

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 23rd January 2022

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR C

Dear Parish Family,

I was deeply moved by the news of Charlise Mutton's murder, aged 9. I have nieces that age. We all know people that age; they are members of our families (children and grandchildren), they are part of our friendship and social groups, they are in our schools, they are part of our community. It is not such a hard step to empathy with Charlise's dad and grandmother. Not hard to sit for a moment in their shoes and know how they feel. We pray for the repose of this child's soul and as a community mourn her untimely and unnecessary death at the hands of evil.

How does this happen? We may never know the full story of course but it is becoming in my mind not such a rare occurrence. It seems the newspapers are full of these moments of tragedy and loss. These stories are more than just a child wandering off – children have this inbuilt ability don't they to get lost in a moment, to lose sight of where they are and what their surroundings are, a wander away from safety. I have 'kittens' every time I watch from a distance, young kids clearly above the 'age of reason' crossing busy roads absolutely oblivious to the traffic through which they are negotiating on their own.

I know we are all aware that there is a vulnerability in all our young people that needs protecting, watching out for, and looking after. As adults we are charged with the responsibility of making sure that those whose care, we are charged with are looked after and kept safe. It should never be rhetoric. Children are not responsible for what Adults do.

As a church we have done much work making sure our processes are right and our awareness watchful of the needs of the most vulnerable around us. The data coming through now during this time of COVID tells us that we need to be more aware of those around us than ever. Home due to lock down for some has become not the haven it should be. Pressure points continue to appear for many families, and our health services and mental health hot lines pushed to the limits supporting and caring for those in need as demand increases.

At some point in the not too distant future you will be invited as members of our parish community to come to an information and training session in the safeguarding space. The Office of Safeguarding offers many sessions and short courses to help us negotiate the world we live in as we keep together our most vulnerable safe. **We have a wonderful team promoting safeguarding in our parish.**

Domestic violence, alcohol and drug abuse, depression and other mental health issues, isolation and loneliness, desperation, and despair all on the rise due to our current periods of lockdown. There is much we can do to help ourselves and others.

One of the valuable lessons we have learnt as a church is the need to speak out and to allow others to speak out when there are things clearly not right. We take seriously and believe children as they tell us what's wrong in their lives. The fear potentially is that we will get some of that wrong, raise an issue that we might be misinterpreting, make a claim against an innocent party. It is a valid fear. That said it is better to be wrong, than silent and right!

Talking to a trusted person can make a huge difference for clarifying a gut feeling, an event witnessed or experienced, a niggles that something is not quite right. And if you happen to be living with abuse or violence there are many good people, agencies and this parish that can help you. Living in fear or with violence (physical or verbal) a terrible thing and not what God means for us or wants for us!

In Christ,

Greg

Parish Priest



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased: Gloria Fisher

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, Sue Withers, Joe Panek, Jo Turner, Karen Roberts, Arian Hampton, Leila Grew, Nick Gibson, Barry Maggs, James Grew, Greg Adam, Allan Baxter, Bayly Turner, Anne Keating, Veronica Hipwell, John Evans, Pam Mason, Winston Aslin, Maria Terwkar, Kristie Porters, Narelle Lackenby, Reuben Neilson, David Owens, Laurence Marshall, Fr Petar Mak ofm, Kath Cromie, Carol Robinson, Barry Sligar, Mary Maher, Terry Clancy, Veronica Clipsham, Betty McVean, Leslie Henry, Craig Flanagan

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.**

Parish Timetable

WEEKDAY MASS

24 Jan—28 Jan
 TUE: 8:00am Booragul Mass
 WED: 9:00am Boolaroo Mass
 THU: 9.30am Warners Bay Mass

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

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

BAPTISMS

This weekend we witness the baptism of
Blaise Peter Brown

May the gift of baptism he receive strengthen him for there journey of life and faith he will share with us.
 Please remember the Brown family in your prayers.

Readers Roster 29-30 January 2022	
Sat 5:30pm	Sallyanne Stanbridge Paul Tobin Anne Elward
Sun 9:00am	John Doran Pat Doran Brad Fuller
Sun 6:00pm	Ursula Kelly Kristen Pryor Ian Ross-Gowan



Pray for Tonga

Tonga is reeling after a violent underwater volcano eruption triggered tsunamis, destroyed telecommunications and blanketed the country in ash and rock.

