a focus on silent meditation and establishing places of silence in a contemporary context.

Students will engage in practical experience in teaching meditation and prayer in a variety of contexts, such as, schools, hospitals, youth groups, parish groups, universities, aged-care facilities, retreat centres and homes.

### Teacher Accreditation

This unit may be eligible for maintaining accreditation to teach in a Catholic School. Teachers should check with their local education office.

This unit forms part of the Graduate Certificate of Teaching Meditation which is recognised by Meditation Australia.



Contact the Registrar for more information and enrolment appointments.  
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CRICOS: 01037A

### DATES:

17, 24 June; 7, 14 October

### TIME:

10am – 4.30pm  
+ 12 hours asynchronous learning  
view the [2023 timetable](#) for more information

### You can enrol:

- as an audit student (no assessment/credit) fee: \$650
- at undergraduate level: fee: \$1,861
- at postgraduate level: fee: \$2,882

**Fees** may be paid through FEE-HELP when units are part of a University of Divinity award.

### Lecturer

**Dr Christopher Morris** is Head of the Department of Pastoral and Spiritual Studies at Catholic Theological College.

## Pentecost Celebration

The Newcastle Catholic Charismatic Renewal is hosting a Pentecost celebration in thanksgiving for the birthday of the Church.

The day will start with a talk on the Acts of the Apostles, lunch and a Mass with prayer ministry afterwards.

The event will be at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church Gipps St Carrington on Sunday 28 May from 11am-2:30pm. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate to share for lunch. Contact Wayne Caruana 0466 631 394.

## An Indigenous Voice to Parliament Webinar

Join Fr Frank Brennan, SJ, AO and Vicki Clark OAM as they explore the planned referendum suggesting an alteration to the Australian Constitution that establishes a First Nations Voice.

Frank and Vicki will outline the long road that has brought us to this historic moment in Australian history and cut through the political rhetoric to clarify how 'the Voice' will enhance the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples – and all Australians. A Q&A session will follow.

Date: Wednesday 24 May 2023

Time: 5pm

Location: Zoom Webinar

Cost: Free

[Click here to register](#)

## Sorry Day Webinar

Caritas Australia is pleased to invite your parish community to our Sorry Day Webinar with survivors from Kinchela Boys Home, one of the most notorious institutions associated with the Stolen Generations.

In this special event, you will hear from Uncle Widdy (#36) and Uncle Bobby (#24), two survivors of Kinchela Boys Home. Caritas Australia's First Australians Programs team will also speak about what truth-telling and intergenerational healing means to our partners.

Date: 25 May 2023

Time: 11am -12noon

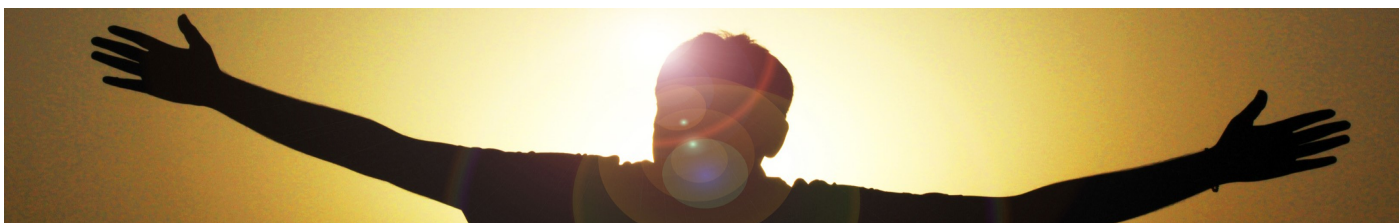
Location: Zoom Webinar

Please register at [www.caritas.org.au/sorry-day-webinar](http://www.caritas.org.au/sorry-day-webinar)

## Vesak Festival 2023 - Bathing Buddha Ceremony

On Friday 26 and Saturday 27 May the International Buddhist Cham Shan Temple of Australia in Morisset will host the 2023 Vesak Festival.

For more information, email [info@shamchan.au](mailto:info@shamchan.au)





## AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

### **STATEMENT REGARDING AN ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER VOICE TO PARLIAMENT**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples have lived in this land for many thousands of years. Their custodianship, however, is not recognised in the Australian Constitution. This is an omission which needs to be rectified. A constitutionally enshrined Indigenous Voice to Parliament is proposed as a way to achieve this.

We acknowledge that a Voice is not the only possible way of recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in our Constitution, but it is the way requested by those who gathered at the historic meeting at Uluru. This could be a significant step towards a more just and equitable Australia.

The wording to change the Constitution and establish the Voice is currently being discussed. We will soon have the opportunity to examine the precise wording and we will be asked to vote on the proposal towards the end of the year. We want to encourage all Australians to educate themselves as well as possible concerning the proposal to establish the Voice.

