

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 4th December 2022

2nd Sunday of Advent Year A

Reflection for the 2nd Week Advent 2022

In any Court of Law there are numerous characters each with specific roles to play, each showing an intentional way of approaching the issue at hand. Today I want to focus upon 2 of these roles:

One way was demonstrated by Isaiah, (in our first reading) and John the Baptist. The other way was demonstrated by the Pharisees and the Sadducees.

These roles are: Witnesses and/or Interrogators.

Isaiah and John the Baptist's roles in life were to be witnesses to the current events of their time.

On the other hand the Pharisees and Sadducees, well, their roles in life were to be the interrogators of their time.

Witnesses talk specifically about what they see and hear.

Witnesses speak about the truth, they speak about what they have experienced directly.

Interrogators on the other hand don't speak about what they see or hear or experience. All interrogators do is to demand direct answers, they question everything. Interrogators often refuse to believe what the witnesses are stating.

So, we can safely say that witnesses are shining the light on the matter whereas interrogators are trying to extinguish the light.

So, we have these two opposing roles or views of the world.

Witnesses, like Isaiah and John the Baptist, bring that little necessity in life called hope, whereas interrogators bring into life the opposite of hope which is despair. Witnesses.... Interrogators.... Hope.... Despair

Let's now look at our roles to play in life:

Are you a Witness to Gods love...... or are you an Interrogator to Gods love? Do you stand up and speak out about what you see, hear and experience each day, or do you look with despairing eyes and question and doubt what you see, hear and experience?

Are you willing to be like Isaiah and John and witness to the truth? or are you simply going to be like the Pharisees and Sadducees and demand answers and question everything or if the answer does not suit you, you simply just ignore it?

In other words do you want to bring hope to your neighbours or would you rather bring despair?

What role in the Court room of your life are you going to take tomorrow and the next day?



FR. JOHN

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased: Betty McVean

Anniversaries: All the family members who have anniversaries at this time. *We remember and pray for those who are ill at home and in hospital at this time, may they know the healing presence of Christ:* Toni Harkin, 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, 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.**

BAPTISM

This weekend we will witness the baptism of

Dustin Thomas Fitzgerald

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

Please remember the Fitzgerald family in your prayers.

FIRST COMMUNION

This weekend we will witness the First Communion of

Jett Emmerton

May the Lord always be in your heart.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

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.

PARISH TIMETABLE

WEEKDAY MASS:

28 November — 2 December TUE: 9.00am Booragul WED: 9.00am Boolaroo Liturgy 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

CHRISTMAS MASS:

Saturday 24th December 6.00pm and 8.00pm St Mary's Church 2 Bayview Street, Warners Bay Sun 25th December 9.00am St Mary's Church

2 Bayview Street, Warners Bay

Readers Roster 10 December - 11 December

| | Sat 5:30pm | Anne Elward Anne Clancy June Fava |
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| | Sun 9:00am | Pat Doran Brad Fuller Steve Kehde |
| | Sun 6:00pm | Judy Henrys Suzanne Kay Andrea Matulura |

LADIES DAY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON:

Monday 5th December 2022,

At Boolaroo Sports Club,

31 Eighth Street, Boolaroo

from 11:30 a.m.

If your 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.

LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS

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

It is hard to believe that we are now in Advent, this year is nearly at an end. The Safeguarding Promotors have met monthly throughout the year. Our main focus this year has been preparing the documents required for the Parish audit. The audit required us to examine each of the 10 standards and provide evidence that our Parish is compliant. We have had the wonderful support of Maryanne, our parish secretary who is responsible for the maintenance of the evidence. We have learned as we have moved through the document as this is a first for us as well. We are pleased to say that we have submitted the audit document and are waiting on feedback. We believe we are compliant in all areas.

The final ratification of the second edition of the Standards is imminent and then the process starts again. As you may be aware the current standards focus on the children in our Parish, the new standards will extend the remit to adults as well as refine the current standards and evidence. This is a positive move as it places a responsibility on the Parish to be aware of those who become vulnerable at any life stage. The new Standards are likely to contain new requirements for certain groups we will notify you, via email, if you are affected.

When the new Standards are ratified, we will explain the changes to you through the bulletin as Safeguarding is a Parish wide responsibility. Every member should be aware of and maintain the standards, and report issues. Next year we will be asking you to complete a survey based on the Safeguarding mandate, we will make this survey available electronically and in the bulletin. The promotors have raised a few issues to the Parish Council for consideration and we will report on the conclusions once we have feedback. There have been no reports/ complaints made during 2022, we recognise that this this does not mean there are no issues. Each week we published how to contact us if needed, the promoters have mandated procedures to follow if an issue is raised. In addition, any parishioner can raise an issue directly to the diocesan Safeguarding office either online or by phone.

