



Lakeside Bulletin

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

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

St Mary's - 2 Bayview Street, Warners Bay

St Michael the Archangel - 46 Ranclaud Street, Booragul



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

SUNDAY, 27 July 2025

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Our Lady Help, Boolaroo - Sat 5:30pm

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

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

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

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

Our Lady Help, Boolaroo - Wed 9:00am

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

RECONCILIATION

5:00-5:15pm Saturday

Our Lady Help of Christians Church

BAPTISMS & SACRAMENTS

Booking/Enrolment via Parish Website

Baptisms celebrated most Sundays.

MARRIAGE

Celebrated by arrangement with at least
3 months notice.

Contact the Parish Office

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(RCIA) Parish Office 4943 4153

Dear Parish Family,

.... Lord teach us to pray...give us this day our daily bread....

Over these past few weeks, we are walking as a church with Jesus to Jerusalem learning what it means to be a disciple – what it means to share in the hospitality of God.... that is, hospitality where God enters our lives and the lives of those around us providing for each other's needs. Discipleship and hospitality, like the good Samaritan, in being compassionate; like Martha and Mary to be not just doers but needing equal time to be listeners to God's word; and this weekend being people of prayer.

The readings invite us to reflect on prayer with the same message - be persistent. Abraham in the first reading from Genesis prays for the towns of Sodom and Gomorrah that God save the just ...after a bidding war takes place, he persists in order to change God's mind.

The Our Father we have from Luke's Gospel is much shorter than the version we pray as Christians, which comes from Matthew. Beginning with the words "our father"is a key to Jesus' ministry - how else could he continue to minister to the sick, outcast, sinners. The characteristics that Jesus ascribes to the father are qualities that most would describe as a mix of masculine and feminine qualities – strong and powerful yet the carer and nurturer also.... Jesus felt free to call God, "father" with all the good implications that come from that name, seeing ourselves as sons and daughters.

Whether our prayer be praise, contrition, thanksgiving or petition, it recognises our need for God. Jesus assures us that God is more than willing to give us what we need. However, for this to happen we must turn to God and humbly acknowledge that need. If we pray for what we need with conviction and confidence and be demanding and persistent in our prayer, then God won't fail to respond. Do you notice in the parable that in the persistent nature of prayer is not focused on the individual but rather the neighbour's need of assistance in fulfilling his obligations of hospitality to a traveller. He is not waking his neighbour in the middle of the night to ask for bread for himself; he asks for bread to give to his guest. This gives us something of an idea about how we might focus on our prayer life – what are the needs of others around us.

Something to think about is this statement from the great Christian writer CS Lewis, he once wrote "prayer doesn't change God but changes us." Lord teach us to be prayerful communities.....

On Friday evening at Morisset, we celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Michael. There were nine candidates who received the sacrament. This coming Thursday evening there will twenty-five candidates presented at Warners Bay for Confirmation to Bishop Michael. Congratulations to our young people in making this step in their faith journey.

Coming up this Sunday will be the last of our parish assemblies. The community at Toronto will, like our other communities, take time to gather and to reflect on the question where is God calling us to be church (in Toronto) in 2025 and beyond. We hold the Toronto community in our prayers that they be guided by the Holy Spirit to where is calling.

Have a great week everyone and stay warm.....

Fr Darryl Mackie

Parish Priest



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased: Don Richards

Anniversaries: Fr Roland Smith, Anne Campbell, Patrick Osborne, Ruth O'Keeffe, Katie Campbell

We remember and pray for those who are ill at home and in hospital at this time, may they know the healing presence of Christ: Jo Turner, Robyn Williams, Helen Sligar, Terry Clancy, Leslie Henry, Andrew Regan, Eileen Brooks, Vince Abdilla, Paul Tobin, Dallas Green, Alan Watson, Margaret Ryan, Alison Kris, Mark Saesar, Stuart Shepherd, John Kenny, Jeanette Gatens, John Osborne, Yvonne Selby, Andrew Garvie, Ariane Hampton, Bernadette Gill, Patricia Neilson, Peter O'Neil, Catherine Wilson, Eoin O'Connor, Jana Javorska, Paul Fitzpatrick, Brian Coogans, Pat Casey, Ann Moore, Peter Reynolds, Rianna MacKaway, Joan Bain, Eva Newton, Billy Eckersley, Andrew Carr, Lewis Carr, Leah Scott, Darren Heaton, Glenda Noble, Keely Heaton and Nancy Tooney.

