

Lakeside Bulletin



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

Parish Office, Shop 2, 24 Lake Street Warners Bay (PO Box 14, Boolaroo NSW 2284)

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

SUNDAY 27th November 2022

1st Sunday of Advent Year A

Reflection for the 1st Week Advent 2022

Life in the world today..... anxiety, distraction, and urgency. Just look at the news, and everything is either "BREAKING NEWS", "COVID-19 UPDATES" "GLOBAL WARMING" or "FAKE NEWS".

This part of our lives constantly distracts us.

If you are one of those on social media, just try to watch the cute video about puppies and babies playing together and before you know it you're pulled into the vortex of "fake news", "click bait", "twitter, flicker or facebook" and a wide variety of other noise.

Everyone encourages you to "click this" and "take a look at that,"; "Like this"; "Heart that"; but whatever you do, don't get sucked into reading the comments when the topic is controversial. It's a no-win situation in this world and this sense of distraction and urgency is totally exhausting.

In the Gospel reading Jesus seems to be pointing us toward this type of life lived in urgency. In this passage, Jesus appears to be talking about a time when he will return. He seems to be telling us that there will be no warning of this immanent return, so we need to be ready, we've got to live each moment as if it could be our last. I've got to say, this news does not feel to me to be a very comforting Gospel here at the beginning of Advent.

This first Sunday of Advent is supposed to remind us that we are anticipating not only the birth of the Christ child, but we are also anticipating the realisation of God's Kingdom on earth, then we can truly say:

God's Kingdom will have come, God's will, will be done, these things will happen on earth as in heaven. That's what we are anticipating, that's what we are hoping for "God with us"—Emmanuel. So, how are we supposed to be ready, what are we supposed to do? Well, I don't think we are supposed to be in a state of urgency, anxiously awaiting the return of Christ. We don't have to be scanning the news channels waiting for the "Breaking News Announcement: Jesus Has Returned." We don't have to keep our Smart phones at the ready, worrying we'll miss Jesus' text, Facebook post or tweet telling us he's back! Instead, Jesus tells us simply to be ready, and how do we do this? We do this by paying attention to the needs of others. We do this by opening our hearts to the least among us. We do this by loving our neighbour as ourselves. Here's the thing, when we love one another, we reflect that which God created us to be. When we love one another we are part of Gods Kingdom and we make Gods Kingdom real and present among us. That is the Good News of Advent.....God with us and us with God!

FR. JOHN



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased: Fr Thomas Zaremba SChr, Jim Legg & Sr Lynette Pearce RSJ

Anniversaries: Dell Grew, Peter Grew, Judith Kearning, Kathleen Marie Squire 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, Betty McVean, Leslie Henry, Craig Flanagan, Fr Tony Kelly, Andrew Regan, Eileen Brooks, Janusz Prudzienica, Anne Campbell, Jeremiah & Wesley McDonald.

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.**

BAPTISMS

This weekend we will witness the baptism of

Oakley Lincoln Brown

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

Please remember the Brown family in your prayers.

FIRST COMMUNION

This weekend we will witness the First Communion of

Will McCosker

Rex McCosker

May the Lord always be in your heart.

LADIES DAY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON:

Monday 5th December 2022,

At Boolaroo Sports Club,

31 Eighth Street, Boolaroo

from 11:30 a.m.

If you have not already indicated your intention to attend, and you wish to do so, please phone June 49468415 or Gwen 49569596 to confirm.

All welcome.



SAVE THE DATE – Toronto Men's Weekend

A **menALIVE Men's Weekend** will be held in St Joseph's Toronto Parish on the weekend of **25/26 March 2023**. This weekend is suitable for all men from 18 years of age and provides an opportunity for men to explore what makes them feel fully alive. More information including how to register will be provided closer to the date.