Currently we are ensuring that our volunteer list is up to date. Those on this list should have received an email recently. If you are a volunteer and did not receive an email please contact Maryanne to update your details. If any of your details change please contact the office. To each and every person who actively supports our Parish by volunteering– thank you. The promotors are taking a break from meetings and posting in the bulletin over the Christmas and New Year period, we are still available if needed. We would be grateful if someone from our Booragul and Boolaroo churches would join us in 2023, this would mean that every church is represented.

Final thoughts for the year. The seven dangers to human virtue are;

- Wealth without work
- Pleasure without conscience
- Knowledge without character
- Business without ethics
- Science without humanity
- Religion without sacrifice
- Politics without principle. (Anon)



We would like to wish everyone a blessed and happy Christmas and leave you with this blessing for your home, Christus mansionem benedicat ('May Christ bless this house')

Anyone in our parish can contact the safeguarding promotors, even children. The safeguarding team can be contacted through the parish office by phone or email. "All matters referred to the safeguarding promotors are confidential. Privacy is protected under the relevant State and Federal legislation"



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



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

(11:1-10)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm

(Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R. cf. v.7)

(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. (**R**.)

2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to the earth's bounds. **(R.)**

3. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**

4. May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. **(R.)**

Second Reading

(15:4-9)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the

example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

Gospel Acclamation

(Lk 3:4. 6)

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel

(3:1-12)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.

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UNIVERSAL PRAYER 2nd Sunday of Advent Year A Sunday 4 December 2022

Presider: Dear friends, with repentance in our hearts, let us bring our prayers before the Lord.

Reader: That the Holy Church will be a sign of justice and peace in the world today. *(pause)* In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who daily live with anger and disharmony will find peace and unity.

(pause) In your mercy: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That ministers of the Church will be renewed in their dedication of service to the people of God.

(pause) In your mercy: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That like John the Baptist, our parish community will share God's message of repentance and salvation with people in our lives.

(pause) In your mercy: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: That people who live with disability will receive the support and true friendship needed to enable them to live a full and happy life.

(*pause*) In your mercy: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That more support will be given to vulnerable families so they can avoid falling into the spiral of violence and abuse. *(pause)* In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who are sick will find fullness of peace in Christ, especially those in our parish bulletin.

(pause) In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will see the salvation of God, especially Betty McVean.

(pause) In your mercy: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: Loving God, through Christ we are given the hope of Salvation. Hear our prayers and help us in our prayer and penance as we wait to welcome Christ the Saviour. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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Hymn Lyrics

COME TO SET US FREE Bernadette Farrell

Come to set us free, come to make us your own. Come to show the way to your people, your chosen.

Open our lives to the light of your promise. Come to our hearts with healing, come to our minds with power,

Come to us and bring us your life.

You are light which shines in darkness, morning star which never sets.

Open our eyes which only dimly see the truth which sets us free.

You are hope which brings us courage, you are strength which never fails.

Open our minds to ways we do not know, but where your Spirit grows.

You are promise of salvation, you are God in human form.

Bring to our world of emptiness and fear The Word we long to hear.

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HOSEA

Gregory Norbet

Come back to Me with all your heart, don't let fear keep us apart.

Trees do bend, though straight and tall; so must we to others call

Long have I waited for your coming, home to Me And living deeply our new life.

The wilderness will lead you, to your heart where I will speak.

Integrity and Justice with tenderness you shall know.

You shall sleep secure with peace, faithfulness will be your joy.

(Repeat Verse 1)

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PREPARE THE WAY

Brian Boniwell

There was a man of God whose name was John. He came to speak for the Light. The voice of one in the wilder ness.

Prepare the way of the Lord.

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Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord.

Mountains and hills shall be brought to the ground. The winding paths be straightened. And all mankind shall see His face; Prepare the way of the Lord.

He's the Lamb of God and you must follow Him Who takes the sin of the world; For He has come to give you life;

Prepare the way of the Lord.

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DREAM LADY.

Kevin Bates SM

The Spirit of God has been given to me and His giving has not been in vain; The Spirit of God has been given anew, so that

anyone seeking the truth, The life and the way, may know Jesus Christ is His name.

Make sure your prisoners go free, make sure the blind people see

Otherwise, I've wasted my time, walking around Galilee.

