

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 29th AUGUST 2021 22nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Dear Parish Family,

In some ways natural disasters are beyond our ability to control. I say 'in some ways' mostly due to their very nature being an 'Act of God'. That said however they are often exacerbated by 'man's' either greed, corruption or incompetence as buildings are built for example by cutting corners, falling too many trees or in unsafe places. The devastation is no less real for those who fall victim to the natural disaster, homes and lives lost, grief, hunger, homelessness are a result. There is much then for those around to be generous and much too as a response in empathy from all of us who share in the human condition that has to transcend either creed, race, place or faith. We are all human, brothers and sisters, created in God's image after all. You may well have already made a response to the Haiti appeal, given to Catholiccare's August appeal or indeed dropped food into our little bins before we were in lockdown. On their behalf I thank you for your acts of kindness and generosity.

There are many things to be overwhelmed by in our world at the moment: not least amongst them are the tragedies unfolding in Afghanistan, Haiti and Turkey.

If you are looking for an interesting movie see about watching 'The Man Who Sued God' starring Billy Connolly. For all of the commentary in it there are many interesting points to reflect upon.

I have been challenged by Joe Biden's response to the situation in Afghanistan and indeed Scott Morrison's. What could have been done differently I ask myself? Maybe sticking to the original plan of a much slower withdrawal may well have saved lives. The 'photo' opportunity of pulling out on the anniversary of 9/11 I suppose, to good an opportunity to pass up but at what cost! I have vague memories the end of World War II was planned to coincide with a significant date as well, prolonging a conflict that could well have ended much earlier and with some significant savings to loss of life and damage to communities and property.

I think what is challenging however is the seemingly disregard for life and a lack of ownership for getting wrong from two supposedly Christian men. Clearly they don't see it the way I do. The human side of all of us seeks to find blame else where when we get it wrong and there is a natural part of the human condition that seeks revenge for wrongs and hurts. It is not the Catholic or Christian way however. Jesus teaches and models something very different. Joe Biden's commentary in the wake of the latest bombings in Kabul whilst reflecting the natural desire for payback and never forget is hardly the order of the Christian call. Bringing to justice however quite different. I find it hard to go past, that much of what we are seeing right now in Afghanistan has been caused by Western leadership. Wouldn't it be nice if one politician might step up and say 'I got that wrong' or indeed say 'I'm sorry' and actually mean it.

Sadly I suspect many might think less of them in that scenario rather than more, not appreciating both their honesty and a desire to find ways to make things right, that owning our guilt, really owing our guilt, demands. I'm not sure how anyone is going to make Afghanistan right now. Or how anymore people are going to be saved now that Islamic State has waged into the devastation unfolding there. Whilst I know that sometimes this can feel futile when things look so horrible all we have sometimes is an ability to pray, and in this case pray we must.

And should we get a chance to own our own infallibilities and frailties we need to take it with both hands. What the world really needs right now is peace and healing. Forgiveness and Reconciliation are the only ways we can truly bring peace and offer healing. In the small and in the large when we say I am sorry, mean it and seek to heal what has been broken we send out into the world the peace

that Jesus sought to bring and to leave with us. It is life and too the full!



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased: Joyce Ross & Michelle Clipsham

Anniversaries: Ted Stevens, Jean Dangarfield And our all 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: Bishop Bill, Toni Harkin, Sue Withers, Joe Panek, Jo Turner, Karen Roberts, Arian Hampton, Leila Grew, Sarah Williams, Nick Gibson, Barry Maggs, James Grew, Greg Adam, Allan Baxter, Anthony Rigby, Bayly Turner, Anne Keating, Veronica Hipwell, John Evans, Pam Mason, Delma Clarke, Winston Aslin, Maria Terwkar, Kristie Porters, Narelle Lackenby, Reuben Neilson, David Owens, Laurence Marshall. Fr Petar Mak ofm

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.

Readers Roster 19th August 2021		
Sat 5:30pm		
Sun 9am	Kim Smith Lois Wilson	
Sun 6pm		

SPIRITUAL

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PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already here, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Parish Timetable

WEEKDAY MASSES Due to Covid restrictions no Masses till further notice

WEEKEND MASS TIMES: **Till further Notice no Mass**es at this time due to Covid Lockdown

Our Usual 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

If you are on our Registration list we will keep you there. If there is a problem we will contact you to advise. Please let us know if you are unable to attend Mass.

Numbers at our Vigil are strictly limited. We can normally accommodate most numbers at our Sunday Masses.