[MenAlive weekends - click here](#)

PARISH TIMETABLE

WEEKDAY MASS:

28 November – 2 December

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

3 December - 4 December

Sat 5:30pm

Jenny Harrison

Sallyanne Stanbridge

Paul Tobin

Sun 9:00am

Eileen Brooks

Ros Collins

John Doran

Sun 6:00pm

Ursula Kelly

John Marin

Kim Smith



Vinnies Christmas Appeal



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

St Vincent de Paul will be holding its Christmas appeal on the 3rd and 4th of December. The local conferences at Warners Bay, Boolaroo and Booragul are very appreciative of the support of parishioners as we look after the more needy in our local community. We also have three lady members from our Warners Bay conference who are part of the Diocesan wide domestic violence support group. A terrific additional support by these ladies to a very vulnerable group.

The Christmas tree with tags for children's presents will also be in the Churches from this date. These presents are combined with the Christmas hampers that we put together with the generous donations from the St Marys School families and they are very much looked forward to by our clients. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS

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

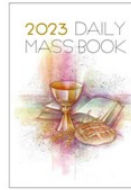


Anyone in our parish can contact the safeguarding promoters, even children. The safeguarding team can be contacted through the parish office by phone or email.

"All matters referred to the safeguarding promoters are confidential. Privacy is protected under the relevant State and Federal legislation"

DAILY MASS BOOK 2023

Daily Mass Book have arrived.



If you have ordered one could you please pickup from the parish office.

The price is \$24.00 per book.



REAL WOMEN CHRISTMAS CAFÉ NIGHT



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

(2:1-5)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

(Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9. R. see v.1.)

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: ‘Let us go to God’s house.’ And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**

2. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. For Israel’s law it is, there to praise the Lord’s name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. **(R.)**

3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray: ‘Peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!’ **(R.)**

4. For love of my brethren and friends I say: ‘Peace upon you!’ For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. **(R.)**



Second Reading

(13:11-14)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

(Ps 84:8)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Gospel

(24:37-44)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

1st Sunday of Advent Year A
Sunday 27 November 2022

Fr John: Dear brothers and sisters, as we enter this time of waiting, let us bring our intentions before God.

Reader: That the Holy Church will unite in this season and be ready when Christ comes to meet us.

(pause) In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That nations at war will put aside conflict and find peaceful resolutions.

(pause) In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who live in the darkness of hunger, unemployment and homelessness will see a new day dawn.

(pause) In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those suffering from the lure of temptation will find resistance in the message of Christ.

(pause) In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our parish community will stay awake and stand ready as we wait for the coming of Christ.

(pause) In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who lost their homes and businesses to floods will receive the ongoing support they need.

(pause) In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who are sick will have mercy and love shown to them, especially all those in our parish bulletin.

(pause) In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will share in eternal redemption with Christ, especially Fr Thomas Zareba SChr, Jim Legg & Sr Lynette Pearce RSJ.

(pause) In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Fr John: Lord God, you teach us to be attentive in faith and heart. Hear our prayers and help us to be ever watchful and ready for the glorious coming of our Saviour. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.



Hymn Lyrics

CITY OF GOD

Dan Schutte S.J.

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people of darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

***Let us build the city of God. May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord our light and our love, has turned the night into day!***

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.
The one who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be a light for his people to set their hearts free.

God is light in him there is no darkness
Let us walk in his light, his children, one and all
O comfort my people; make gentle your words.
Proclaim to my city the day of her birth.

© 1981 Dan Schutte S.J. New Dawn Music. OCP Publications. All rights reserved. Used with Permission One License #A 6211591

ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

Bob Dufford (cf:Ps 98)

***All the ends of the earth all you creatures of the sea
Lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord
For the Lord of the earth the Master of the sea
Has come with justice for the world***

Break into song at the deeds of the Lord
The wonders he has done in every age

Heaven and earth shall rejoice in his might
Every heart, every nation call him Lord

© 1981, 1996. Bob Dufford OCP Publishers All rights reserved. Used with Permission One License #A 6211591

BLEST BE THE LORD

Dan Schutte

***Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord,
The God of mercy, the God who saves.
I shall not fear the dark of night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day.***

He will release me from the nets of all my foes.
He will protect me from their wicked hands.
Beneath the shadows of his wings I will rejoice.
To find a dwelling place secure.

I need not shrink before the terrors of the night.
Nor stand alone before the light of day.
No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down,
No evil settle in my soul.