Make sure the poor hear the word, make sure your children are heard

Otherwise, I've wasted my pain, hanging there in my agony.

Make sure the hungry are fed, that the homeless ones all have a bed,

Otherwise, I've wasted my life, coming on back from the dead.

Be sure when breaking my bread, that courage and joy have their head,

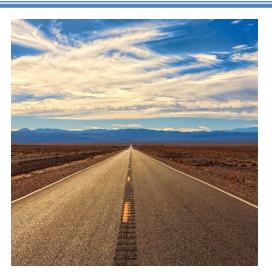
Otherwise I've wasted my love, pouring my Spirit, my blood.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO MAKE SLICES AND SANDWICHES THROUGHOUT NEXT YEAR.

IF YOU WOULD LOVE TO HELP OUT COULD YOU PLEASE PLACE YOUR NAME, PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS ON THE SHEET AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.



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

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

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 <u>www.boolaroocatholicchurch.com/</u> <u>donations</u> 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.)

<u>Tap N Go Machine</u>

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*.

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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 retraet but a donation on the day to help pay the costs of transport for the team from Sydney on the day would be appreciated.

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Prayer for the appointment of our new Bishop

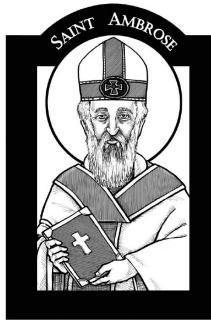
Shepherding God you reveal your way of unfailing love in the image of the Good Shepherd who seeks the lost, shows compassion knows and is known by the sheep and lays down his life for them.

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

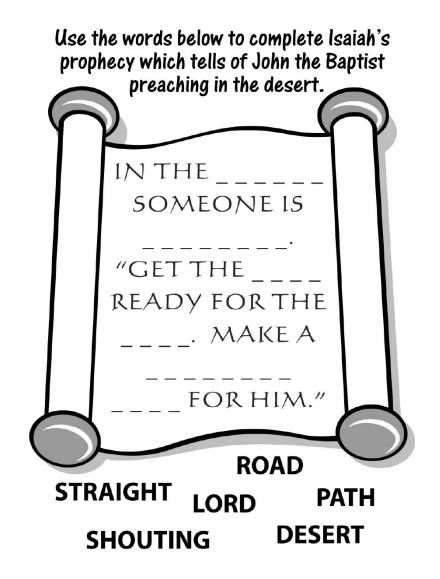
We ask that your Holy Spirit who moves through this great south land, inspire the choice of our new Bishop, empower his 'yes' and open our hearts in hospitality and love.

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.



t Ambrose was born at Trier in 334 AD. While practising law he was appointed governor of the province of Aemilia and Liguria. Four years later when the see of Milan became vacant, St Ambrose was chosen as the new bishop, despite the fact that he was not even baptised. He reluctantly accepted the position, was baptised, ordained a priest and then installed as bishop. In 390 AD, after Emperor Theodosius ordered the savage massacre of many people, St Ambrose impressed upon the Emperor to perform a public penance for this act of cruelty. St Ambrose is listed as one of the four great Latin doctors of the church. He was a great orator who gave sermons that offered practical teachings for his people. He was also the first teacher in the West to make significant use of hymns as a popular means of praise.



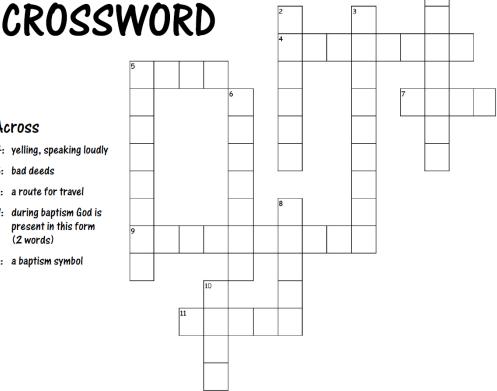


Down

- 1: popular footwear in biblical times
- 2: The prophet who spoke of a man who would prepare the way for Christ's coming
- 3: assessment of someone's actions
- 5: not crooked
- 6: John was known as the ...
- 8: where John baptised people
- 10: John wore clothes made of camel's ...

Across

- 4: yelling, speaking loudly
- 5: bad deeds
- 7: a route for travel
- 9: during baptism God is present in this form (2 words)
- 11: a baptism symbol





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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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



Don't miss out on anything in your Diocese! Go to <u>mnnews.today</u> 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



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