Please contact the office once a person is well again.

Sunday 27 July 2025

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading (Genesis 18: 20-32)

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 14: 2-5. R.v.1)

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. **(R.)**
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading (Colossians 2: 12-14)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation (Romans 8:15)

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Luke 11: 1-13)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Universal Prayer 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Sunday, 27 July 2025

Presider: Let us turn to God, knowing that when we ask, we will receive every good gift as he has promised.

Reader: That the Church will be filled with unwavering perseverance in working for the coming of God's kingdom.

(pause) To you we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That nations will not ignore the plight of developing countries and will respond to their needs with generosity.

(pause) To you we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who live without daily bread will receive food to sustain them and make them strong.

(pause) To you we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who work as volunteer carers in our community will encounter Christ as they minister to those in need.

(pause) To you we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the children in our sacramental program may be filled with wonder and strength as they answer the call to be active disciples of our Lord in the world.

(pause) To you we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will be raised to new life in Christ, including Don Richards who passed away recently and for Fr Roland Smith, Anne Campbell, Patrick Osborne, Ruth O'Keeffe whose anniversaries occur during this time.

(pause) To you we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider: God our Father, you reveal to us the mystery of your presence through Jesus Christ who taught us how to pray. Hear these prayers on this day that we call for your help. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

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Booragul

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Readers Roster 2 August - 3 August 2025

Sat 5:30pm	Jane Bennett Marie Osborne Joan Wilson
Sun 9:00am	Kim Smith Ray O'Donoghue Ryan Gato
Sun 6:00pm	Melissa Wood Helen Beath Jo Turner


BAPTISMS

This weekend we will witness the baptisms of

Noah Julien Marcel Menil

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

Please remember the Menil family in your prayers.


St Joseph's PARISH OF TORONTO
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MONTREAL-NEWCASTLE

Invite you to an: **ANOINTING MASS**
 When: **Thursday, 21st Aug**
 At: **11:00AM**
 Where: 140 Wangi Rd, Toronto
An anointing with the 'Oil of the Sick' for the sick, frail, elderly or anyone in need of healing.
You are invited to stay for some light refreshments after this special Mass.

Ladies Day Luncheon


MONDAY
4 AUGUST 2025

When: From 11.30am

Where: Club Macquarie,
458 Lake Road,
Argenton

RSVP: June 0407 010 663
Gwen 4956 9596

ALL WELCOME

Sacramental Program

Please pray for the children in our sacramental program, as they journey together to deepen their relationship with God, and become fully initiated into our Catholic faith.



Summary of the Parish Assembly Meeting 20th July

Thanks to the 56 parishioners who were able to attend the assembly. The assembly role was a chance to reflect on the future direction of the Boolaroo (Warners Bay) & Booragul parishes.

Father Darryl is PP for Morisset, Toronto, Booragul and Boolaroo (Warners Bay). Consideration was given to establishing of a Regional Pastoral Parish Council model while keeping the uniqueness of each parish. Members will be from each of the individual parishes and will be elected by the local parishioners. **This was moved and passed.**

When the four Parishes of Morisset, Toronto & Booragul, Warners Bay work together it be called "The Lakeside Pastoral Region". **This was moved and passed.**

The Future of the Boolaroo Church

Our Lady Help of Christians Church at Boolaroo will celebrate their Centenary with a mass and dinner on Saturday 14/03/2026. (First baptism was on 18/03/1926). Celebrations of Baptisms, Confirmations, First Communions, Weddings and Funerals will place over the coming months. Closure of the Boolaroo Church will take place closest to the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, Saturday 23/05/2026. After this date the Saturday 5:30pm Mass will move to the Booragul Church.

Merging of the Parishes of Boolaroo and Booragul Parishes.

Having worked closely together for all these years, a motion was passed to merge the two parishes into one new parish.

