



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, 10 August 2025

Nineteenth 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,

You must stand ready! The son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect!

Keeping to the theme that began last week, our Gospel has Jesus instructing his disciples about being prepared and watchful for his return. It's helpful to keep in mind that this instruction is taking place while he is on his way to Jerusalem...In the first century, the early Christians were eagerly awaiting the return of Jesus. It's obvious through Luke's community that they were beginning to face the realisation that the promised return was going to take longer than expected.... well, 2000 years down the track, we are still waiting....it could be sooner, or it could be later but either way we need to live as if we are ready!

I heard a lecture some time ago which highlighted that fear was one of the greatest things facing our world today. You only have to look around at the events happening overseas. Fear has the potential to stop us from growing, it can cause paralysis..and it's responsible for some of the negative "isms" in our world. What are some of those "isms"? Well there's racism where there is often a fear of another's culture; then there's ageism where there is a fear of getting older; even in the Church we suffer from clericalism where there is a fear of a loss of authority or power. So, what does Jesus mean when he says to us *you must stand ready! The son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect!*

Is Jesus warning us to be afraid? Jesus is not about - Boo I've caught you out!!! NO! Nor is he calling us to be afraid of God. "God's right around the corner and I'm gonna get you." Rather he is warning us not to be missing out on life, our life in God. He is saying, what you have in life, family, friends - service to our community, it's all right here and now. Live in the moment and don't let life just float you along like a leaf on the river. Choose life at each moment. The remedy to fear is both faith and hope...hope the theme that we are celebrating in this jubilee year is passion for what is possible! Jesus often spoke of the kingdom as both near and not yet. Living in faith and hope and being that for others are the very actions that bring the kingdom into being.

On Friday, we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption, a beautiful feast of hope when Our Lady is assumed body and soul into heaven, the hope that is there for all of us. Mass will be celebrated on this day in all our churches please check the bulletin for times. Also on Friday, we will be celebrating the last of the sacrament of Confirmation this time at St Joseph's Toronto. There are 15 candidates, so let's keep these young people in our prayers over this next coming week.

Also, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, having listened to all of our parish assemblies, last Sunday during Mass at St John Vianney Church, Morisset I signed the new Parish Pastoral Council statutes into law. During this week, the document was sent to the Bishop's office where it has now been promulgated. Therefore, I now call all of our communities to begin the process of nominating your candidate to represent your parish community. Inside the bulletin there is an explanation of the role of the pastoral councillor, eligibility and the process of nominating. Nominations will close after the Warners Bay Sunday Mass at 6pm on Sunday 31st August 2025. As we begin this next chapter, may we be guided by the Holy Spirit and to be people of faith and hope.

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

Fr Darryl Mackie

Parish Priest



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Barbara Erskine, Irene Kelly, Ann Cook

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, Marie Ryan, Nancy Tooney, Leila Grew and Julie Doran.

Please contact the office once a person is well again.

Sunday 10 August 2025 **19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

First Reading

(Wisdom 18: 6-9)

A reading from the book of Wisdom

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm

(Ps 32: 1. 12. 18-20. 22. R.v.12)

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. **(R.)**
2. The Lord looks on those who reverence him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

Second Reading

(Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him

of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

Gospel Acclamation

(Matthew 5:3)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel

(Luke 12: 35-40)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

**Feast of the
Assumption**
Friday, 15th August

Lakeside Mass Times

9.30am Warners Bay

9.30am Toronto

9.30am Morisset

6.00pm Boolaroo



Universal Prayer
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Sunday, 10 August 2025

Presider: Dear friends, in faith and reverence we make our prayers to the Lord.

Reader: That our Holy Father Pope Leo will continue to lead the Church in faith and hope for the coming of Christ.

(pause) In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That conflict between nations will be resolved through mutual respect and humility.

(pause) In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who are persecuted for their belief will find security in the promise of Christ's eternal kingdom.

(pause) In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our parish community may live in faith and readiness to welcome Christ when he comes again.

(pause) In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick and housebound will be rescued from their afflictions, especially those in our parish bulletin.

(pause) In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will rest in God's love forever, especially Barbara Erskine, Irene Kelly, Ann Cook whose anniversaries occur during this time.

(pause) In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider: Loving Father, you give us the gift of faith in Jesus. Hear our prayers today, and help to be always ready to receive Christ when he comes again. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

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Booragul

BSB: 066 739

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Reference: *Your Surname.*

Readers Roster
16 August - 17 August 2025

Sat 5:30pm	Pat Davey Elaine Rooney Tim Carroll
Sun 9:00am	Camilla Palamo Sue Withers Eileen Brooks
Sun 6:00pm	Suzanne Kay Andrea Matulova Mary Sacco



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.