Although a thousand strong have fallen at my side.
I'll not be shaken with the Lord at hand.
His faithful love is all the armour that I need,
To wage my battle with the foe.

© 1979 Dan Schutte New Dawn Music. All rights reserved. Used with Permission One License #A 6211591

GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD

Dan Schutte

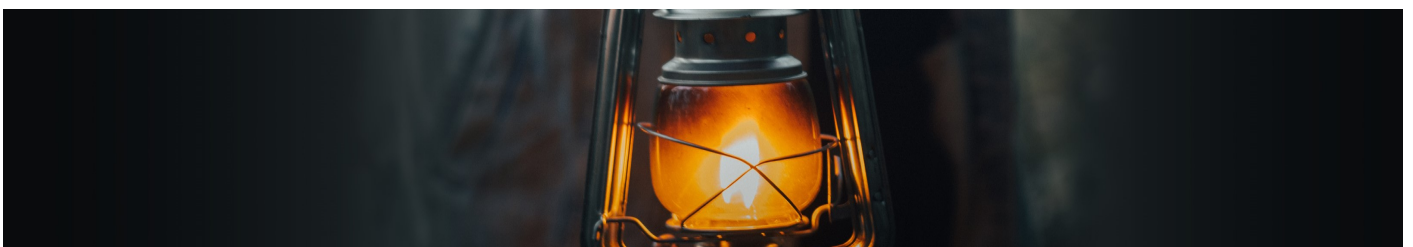
***Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears, to those who trust in His ways.***

We the daughters and sons of Him, who built the valleys and plains,
Praise the wonders our God has done, in every heart that sings.

In His wisdom he strengthens us, like gold that's tested with fire.
Though the power of sin prevails, our God is there to save.

Every moment of every day our God is waiting to save.
Always ready to seek the lost, to answer those who pray.

©1976 Dan Schutte. North American Liturgy Resources. All rights reserved. Used with Permission One License #A 6211591



PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart
and break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life,
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength
to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

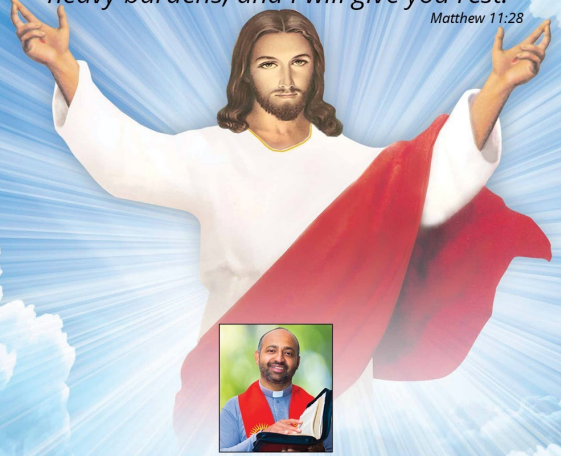
Amen.



Australian Catholic
Bishops Conference

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying
heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28



Fr. Roni George VC
DRC, SOMERSBY

DECEMBER 17TH (SATURDAY) 2022
SPIRITUAL RETREAT
at St James Catholic Church,
65 Brook Street,
Muswellbrook
9.30am to 3.00pm

Please Contact: **Monica Brown:** jeffmonica.brown@bigpond.com, Tel: 0409 913 453
or **Colleen Kelly:** kellymbrook@westnet.com.au, Tel: 0402 242 273

Morning Tea will be provided

Please bring a plate to share for Lunch

There is no charge for the retreat but a donation on the day to help pay the costs of transport
for the team from Sydney on the day would be appreciated.



DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE

160 Hensons Road, Somersby, SYDNEY-NSW 2250,
Tel: 02 4372 1598, 04 6848 6782, email drcsydney@gmail.com
• www.divineretreatcentre.org.au • www.facebook.com/divineretreatcentresomersby

Ongoing monthly direct debit for Planned Giving

To change your planned giving to monthly direct debit on an ongoing basis, please complete the CDF Direct Debit Request Form on the parish website www.boolarocatholicchurch.com/donations 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. <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/giving-and-payments/> the webform will allow you to specify the type of payments ('Parish Payment'), your parish (Boolaroo, Warners Bay or Booragul) and notes identify the payment (1st or 2nd Collection for example.)