This was moved and passed. With the suggestion of the new parish title be: **"Our Lady, Help of Christians, Booragul Warners Bay Parish."** The names of the individual churches will remain same. **This was moved and passed.**

Parish Finances

Ian Ross-Gowan presented the assembly with the financial situation over the 2024/2025 financial year. No decision has been made about what will happen with the Boolaroo site once the church is closed. The finance committee will be examining how to generate ongoing income from the site. With temperature extremes these days, the motion was put forward to have air conditioning installed in the Warners Bay Church & Hall. **This was moved and passed.**

Spiritual Conversation, "Where is God calling us to be church in the Boolaroo/Warners Bay/Booragul Community in 2025 and beyond":

Ryan Gato broke the meeting into small groups to look at the strengths of the parish that we can build on; where do we need to be in the next 5 years and what we can change/introduce in the next year. The Parish Pastoral Council will discern this information to see what the parish can move forward with.

Stephen Barnett

Chair of Boolaroo-Booragul Parish Pastoral Council

HOPE : PRESENT AND ETERNAL

PARISH RETREAT DAY

PRESENTER

MR MATTHEW DELASEY OCDS



In this 2025 Jubilee 'Pilgrims of Hope', we will explore hope as our desiring of God and our hope to attain to God in eternal life. Hope reorients our memory of the past and thoughts of the future to the present, freeing the soul to be filled by God. Hope, then, receives on encounter with Jesus Christ, to know Him in this present life as what is hoped for in fullness in eternity.

WHEN : Saturday, 9 August, 10:30am to 4:00pm

WHERE: St Mary's Hall, 2 Bayview Street, Warners Bay

COST : Donation.

Refreshments and Lunch will be provided.

**PLEASE MARK YOUR NAMES ON THE
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST SHEETS AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH
BY SUNDAY, 4 AUGUST.**

What's happening in the Diocese and Surrounds

Get ready for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival ! Join 10,000 young Catholics for an unforgettable Jubilee Year Celebration!

ACYF is a national gathering of Catholic youth, from Grade 9 through to 25 year olds to provide an opportunity to come together and connect whilst deepening their faith and relationship with Jesus. Attendees have opportunities to engage with other like-minded youth groups, school groups, musicians, speakers, and Bishops and clerics. This year it will be hosted in Melbourne. Alongside Bishop Michael Kennedy we plan to lead 100 young people from the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle on this very special Jubilee Year pilgrimage.

Dates: Saturday 29 November – Wednesday 3 December (return flights from Newcastle)

Cost: \$900 pp (includes flights, registration, ground transport, diocesan shirt)

Accommodation: Mercure Welcome Hotel (twin-share) with breakfast. Lodging is fully sponsored by the Diocese.

School students – liaise with your Ministry Coordinator now.

Parishioners – contact our *Mission & Evangelisation Partner* – Youth Ministry Dominic Drumore on dominic.drumore@mn.catholic.org.au

After first contact we will issue all potential pilgrims with a unique website link to formally register with our Travel Company – Harvest Journeys and pay your deposit.

Registrations close August 29.



How to enrol your child in Special Religious Education classes.

Special Religious Education (SRE) is a way that you can support your child's faith journey while they attend school.



Want to know more

Go to <https://mn.catholic.org.au/sre>
or contact us at
mission@mn.catholic.org.au



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Updating of Security Systems

We are currently updating our security systems to a new provider.

Not only will this provide us with better pricing it will also give us more functionality such as remote arming and disarming of our Churches and Halls.

Over the coming weeks, the panels will be changed which could affect your access.

If you have a code to the Church or Hall please let the Hub know...to try and make the transition as smooth as possible.

Thanks, Fr Darryl.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A

29.08.2025

Soup, Damper
and
Sing Along Night

MUSIC BY JOHN COLLINS

ST MARY'S HALL, 2 BAYVIEW
STREET, WARNERS BAY

RVSP BY PLACING YOUR NAMES ON
THE SHEET AT THE ENTRANCE OF
THE CHURCH. A CHANCE FOR NEW
PARISHIONERS TO GET TO KNOW
OTHER PARISHIONERS.



Let's celebrate
together!



24 July 2025

To the People of the Diocese

Dear brothers and sisters,

You may have seen recent media coverage following my communication about the Perpetual Day of Remembrance.

Some of the reporting has unfortunately combined two separate matters: the Perpetual Day of Remembrance and ongoing discussions about a permanent memorial for survivors and victims of abuse.

I want to take this opportunity to speak directly to you and share our position clearly.

The Perpetual Day of Remembrance remains a central part of our Diocesan life. From 2025, it will be commemorated on National Safeguarding Sunday. This decision followed consultation across the Diocese and reflects the shared purpose of both days, as well as our ongoing commitment to acknowledging the harm caused by the Church and ensuring it is never repeated.