HOLY ADORATION

**Eucharistic Adoration will occur
on all Thursdays commencing from
Thursday, 7 August 2025.**

WHEN: All Thursdays, 6:30PM

WHERE: St Michael the Archangel, Booragul

New time and new location!

**Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest. Mt 11:28**



REAL WOMEN CAFÉ NIGHT- 4 AUGUST 2025

Thank you to everyone who attended the Real Women Café Night it was a fabulous night.

A special thank you to **Alison Bryson** our guest speaker and **John Wilson** who entertained us with some lovely music.



Nominations for Pastoral Council **Boolaroo-Booragul-Morisset-Toronto**

Nominations are now invited for membership on the Pastoral Council.

Role of the Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council is not responsible for ordinary Parish administration and is not to involve itself in the ordinary day-to-day running of the Parishes. With the Parish Priest, the Pastoral Council will be responsible for studying and assessing those matters which concern the pastoral works of the Parishes and proposing a Parish Pastoral Plan to direct and facilitate those works.

Membership

The Pastoral Council is truly representative of the whole group of parishes, particularly in terms of localities, age, and gender.

The Pastoral Council should collectively have all the skills and talents necessary for the Pastoral Council to fulfil its purpose as expressed above.

Eligibility for membership of the Pastoral Council, a person shall be

- A member of Christ's faithful in full communion with the Catholic Church (cf. c. 512 §1), and
- "Outstanding in firm faith, high moral standards and prudence" (cf. 512 §3), and
- Either has a domicile in the parishes of Our Lady Help of Christians Boolaroo; St Michael the Archangel, Booragul; St John Vianney, Morisset; or St Joseph's Toronto"
- If not resident within the boundaries of the parishes habitually attends Sunday Mass at one of the churches of the parishes.

Election of Members

A total of three (3) parishioners from each parish community elected by their fellow parishioners for a term of three (3) years.

Nominations for candidates for election

- shall be in writing,
- proposed and seconded by two people who are eligible to cast a vote in the election,
- be accepted by the nominee, and
- be lodged with the nomination box in the church by 7pm Sunday 31 August 2025.

(Statutes of the PPC)

Maryanne Barry / Rosanna Suckling will act as secretaries for the nominations.

Fr Darryl Mackie
Parish Priest

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY 2 DAY RETREAT

JOIN US FOR A **FREE** TWO(2) DAY RETREAT ON THE TEACHINGS
OF ST POPE JOHN PAUL II'S THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST 6.30PM – 9.30PM


SATURDAY 30TH AUGUST 10.15AM – 4.30PM

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Come to the Cathedral for our next
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experience!**

Sun 24 August | 2:30-4:30pm
Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle West

All are welcome! (Children under 16 years old must be supervised)
COST: FREE, however donations are welcome at the event.



  
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PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS

For anyone who requested for a Planned Giving Tax Receipt, it has been emailed or posted. No new requests for tax receipts could be processed as the system has now rolled over to the new financial year.

NAME BADGE

Anyone who would like to purchase a name badge are kindly requested to write their names on the sheet provided at the entrance of the churches by **Sunday, 31 August**.

WANTED: ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

Administration Assistant part time role within the organisation of the Sisters of St Joseph, Lochinvar, 3 days per week – Monday to Wednesday, 9.00am – 4.00pm. Weekly hours are 19.5 hours.

Workplace is located at the Congregational Centre, 85 Albert St, Warners Bay. Wage is based on the Modern Award – Clerks – Private Sector Level 3.

The role involves extensive use of MYOB software for both invoicing and payroll.

For further details contact
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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: \$950 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.



Children's Ministry Open Day – Beresfield 13 August

For those who are interested in learning more about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, we are offering an Open Day. Learn about, and experience, new and engaging resources for children's ministry. Please join us at 2pm. All are welcome. Contact Siubhan Sadler on 0432 477 181 or email chisholm.atrium@gmail.com

Children's Formation - The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – Beresfield 29-31 August

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is offering a formation opportunity for those interested in facilitating faith formation of children aged 3-12. The central aim of this faith formation program is to enable the child to experience and form an authentic relationship with God using sensory rich materials. Level One course is for adults working with young children. It is a pre-requisite for Levels Two and Three that cover training for the formation of 6-12 year old children. Contact Siubhan Sadler on 0432 477 181 or email chisholm.atrium@gmail.com.



Praying for the children and youth
of the Hunter Region

Saturday 16 August
10am – 12noon
Macquarie Life Church
127 Macquarie Rd, Cardiff
All welcome

The Liturgical Life of the Church: Celebrating Revelation

Saturdays 16 & 23 August



Time
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Where
Toohey Room
841 Hunter Street, Newcastle

RSVP
Please RSVP by 11 August.