Tap N Go Machine

The Commonwealth Bank has offered a credit/debit card machine for the front of the church to make payment to the second collection easier. It can also make it easier for you to pay any of the churches accounts during the week should you choose to.

For Clergy (1st Collection):

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
Account Number: 00328161
Account Name: CDF 48
Reference: *Your Surname and #envelop number.*

Prayer for the appointment of our new Bishop

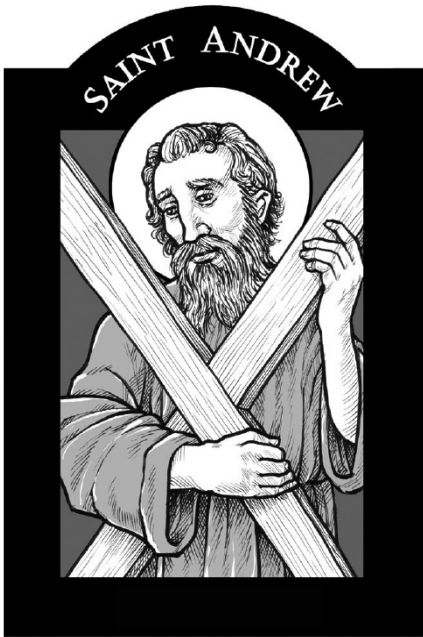
Shepherding God
you reveal your way of unfailing love
in the image of the Good Shepherd
who seeks the lost,
shows compassion
knows and is known by the sheep
and lays down his life for them.

We your people of Maitland-Newcastle
are without a bishop to shepherd us.

We ask that your Holy Spirit
who moves through this great south land,
inspire the choice of our new Bishop,
empower his 'yes'
and open our hearts in hospitality and love.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help pray for us
Mary MacKillop of the Cross pray for us.



St Andrew came from Capernaum and was a fisherman by trade. He was a disciple of John the Baptist before he and his brother, Simon Peter, were called to be the first apostles of Christ. In the Gospels he is mentioned for his part in the feeding of the 5000, as well as John's Gospel account of the Greeks who wished to meet Jesus. There is uncertainty as to where he preached, where he died and was buried. Ancient writings suggest he went to Greece, and was eventually crucified on a saltire (X shaped) cross, from where he preached to the people for two days before dying. A medieval legend tells of his remains being taken to the coast of Scotland to a place now named St Andrews, which eventually led to him becoming the patron saint of Scotland.



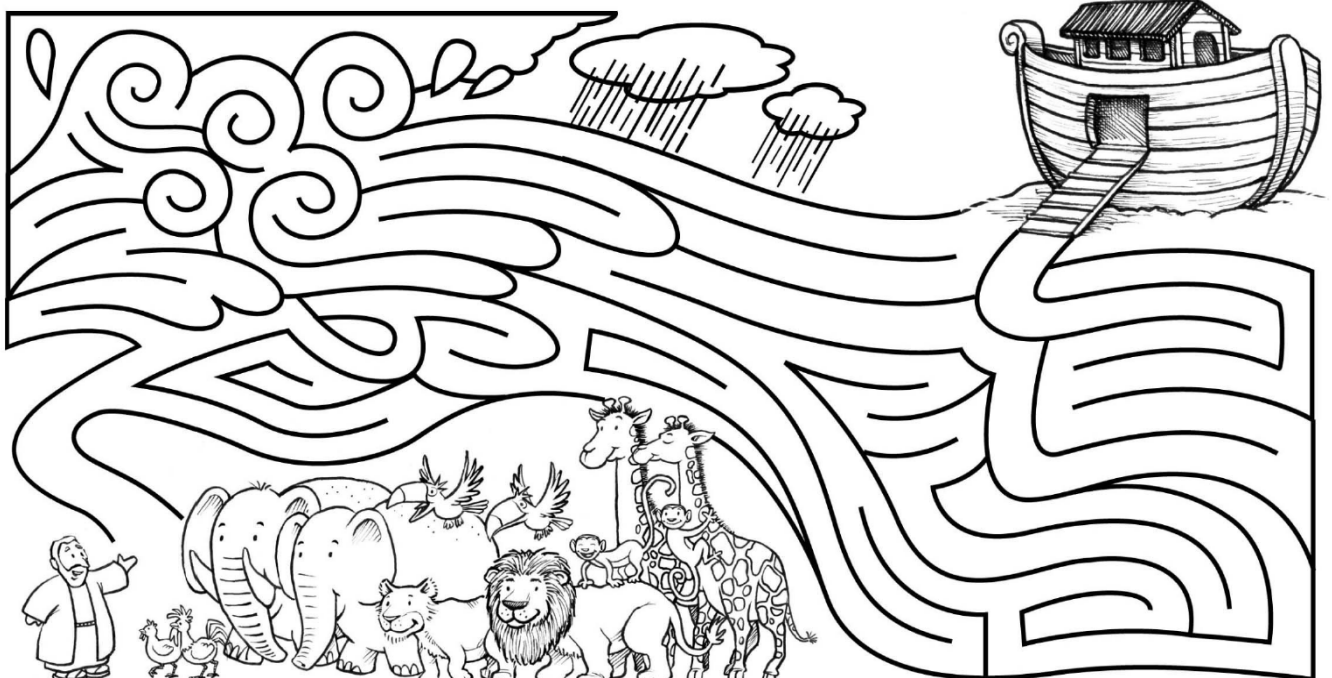
Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