Separately, I know many people are eager for an update on the possibility of a public memorial. I also recognise that this process has taken time. That's because it is deeply important and complex.

The Diocese is committed to ensuring any memorial is respectful and meaningful, with the experiences of victims and survivors contributing to its development.

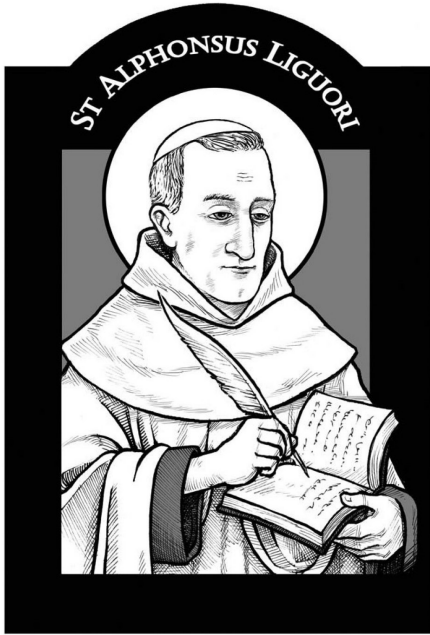
Conversations with various stakeholders are ongoing, and while they require time, we are working steadily towards an outcome.

This work remains a priority, and we will keep you updated as it progresses.

Yours in Christ



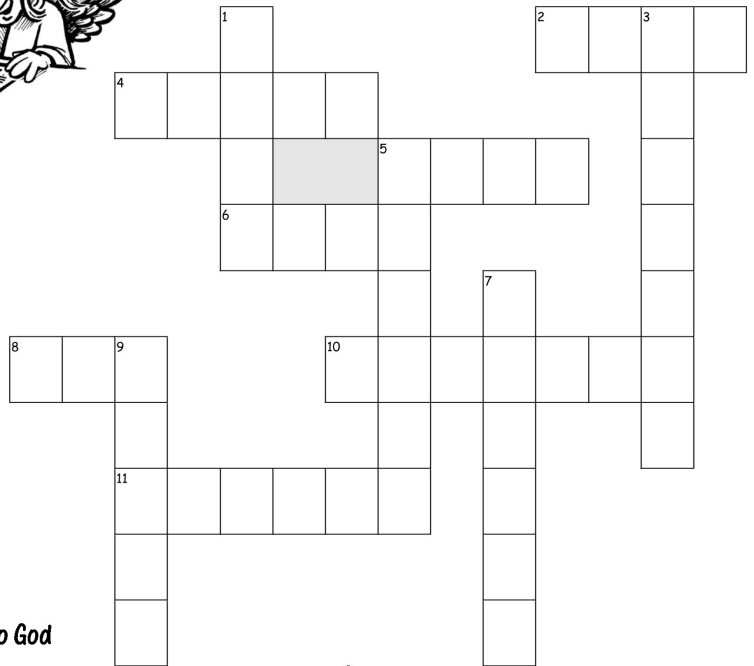
Most Reverend Michael Kennedy
Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle



St Alphonsus Liguori was born near Naples in 1696, and was the son of a nobleman. He was a successful lawyer before being ordained a priest at the age of 29. In 1731, Alphonsus refounded a community of nuns and a year later he founded the Congregation of the Holy Redeemer; a community of priests dedicated to preaching to the poor in rural towns. He was bishop of Sant Agatha dei Goti for thirteen years before retiring due to ill health. He published more than thirty theological and devotional works and as a result was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1871.