The Liturgical Life of the Church: Celebrating Revelation is the final unit of the Christian Formation Course. This year we are inviting the participation of any interested members of the faithful – from parishes and schools – who wish to explore and reflect on the principles of Catholic liturgy. These principles shape the meaning and practice of Catholic liturgy and so deepen our understanding and appreciation of why we do what we do. This is an opportunity to deepen your relationship with God, your understanding of Catholic liturgy and to reflect on your own full conscious and active participation as a member of the Assembly.

All are welcome.
Morning tea and lunch provided.



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Formation for all involved in preparing and celebrating Catholic funerals



This formation and professional learning program is designed for Roman Catholic clergy, funeral directors, parish pastoral care and frontline staff (including pastoral associates, parish secretaries, youth ministers and family faith educators), teachers, APREs and school staff, and anyone interested in learning more about how Catholics prepare and celebrate funerals. It investigates Catholic practices around burial and cremation, how to support those who grieve, and includes an opportunity to prepare a Catholic funeral for yourself or another person.

It will facilitate a conversation between clergy and funeral directors, incorporating problem-solving, sharing experiences, and identifying best practice for Catholic funerals informed by expert advice.

Session 1: Dying, death and rites for the journey to new life

Session 2: Planning your funeral and care of the grieving

Session 3a: Celebrating the Order of Christian Funerals

Session 3b: Clergy and funeral directors working cooperatively (professional learning)

Session 4: Do's and don'ts of Catholic funerals: identifying best practice

Open to the public, this pastoral formation day is offered in partnership with the MacKillop Parish, Charlestown and the parishes of Morisset, Toronto, Booragul and Boolaroo. ACU's Professor Clare Johnson will lead the day.

Date
2 September 2025

Time
9am – 5pm (registration from 8.30am)

Venue
St Mary MacKillop Parish Hall
7 Milson Street, Charlestown

Registration
Registration is needed for catering purposes. Please register online:
acu.edu.au/pastoral-formation-funerals

**Registration is essential by Thursday
28 August 2025**

Enquiries
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LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS 10 AUGUST 2025

The **Promoters of Safeguarding** continue to endorse a culture of safeguarding within the Parish. This week, your attention is drawn to the **International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples**.

In order to safeguard the rights of all indigenous peoples and raise awareness of their struggles, this weekend (Saturday, August 9) honours the rich cultures, traditions, languages, and contributions of indigenous communities worldwide with the **International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples**.

Australian indigenous inhabitants have a history dating back over 65,000 years, making them one of the world's oldest continuous cultures. In the 2021 Census, 812,000 people identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, with 11,759 people (5.5% of the population) in the Lake Macquarie area. In our region, the Awabakal nation, who inhabit the area around Lake Macquarie. They have lived in the area for over 8,000 years. The name Awabakal is derived from the lake, meaning "people of the calm surface".

Since European colonisation in 1788, these Aboriginal communities have faced immense challenges, including displacement, violence, loss of land, and systemic discrimination. Despite this, they have shown incredible resilience and continue to fight for recognition and justice.

Safeguarding Australian Aborigines is vital to preserving their unique cultures, rights, and connection to the land. This includes protecting sacred sites, ensuring access to healthcare and education, addressing inequality, and amplifying their indigenous voices.

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
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PARISHIONERS.



*Let's celebrate
together!*

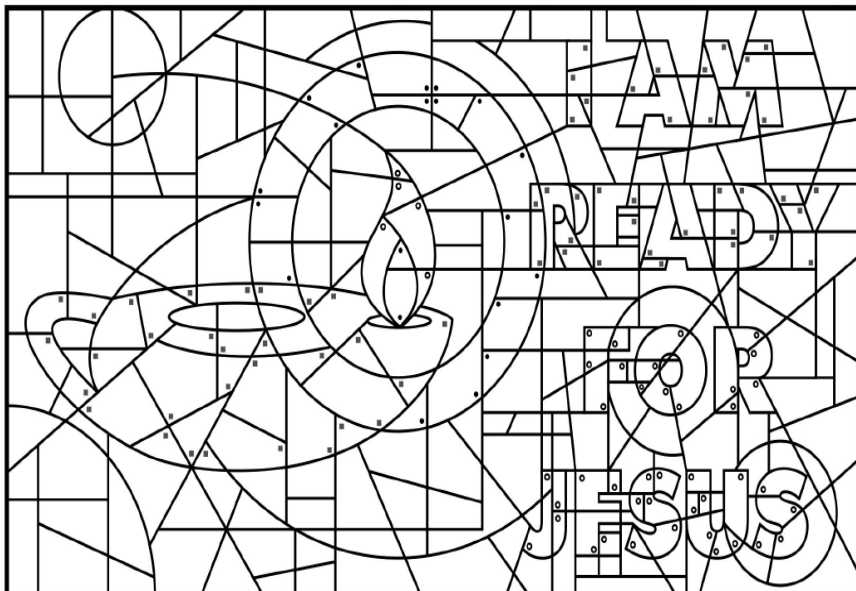
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Parish Council Meeting

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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