



# 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, 20 July 2025**

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

## PARISH TEAM

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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,

*.... kindly do not pass your servant by. Human being vs Human doing!*

Again, as Jesus sets his face to go to Jerusalem, like so much of the Gospel of Luke, this week's passage is, at its heart, all about hospitality... hospitality where God enters our lives and the lives of those around us, providing for each other's needs. One of the greatest sins in some religions is the sin against hospitality. In our first reading, we gain an understanding of Jewish hospitality. The desert people are well known for being gracious hosts and with long treks between watering holes, hospitality is often a matter of life and death. When Abraham invites these travellers and he and Sarah offer hospitality, a bond is established .... God promises to visit again, and in the meantime, they will conceive a child... we can never be sure how God might show God's self to us.

This Sunday's Gospel of Martha and Mary follows on from last Sunday's parable of the Good Samaritan. We recall that the Samaritan generously helped someone in need. Now, keeping that parable in mind, we can consider the respective activities of these two women. Martha welcomes Jesus into the house, sees to all his needs and makes herself busy in the kitchen while Mary sits at the foot of Jesus and listens to his word. In fact, Martha does exactly what the Good Samaritan did for the poor abandoned man on the side of the road, Martha serves Jesus.

Did you notice....Jesus turned the customs and taboos of his society upside down. The role of women disciples. Jesus is alone with women who are not his relatives, that's not acceptable for a Jewish man. Is that what Martha was really 'anxious and troubled' about? Or.....was it because Mary is assuming the posture of a student at the feet of a Rabbi listening to his teaching. That's only what Jewish men can do. Maybe it was a step too far for Martha. Jesus was willing to upset the social and religious taboos of his day in respect of women. Did Jesus seem to speak harshly to Martha. The detail in the gospel is more about Martha seemingly distracted.

The final lesson of the story of Martha and Mary is always a very real problem that Christianity can be reduced to being just the Good Samaritans of/in this world. The parable of the Good Samaritan with the story of Martha and Mary is a reminder not to only serve because there is a risk of losing touch with the other part, that is reflecting on the reason why we serve. Therefore, the pre-requisite to being a disciple we need to be both.... Martha and Mary.

As a Church, we still have lots to learn on the role of women and discipleship ...When the late Pope Francis appointed women into roles normally reserved for Cardinals, it challenged the status quo.... perhaps it was Jesus saying to us as Church.... you have chosen the better part...

We welcome back our young people in our schools this week....I hope and pray that it has been a good break and you are excited for Term 3. This weekend, lets hold the communities of Boolaroo - Warners Bay - Booragul in prayer as we hold their assembly and next week the community of Toronto will be in assembly.

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

**Fr Darryl Mackie**  
Parish Priest



## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Recently Deceased:** John Evans

**Anniversaries:** Bert Mensink, Joe Panak, Kas Panak and Jim Dives

**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 20 July 2025**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

### **First Reading (Genesis 18: 1-10)**

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

### **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; he who does not slander with his tongue. **(R.)**

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 (Colossians 1: 24-28)**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

### **Gospel Acclamation (Luke 8:15)**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart

And yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel (Luke 10: 38-42)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

## **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.



## Universal Prayer 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Sunday, 20 July 2025

**Presider:** Seeking God's presence, let us come to the feet of the Lord and pray for the needs of the world.

**Reader:** That through an open and listening spirit, the Church will know the mind of Christ.

**(pause)** Lord, hear us:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That nations will welcome the homeless who wait at their borders.

**(pause)** Lord, hear us:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That with our hearts and minds open to the Holy Spirit, our Parish Assembly will be blessed with wisdom and fruitful discussions, as we consider where God is calling our community.

**(pause)** Lord, hear us:

**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)** Lord, hear us:

**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)** Lord, hear us:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That those who have died will be seated at God's heavenly table, including John Evans, who passed away recently and Bert Mensink, Jim Dives, Joe and Kas Panak, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**(pause)** Lord, hear us:

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Presider:** God of the stranger and friend, hear these prayers we make and help us to welcome Jesus and serve him in our brothers and our sisters. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

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### **Readers Roster 26 July - 27 July 2025**

Sat 5:30pm	Tim Carroll Therese Toshack Paula Graham
Sun 9:00am	Chloe Parker Colin Cowan Gerard Mowbray
Sun 6:00pm	Mary Sacco Steve Barnett Lois Wilson



## ***FUNERAL NOTICE***

*The Funeral Mass For  
Late JOHN EVANS*

*will be held on Friday, 25 July at 10:30am  
at St Mary's Warners Bay.*



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**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**



## **GIFTING SUNDAY**

**Thanks for all the new volunteers and those who recommitted to volunteering in the various parish ministries.**

**Over the coming fortnight, you will receive an email acknowledging what you put your name down for, together if you are required to hold a National Criminal Check or Working With Children Check as part of that role.**

**Don't stress...the office will help you with everything!**







## LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS 20 JULY 2025

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

This week's article focuses on **Why Elder Financial Abuse should matter to you, continuing from last week.**

### 10 Common forms of elder financial abuse

Elder financial abuse can take many forms and can include repeated or one-off actions, threats or even a lack of action. Here are 10 of the most common types of abuse.

*-Continued from last week-*

**6. Theft** - While theft is a risk for all people, older people are particularly at risk, especially if they have care needs. Thieves can exploit an older person's specific physical or mental vulnerabilities.

**7. Inheritance impatience** - This occurs when adults feel entitled to an ageing relative's assets. This could cause them to try and take their assets from them. Examples include stealing money from parents' bank accounts, or transferring assets to another person.

**8. Guarantors** - Often, older parents will help their adult children purchase a home or start a business by being a guarantor to a loan. In some cases, this can create situations where the older parents might lose their home, despite there being no bad intent.

**9. Failure to provide promised care** - This occurs when an (often well-intentioned) arrangement for family members to provide care to older relatives in exchange for financial assistance breaks down, often because of a change in circumstance (e.g. employment) for the younger person.

**10. Emotional blackmail** - This can be one of the subtlest and least visible forms of abuse. Examples include an adult child refusing access to grandchildren, except in return for a loan; or an emotionally dependent adult child abusing their parents' concern by demanding money.

Financial abuse is often not technically illegal. Often, elder financial abuse involves someone unethically exploiting power of attorney or other legal mechanisms that give them control over an older person's assets.

Financial abuse often causes psychological, not physical harm. Often, elder financial abuse doesn't involve obvious physical threats or violence (although it sometimes does). Instead, the abuser inflicts profound emotional harm and psychological distress on the victim.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

### St Mary's Primary School K-6

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Principal: Nick Wickham

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## PARISH GROUPS

### Real Women

Sue Campbell 0417 091 255

### Ladies Day

June Fava 4946 8415

Gwen Tompsett 4956 9596

### 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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## 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.