- | | | |
|----------|-------|-------|
| breaking | flood | ready |
| coming | grain | swept |
| drinking | guard | taken |
| field | Noah | thief |

P H J N C D G Z M T O H J W V C G
 V R U W M U T D G C K Z M G N I N
 Y A Z Y P G S K A K Z D K F C A N
 X H W C L E N G G Y H N L X O H N
 Q T B I T P E W S T G Q D E M M I
 P B R L W P T R V I X E S X I K S
 K A W G G K E P A L J Z M R N F K
 O Z K G F A T A K E N S D A G Y S
 I Z S J D M H Y G S S D R A U G O
 D F C Y W E B E G R A M D M A F Y
 E Y I O Z O I N G I A U Y Q U U T
 M A Q Q L Y I I Q W H I O O H H N
 I X W N Q K S M F B V A N F I C O
 S U J W A D R I N K I N G E M B A
 Z V J E H R A F I O G I F V W M H
 Y H R N V S M H G U O H D L G O P
 G B F L O O D V B Z P J E L H F F

Help Noah and the animals find their way onto the ark so they can be ready for the flood when it comes.





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

Fr Greg Barker - Parish Priest
gregory.barker@mn.catholic.org.au

Maryanne Barry - Parish Secretary
parish.boolaroo@mn.catholic.org.au
Phone: 02 4947 3301

Fr James Odoh - Assistant Priest
james.odoh@mn.catholic.org.au

Emergencies

PH: 0402 223 415

Fr John Purnell - Administrator
John.purnell@mn.catholic.org.au

Office Hours:

Mon - Fri 9.00am - 3.00pm

Website:

www.boolaroocatholicchurch.com



PARISH GROUPS

Real Women

Sue Campbell 0417 091 255

Ladies Day

June Fava 02 4946 8415
Gwen Tompsett 02 4956 9596

Finance Committee

Meetings TBA,
Meeting Room, Warners Bay

Parish Council Meeting

Meetings TBA,
Meeting Room, Warners Bay

Promotion of Safeguarding

Contact Joy, Peta or Nathan
Via the office

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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



St Mary's Primary School K-6

2 Bayview Street, Warners Bay

Ph: 02 4948 8770

E: admin@warnersbay.catholic.edu.au

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

P: 02 4944 4800

E: admin@gatesheadsm.catholic.edu.au

W: www.gatesheadsm.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Larry Keating

Unless otherwise stated, the advertisements placed in the Lakeside Bulletin are placed by independent third parties who have no legal relationship with the Diocese. The activities or services of the advertisers are not supervised or controlled in any way by the Diocese. The Diocese is not in a position to endorse the advertisers or the services provided and makes no representation about those matters. Accordingly, the Diocese cannot accept any responsibility for the advertisers or the activities or services that are the subject of these advertisements.