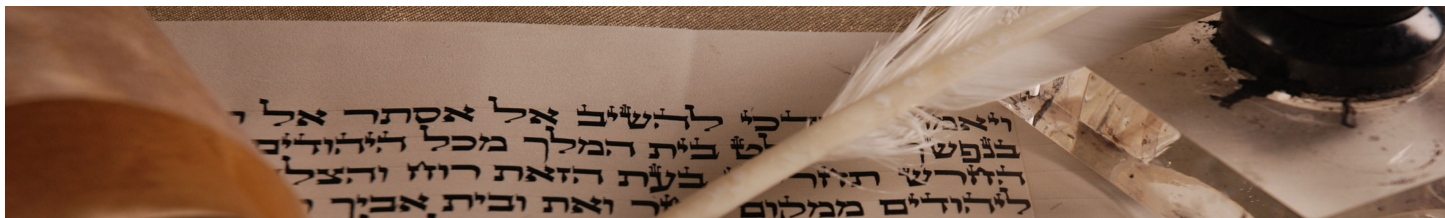
Roads, bridges and homes are damaged. Water supplies have been contaminated by volcanic ash and saltwater.

Tonga needs your support urgently. Give now to help with emergency response.

Visit www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific or call 1800 024 413 toll free to make your donation.

Prayer for Tonga and the Pacific

Loving God,
 We hold before you in our hearts
 The people of Tonga in this time of need.
 We know that the communities of the Pacific often
 experience fragility.
 Now, with a volcanic explosion leading to both a Tsunami
 And degradation of land and water through ash,
 We ask that your people find strength
 and feel closer to you than ever.
 They are communities of great faith.
 May they turn to you for peace and
 reassurance.
 May they turn to each other for comfort and community.
 And may they turn to us for support and solidarity.
 We all share this mysterious world
 Which you have entrusted to our care, as one family.
 May your Holy Spirit give us wisdom and courage
 And fill us with the gift of Hope.
 Amen.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

(8:2-6. 8-10)

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep’. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

Responsorial Psalm

(Ps 18:8-10. 15. R. See Jn 6:63)

(R.) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**

2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **(R.)**

3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **(R.)**

4. May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! **(R.)**

Second Reading

(12:12-30)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, ‘I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body’, would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, ‘I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body’, would that mean that it is not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything?

Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I do not need you,’ nor can the head say to the feet, ‘I do not need you.’

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ’s body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

Gospel Acclamation

(See Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

Gospel

(1:1-4. 4:14-21)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord’s year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’

UNIVERSAL PRAYER
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
23rd January 2022

Fr Greg: Brothers and Sisters, let us bring our intentions before the Lord, who through the Spirit anoints us with joy.

Reader: That leaders of the Church will act as disciples of truth and justice for all people.
(pause) In your mercy:
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That prisoners and captives will find renewed spirit and liberty in the Lord.
(pause) In your mercy:
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our parish community will work for the afflicted and bring the good news to the poor.
(pause) In your mercy:
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That through the Word of God, those who don't know Christ will be shown the joy of God's abundant blessings.
(pause) In your mercy:
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

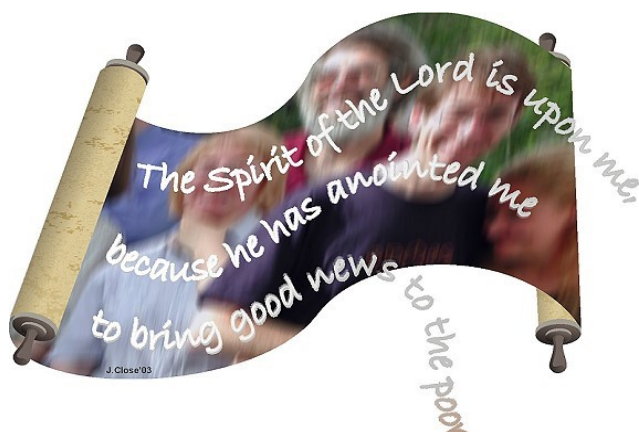
Reader: That the sick will find a renewed spirit through God's perfect Word of life.
(pause) In your mercy:
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all who have died will be called to eternal freedom with Christ.
(pause) In your mercy:
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Fr Greg: Loving Father, through your power we are anointed with the Holy Spirit. Hear our prayers and help us to bring new sight to the blind as we live your Word in truth. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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

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
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Account Name: CDF 48
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Ongoing Parish Financial Support Options

You might consider one of the following

Ongoing monthly direct debit for Planned Giving

To change your planned giving to monthly direct debit on an ongoing basis, please complete the enclosed CDF Direct Debit Request Form and return it to the Parish Office in Warners Bay or post box: PO Box 14, Boolaroo 2284.

One off payments

Please use the following link for one-off payments to the parish for the 1st collection which supports the clergy or for the planned giving 2nd collection which is the parish.