To register or notify of a change please call 02 4958 2031 or email: parish.boolaroo@mn.catholic.org.au

A prayer for Afghanistan

For those who are fleeing: sanctuary

For those who are staying: safety

For those who are fighting: peace

For those whose hearts are breaking: comfort

For those who see no future: hope

UNIVERSAL PRAYER 22nd Sunday **Ordinary Time Year B** 29th Aug 2021

Fr Greg: Brothers and sisters, with confidence in God's love and mercy let us intercede for the world.

Reader: That with a pure heart, the Church will observe the commandments of the Lord. (pause) In your mercy: All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That governments will be guided by God's law and promote justice and fairness; today we keep those who are leading the nation of Afghanistan in our prayer, that they may rule with gentleness, integrity and an acceptance of ruling for the betterment of all Afghan people regardless of ethnic background or faith. (pause) In your mercy: All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who live through deceit and dishonesty will change their ways and live in the truth.(pause) In your mercy:

All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That victims of evil and abuse will be shown kindness and compassion. (pause) In your mercy:

All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick will find healing and comfort, including the members of our own families and all those directly affected by COVID. (pause) In your mercy: All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the faithful departed will reach their eternal reward, including Michelle Clipsham who has died recently and Ted Stevens and Jean Dangarfield whose anniversary occurs about now. (pause) In vour mercy: All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Fr Greg: God of justice and mercy, your law guides our hearts in the path of holiness. Hear our prayers and may our words be matched by our loving deeds. We make this prayer in Jesus' name.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 85:3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading Dt 4:1-2. 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1 (R.) The just will live in the

presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart. (*R*.) ciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat

2. He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. (*R*.) 3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. (*R*.)

Second Reading Jas 1:17-18, 21-

A reading from the letter of St James

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel Acclamation Jas 1:18 Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the tion of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not re-

spect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lipservice, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

Communion Antiphon

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

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LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS

The **Promoters of Safeguarding** continue to endorse a culture of safeguarding within the Parish. So, in preparation for **National Child Protection Week** (5th-11th September 2021), we are raising awareness about protecting the rights of children and preventing child abuse. This is a job for everyone in our community through educating ourselves about how to have a child-safe environment by monitoring them, listening to them, believing them, speaking up if you believe something is unsafe.

To this end, we are sharing with parents, grandparents and community members, the following top 10 internet safety rules:

1. **Do not** communicate your address nor personal information online.

2. Maintain **privacy settings** when accessing major websites such as Facebook.

3. Practice **safe browsing** – avoid dubious websites as these could share your personal information or infect your device with malware.

4. Ensure your internet **connection is secure** (not a public WiFi connection) before you provide details of your bank accounts.

5. Be mindful that downloads can try to **steal information** or contain **malware** (software intentionally designed to cause damage to a computer or client) which can be disguised in innocent-looking apps such as games, traffic reports or weather.

6. Choose a **strong password** that is unique and complex – at least 15 characters with a mix of letters, numbers and special characters (eg. ! @#\$%^&*).

7. Make online purchases from *secure websites* – those with addresses which commence with a **padlock symbol** next to the address bar or commence with *https:* (the 's' stands for 'secure') rather than those that commence with *http:*

Be careful what you **post online** – any comment or image posted may remain online forever because removing what you posted does not remove whatever someone else has already copied.
 Be careful of who you **meet online** – they may not always be who the claim to be.
 Keep your **antivirus program** up to date – internet security software can prevent and remove most malware.



Invitation to Plenary Council Conversations

The Plenary Council members will be invited into spiritual conversations over the first week in October in order to arrive at the concrete proposals to create a more missionary, Christcentered Church in Australia at this time.

In preparation for the upcoming First Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council our Diocesan Plenary Council members Bernadette Gibson, Fr Andrew Doohan VG, and Helen Belcher are seeking input from our diocesan community.

You are invited to join them for a series of conversations around the Plenary Council agenda and its associated questions, and guided by the Holy Spirit, so they can hear from as many people as possible. Plenary Conversations will be over a number of weeks each Thursday from 26/8 to 30/9 - 7.00pm to 8.30pm via Zoom.