Crossword



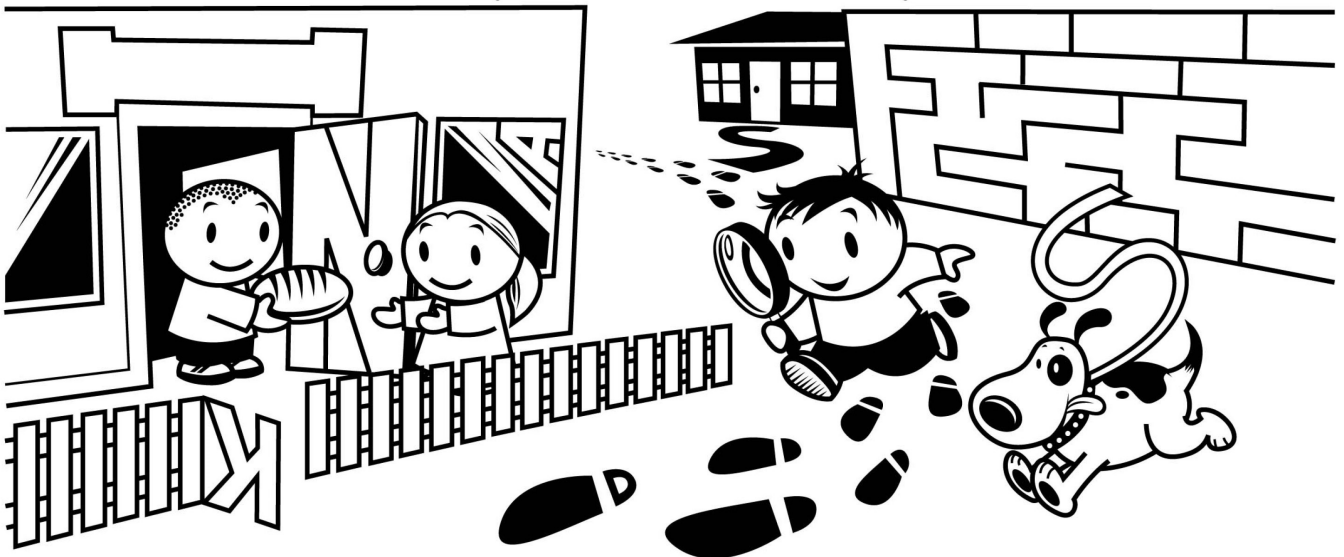
Across

- 2: speak to God
4: not right
5: to discover what you are looking for
6: you enter a house through this
8: "___ and you will receive"
10: to take something into your possession
11: a door can be _____ and closed

Down

- 1: what we eat
3: embarrassed at our own actions
5: someone who we really like
7: to look for something
9: to rap your knuckles on a door

Find the hidden letters in the picture and use them to complete the sentence below.



Everyone who _____ will receive, everyone who searches will _____.



LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS 27 JULY 2025

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

The Promoters of Safeguarding continue to endorse a culture of protection within our Parish. This week, your attention is drawn to the **Maitland-Newcastle Catholic Schools Office's adoption of the Crisis Prevention Institute Verbal Intervention Training program for all teachers and learning support staff.**

Under the philosophy of **CARE, WELFARE, SAFETY and SECURITY**, this program focuses on responding to a crisis. This person-centred and trauma-informed approach:

Recognises that the person knows themselves best.

- Respect the person's preference and what's important to them.
- Value the person's independence and need to flourish.
- Use an approach based on a person's strengths.

Considers the person's life experience.

- Acknowledge the trauma and its effect.
- Care is based on safety, transparency, trust, collaboration, and empowerment.
- Understand effects of a person's social environment and upbringing.

Understands that everyone is unique.

- People's cognitive, mental, and physical state influence how they interact.
- Be inclusive and culturally sensitive in your approach.

Values the person's rights and dignity.

- Always respond with respect, empathy and compassion.

The course informs participants as to why and how a person exhibits distress behaviour, how to objectively analyse the risk associated with it, and how to identify strategies to mitigate the risk.



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Placing Value on Womanhood

Date: Monday, 4 August 2025

Time: 7.30 pm - 9.15 pm

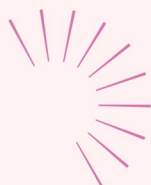
Place: St Mary's Catholic Church Hall

Cost: Donation of \$15 per person

**If you would like to do a direct deposit
please contact Sue or Marie.**

Bookings may also be made by phone

**Phone: Sue - 0417 091 255 or
Marie - 0429 191 245**



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Finance Committee

TBA,

Meeting Room, Warners Bay

Parish Council Meeting

TBA

Promotion of Safeguarding

Contact Maryanne, Joy, Peta or Nathan
Via the office

Baptism Team

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

St Vincent de Paul Warners Bay

Meetings Wednesdays fortnightly,

Meeting Room, Warners Bay

Membership enquiries to:

Peter Deed 0419 106 519

St Vincent de Paul Booragul

Meetings 4th Thursday monthly,

1pm, Meeting Room, Booragul Hall

All new members welcome

Steve Barnett 0409 917 995

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