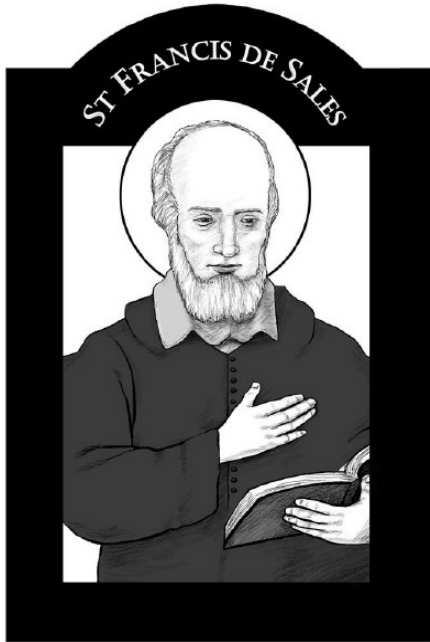
www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/parish-payments
the webform will allow you to specify the type of payments ('Parish Pament'), your parish (Boolaroo, Warners Bay or Booragul) and notes identify the payment (1st or 2nd Collection for example.)

If you cannot access the above link, you can make a one off payment through a bank transfer, using the following direct debit details:

YEAR 12 Results out this week!

Congratulations to all our Year 12s of 2021. We pray that you are happy with your results this year. We know as a community that your study last year was tough with Covid and its challenges. For those applying to university this community prays you were granted entry to the course you wanted. If you are applying for work, we pray you are successful. For those taking a gap year our prayer is that you stay safe and learn much about your world and who you are in it from the gap year experience. Remember disappointed is a part of life and teaches us sometimes more than our successes. It also teaches us to dig deep, take a deep breath and make a plan for the next step. Didn't get into the course you want? Choose another and reapply for what you want later. Didn't get the job you applied for? Keep applying. Be reflective, look to trusted family and friends for guidance, and remember prayer works!

Best wishes for the year ahead from all of us your parish family.

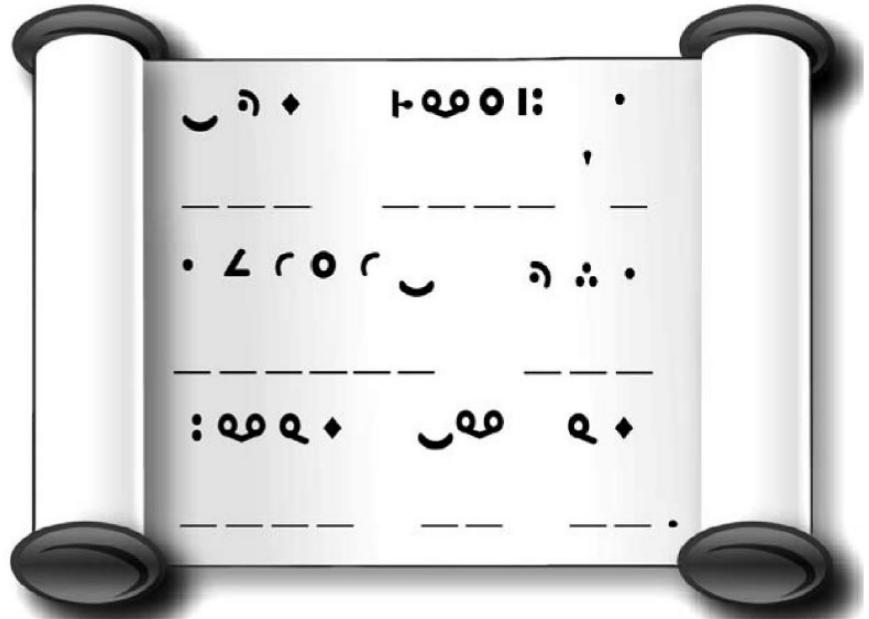


St Francis de Sales was born in 1567 to the noble family of Count de Sales of Savoy. After studying at university he was ordained a priest and in his first mission worked to convert the Calvinists of his native region. In 1602 he became the Bishop of Geneva and several years later formed the Order of the Visitation with the help of St Jane Frances de Chantal. St Francis de Sales' writings on devotional life are still widely read today and in the western church he is honoured as a Doctor of the Church. Pope Pius XI declared him to be patron saint of journalists.

DECODE THE PROPHECY

Use the code below to decipher the prophet's message

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Wordsearch

Try to find these words:



- announce
- chosen
- freedom
- good
- Isaiah
- news
- poor
- Sabbath
- Scriptures
- spread
- suffers
- true

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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



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Real Women

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Ladies Day

June Fava 02 4946 8415
Gwen Tompsett 02 4956 9596

Finance Committee

Meetings TBA, Meeting Room,
Warners Bay

Parish Council

Meetings TBA, Meeting Room,
Warners Bay

Promotion of Safeguarding

Contact Joy, Kath or Peta
Via the office

St Vincent de Paul

Meetings Wednesdays fortnightly,
Meeting Room, Warners Bay

Membership enquiries to:

Peter Deed 0419106519



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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