Program for Plenary Council Conversations:

<u>Online Registration</u> is now open to register for all or one of the conversations.

https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/plenarycouncil-lead-up-conversations-tickets-168063956819

- Thursday 2/9 Formation
- Thursday 9/9 Prayer
- Thursday 16/9 Structures
- Thursday 23/9 Governance
- Thursday 30/9 Institutions



Engage Your Heart in Leadership You're invited to the fifth biennial <i>Mission: one</i> <i>heart many voices</i> conference. The conference will be online and you can register now. Join us from: Wednesday 1 – Friday 3 Septem- ber, 2021. This special online gathering will integrate and engage with all the fantastic capabilities of the online world in helping us achieve the purposes and outcomes of this conference. We are designing a program that will provide participants with an opportunity of wholistic formation and transformation, for personal and professional development and to enable us all to live the joy of the Gospel and lead mission. For more information:	August Appeal 2021 CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning is the official charitable agency of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. At CatholicCare Hunter-Manning, everybody is welcome. Our Community Programs re- ceive no government funding, so we're calling on the Catholic and broader community to help. After a difficult eighteen months, we ex- pect to be welcoming even more people through our doors. You can help. Help us feed more people in our community kitchens. Help us support more refugees in our pro- grams.
https://2021.mohmv.com.au/ Engaging Your Faith: Online Series Engaging Your Faith is a series of online short sessions from Catholic Theological College (CTC), Melbourne, offering an opportunity to explore your faith. Session topics include: Meditation and Compas- sion; Interfaith Relations; The Bible as the Great War Story to End All War Stories; Can a Scien- tist Believe in God? Dates and times: Sessions run between 21st Au- gust and 16th September, at various times of day, and are typically 90min to 2-hours in dura- tion. Download the flyer for details. Registration: \$20 per online session. Register at Trybooking. Further details at <u>CTC website</u> .	 Help us deliver more meals to people in need. Please give a gift to our 2021 August Appeal today. Every dollar counts. Your generosity will support those who have nowhere else to turn, ensuring no one goes without and that all are welcomed with food, support, and a smile. Donate today Send your cheque to PO Box 775 Newcastle 2300 Give a gift online www.catholiccare.org.au/augustappeal Catholic Mission is helping present an online gathering on mission and evangelisation. Called Mission: One Heart, Many Voices (MOHMV), it will be offered from Wednesday, September 1 to Friday, September 3.
WEAK OF THE AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AND	For those in your parish community struggling to feel spiritually nourished by the lack of wor- ship and Eucharist, at this time, MOHMV, may be a wonderful opportunity to come together, albeit online, and explores matters of faith and spirituality. I commend to you the link below. Any ways you can spread the word, including social media, your parish newsletter or a website, would be very much appreciated. I alsoinvite you to come back to me with any questions or comments about the conference itself or just about the work of Catholic Mission in general. <u>https://2021.mohmv.com.au/</u>
The country also continues to grapple with COVID-19, poverty, and ongoing political instability and violence.	With thanks, prayers and blessings. God bless. David McGovern Diocesan Director

There is immediate and urgent need for food, water, shelter, hygiene kits and first aid on the ground.

To provide support, you can donate to Caritas Australia's Emergency Response Appeal.

Donate today at www.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2021 5-11 SEPTEMBER

EVERY CHILD IN EVERY COMMUNITY NEEDS A FAIR GO

BUSINESSES Play their part to protect and care for children and young people in their community by supporting family and friendly environments and sponsoring local organisations.

Ensure conditions of employment value parents and families. Parental and carers' leave recognises the importance of parents having time to build relationships with newborns, to care for children and support each other. Such conditions show that you value your staff as parents as well as employees.

Have flexible, family friendly work conditions and job share available to staff who are parents and carers. Flexibility allows parents to meet the needs of their family, and better cope in times of stress. Partner with a local community organisation or school to support children and families. For example, sponsoring a children's sporting activity increases opportunity for families to be involved in their community.

Be family-friendly and welcome children, for example smiling at and acknowledging children through to providing a play area, that can be supervised by parents or staff, and provide baby change facilities in your business. This recognises the place of children in our society and improves families' access to your business.

If you work with children and young people, develop policies and procedures to guide you and your employees: a child protection policy should promote wellbeing and early intervention practices, as well as be consistent with state/territory mandatory reporting legislation. Ensure and verify that all staff and volunteers engaged in child related work hold a valid Working With Children Check.

Also, a code of conduct for working with children and young people is a practical tool for promoting clear and consistent roles and behaviour. When implemented and supported consistently, these policies work to protect children, workers and the organisation.

Think about safe and respectful ways to be an active bystander if you see an adult being inappropriate towards a child or young person.

RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIE Play their part to protect and care for child ren and young people in their community by supporting families and promoting children and young people's health and wellbeing.