This is an important moment in the history of the nation, and it can help us to move towards a deep and just reconciliation. It also offers a mechanism to improve the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

We urge all Australians to engage in the debate productively, respecting each other and accepting that people may, in good faith, have differing concerns and perspectives. We are an open democracy, and this is a moment to use our democratic institutions to produce a high-quality debate shaped by a genuine concern to do justice and bring healing to First Nations Peoples.

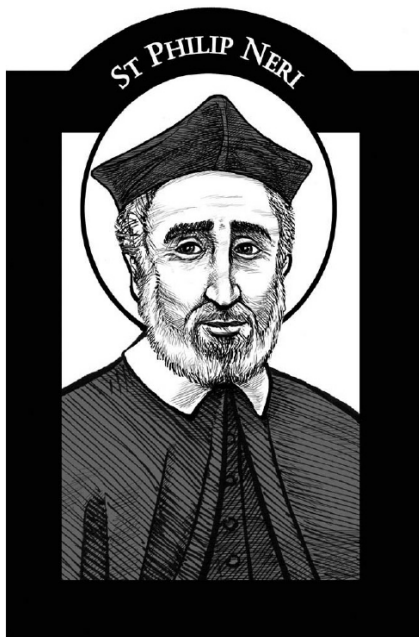
We ask those drafting the changes to the Constitution to work together in a spirit of cooperation, so that the proposal presented to the Australian people will appeal to a wide range of the population.

To guide all Australians at this important time, we encourage everyone to read and discuss the Uluru Statement from the Heart, which we endorsed in 2021 and the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia endorsed in 2022.

In particular, we recommend that Catholic parishes, schools and agencies arrange opportunities for people to come together to read and discuss the Uluru Statement.

Access the Uluru Statement at: <https://ulurustatement.org/the-statement/view-the-statement/>

May 11, 2023



**S**t Philip Neri was born in Florence in 1515. His mother died when he was young and he was educated at a Dominican convent. In 1533 he went to Rome and lived as a hermit for two years, then spent a further three years studying theology and philosophy. He gave up his studies and sold his books and encouraged his friends to join him in working for the sick and visiting the churches of Rome. St Philip was ordained a priest in 1551 and he spent many long hours hearing people's confessions. He founded the Congregation of the Oratory, which gave its name to the musical form 'Oratorio', which developed from their services. St Philip was known as a happy man, who enjoyed playing the occasional practical joke, but was also regarded as a living saint by those who knew him.



How many words can you make from the letters in the word ASCENSION?

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## Crossword

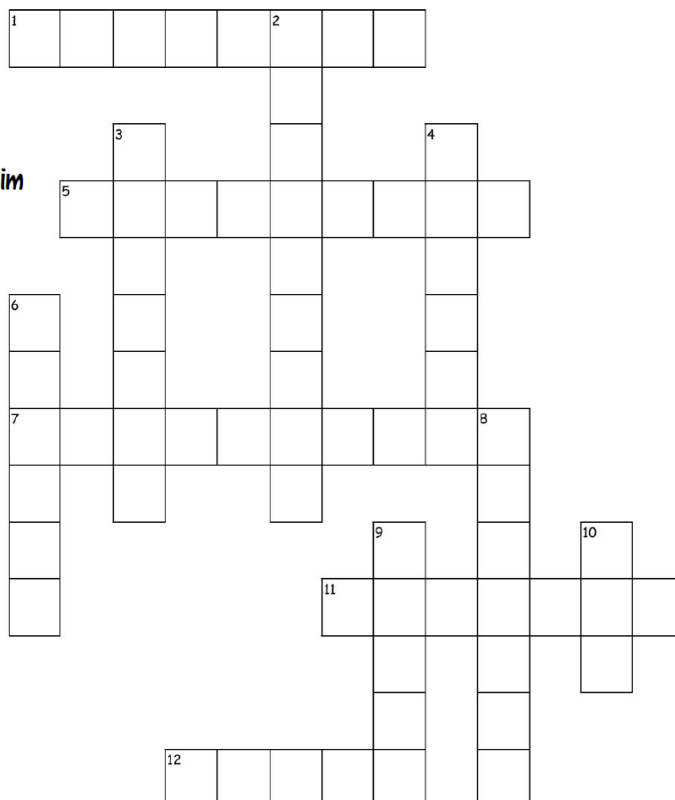


### Across

- 1: the high place where Jesus told his disciples to meet him
- 5: gave thanks and praise to God
- 7: all things
- 11: large groups of people that belong to different countries
- 12: educate

### Down

- 2: power over others
- 3: didn't believe
- 4: God's Kingdom
- 6: the number of disciples who witnessed Jesus' ascension into heaven
- 8: the name of the town where Jesus met his disciples
- 9: our world
- 10: finish







### 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

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  
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### 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

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