Be a positive role model. Children and young people learn from the people that they spend time with, so make your influence positive. Facilitate a youth friendly environment by creating opportunities for children and young people to engage in and be heard. This could include providing a youth space, holding a community event to showcase children's achievements, or developing a youth action network.

Become informed on the indicators and risks of child abuse and neglect as well as preventative measures. This will increase your awareness of how to support families in your community and prevent harm.

Develop means for family networking and support groups through communication channels such as notice boards, newsletters, online and social media or offering practical support. Reach out to families who are isolated. Be available and approachable.

Develop child related policies and procedures. Child Protection Policies should promote wellbeing and early intervention practices and be consistent with state/territory mandatory reporting legislation.

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Support Schools in their promotion of children and young people's safety and wellbeing. Openly encourage reviews of pastoral care systems to ensure they are meeting the needs of staff and students.

Consider the impact on children / young people when making service delivery decisions. Be open to making connections with any child, young person or community member who needs your support regardless of cultural background or religious beliefs, to further perpetuate an environment of acceptance and tolerance.

Think about safe and respectful ways to be an active bystander if you see an adult being inappropriate towards a child or young person.

From the NAPCAN website (prevent Child Abuse & Neglect.

https://www.napcan.org.au/tips-for-playing-your -part

Ongoing Parish Financial Support Options	The Chosen – Series One Discussion Group
You might consider one of the following	Have you seen the crowd funded series 'The
Ongoing monthly direct debit for Planned	Chosen' and would like an opportunity to discuss each episode through a guided for-
<u>Giving</u> To change your planned giving to monthly direct	mation program?
debit on an ongoing basis, please complete the en-	The Chosen- Series One Discussion Group begins August 18. To register go to:
closed CDF Direct Debit Request Form and return it to the Parish Office via during lockdown the post	https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-
box: PO Box 14, Boolaroo 2284.	chosen-season-1-discussion-group-tickets-
	<u>164268530597</u> or contact via <u>formed@mn.catholic.org.au</u>
<u>One off payments</u> Please use the following link for one-off payments	
to the parish for the 1 st collection which supports	aMeN caMiNo 2022: Information Ses-
the clergy or for the planned giving 2 nd collection which is the parish.	sion
www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/parish-payments	
the webform will allow you to specify the type of	The aMeN caMiNo takes place over five con- secutive days. The pilgrimage starts at St
payments ('Parish Pament'), your parish (Boolaroo, Warners Bay or Booragul) and notes identify the	John's Chapel, Maitland and concludes at
payment (1 st or 2 nd Collection for example.)	the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton. Pil-
If you cannot access the above link, you can make a one off payment through a bank transfer, using the	grims will walk an average of 20km per day through the beautiful landscape of bush,
following direct debit details:	beach and beyond which we are blessed to
For Clergy (1st Collection):	have in our backyard.
BSB: 062815	For those interested in finding out about the 2022 aMeN caMiNo experiences, we will be
Account Number: 00328161	holding an online Information Session on
Account Name: CDF 5264 Reference: <i>Your Surname and Parish</i>	Saturday 28 August at 2pm.
	https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/amen-
<u>For Planned Giving (2nd Collection</u> Boolaroo):	camino-information-session-tickets-
BSB:062815	<u>162230268099</u>
Account Number: 00328161 Account Name: CDF 5263	
Reference: Your Surname and #envelop number.	
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BSB: 062815	
Account Number: 00328161 Account Name: CDF 48	
Reference: Your Surname and #envelop number.	
Praying the Gospels	For more artwork as to usual borednands com
You are invited to connect and pray with each	For more artwork go to www.boredpanda.com/ afghan-street-artist-shamsia-hassani/
other across the Diocese from your own home. God speaks to us through the words of the Gospel	
and then through artist's images of the Gospel	
message. Join us each Wednesday 5.00-5.45pm.	
Zoom link: <u>https://mncatholic.zoom.us/</u>	
<u>j/96144217758</u>	
Password: pray For more information contact:	
rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au	



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

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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 Meetings TBA, Meeting Room, Warners Bay

Parish Council Meetings TBA, Meeting Room, Warners Bay

Promotion of Safeguarding Contact Joy, Maggie or Peta Via the office

St Vincent de Paul Meetings Wednesdays fortnightly, Meeting Room, Warners Bay Membership enquiries to: Peter Deed 0419106519



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RECONCILIATION 5:00-5:15pm Saturday Our Lady Help of Christians Church

RITE DF CHRISTIAN INITIATION DF ADULTS (RCIA) Parish Office 02 4958 2031

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 A/Principal: Colin Mulhearn

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