



# 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, 21 September 2025**

**25<sup>th</sup> 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

Our Lady Help, Boolaroo - 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

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Dear Parish Family,

## FORTUNE FAVOURS THE BOLD

Today's gospel parable is intriguing. Is Jesus encouraging fraud and bribery? Seeing the manoeuvres of the steward who acts to save his neck, is he suggesting we copy this devious bookkeeper? It's scandalous how the steward draws up a '*plan-b*', connives with his master's debtors, doctors the accounts and surprisingly this '*plan-b*' works. The icing on the cake: he gets an accolade as a wise steward - he sure gets the last laugh! Let's dig-in.

## Workable Tactic

The steward's dishonesty had been exposed and was noticeable to everyone. He saw the shame of no longer being in such privileged position, thus he realistically ponders to himself: "*I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg*". He deliberately ignores to fight back who bad-mouthed him or snitched, neither does he whine about the backstabber, rather, he chooses to prioritize his employment that was on the chopping board. His foresight combined with his troubleshooting strategy becomes feasible when he wins over debtors of his employer and secures himself a soft landing whether he's kept in his job or fired. What Jesus is concerned with is the lack of such spiritual foresight on the part of His followers. What's Jesus teaching us? ***Don't lose your head.*** Be willing to be different, be willing to be controversial, you have got to be willing to be talked about. Jesus was. It takes courage to be different, it takes courage to be successful, it takes courage to win.

## "No servant can serve two masters; ... You cannot serve God and money"

May 2023, while in Kenya, I was asked by our group leader of the Spiritan Order in Australia to consider moving to Australia for mission. Hard nut to crack! The rush of anxiety to leave everything and everyone behind to the unknown, the uneasy buzz of '*is this venture going to work?*', the eerie feeling of disconnecting my comfort zone were all intense, a defining moment of *either/or*. This was a test of loyalty to God with my call of commitment and obedience on the line. Looking back, couldn't be happier, I measured up and here I am. ***So, it's not only money, but additionally the choices, decisions, successes, failures, life's goodies, what has worked as well as what went down the drain: God must be put ahead.*** "God never does what's easy with us, he does what's divine: and puts you on a defining moment of *either/or*. If not, why did God use a boy to kill Goliath? Why did God send a backslider to preach to the Nineveh? Why did God use a century old man to have Isaac? Why did God use a virgin to birth Jesus? Who tells a blind man to go wash in a pool he couldn't see how to get to?" I invite you to the prayer below. May it incite you to be astute and bold to get '*the job done*' and may God sustain your spirit, purpose and energy to the breakthrough you hope for.

## Prayer for the Week

**O God, from whom all good things come,  
grant that I, who call on you in my need,  
may at your prompting discern what is right,  
and by your guidance do it.**

**Amen**

(Roman Missal: p.508)

Have a good week everyone

**Fr Paul Kamau**

Assistant Priest

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

### **Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:** Margaret Collins, Thomas Fuller

**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, John Osborne, Yvonne Selby, Andrew Garvie, Ariane Hampton, Bernadette Gill, Patricia Neilson, Peter O'Neil, Eoin O'Connor, Brian Coogans, Pat Casey, Ann Moore, 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 21 September 2025 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

### **First Reading (Amos 8: 4-7)**

A reading from the prophet Amos

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**(Ps 112: 1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1.7)**

**(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! **(R.)**
2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? **(R.)**
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dunghheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. **(R.)**

### **Second Reading (1 Timothy 2: 1-8)**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

### **Gospel Acclamation (2 Corinthians 8: 9)**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel (Luke 16: 1-13)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

## Universal Prayer 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Sunday, 21 September 2025

**Presider:** Let us bring our needs to God, who looks down on those who lift up their hands in prayer.

**Reader:** That the Church will earnestly and faithfully pray for the salvation of all peoples.

**(pause)** To you we pray:

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That nations will make proper use of God's gifts through good stewardship.

**(pause)** To you we pray:

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That those who work in commercial enterprise will be mindful that the poor depend on their honesty and integrity.

**(pause)** To you we pray:

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That those who give witness through the vocation of teaching will be strengthened in faith.

**(pause)** To you we pray:

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That we will put God, not wealth and possessions, at the centre of our lives.

**(pause)** To you we pray:

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That those who have died will inherit their eternal home including Margaret Collins and Thomas Fuller whose anniversaries occur during this time.

**(pause)** To you we pray:

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**Presider:** God of justice, you take pity on our human condition and lift up the lowly from the dust. Hear our prayer and help us to find delight in serving you and one another in a world seduced by wealth. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

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### CHANGES TO WEEKDAY MASS WEEK

Weekday Mass on Thursday, 25 September 2025 will be celebrated at Our Lady of Help Christians, Boolaroo at 9:30am instead of St Mary's Warners Bay.

## 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**



## Mass Collection - Thank you

### First Collection supports our priests:

BSB: 066 739

Account Number: 100014920

Account Name: CBA

Reference: *Your Surname.*

### Second Collection supports our parish:

#### Boolaroo

BSB: 066 739

Account Number: 100014918

Account Name: CBA

Reference: *Your Surname.*

#### Booragul

BSB: 066 739

Account Number: 100003440

Account Name: CBA

Reference: *Your Surname.*

### Readers Roster

**27 September - 28 September 2025**

|            |                                                      |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat 5:30pm | Joan Wilson<br>Maggie Hughes<br>Sallyanne Stanbridge |
| Sun 9:00am | Eileen Brooks<br>John Doran<br>Annette Innes         |
| Sun 6:00pm | Jo Turner<br>Ian Ross-Gowan<br>Ursula Kelly          |



## MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

*Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025*

**Ticket Price: \$50.00 per person**

**Ticket Price includes:**

**Glass of bubbles or punch  
2 course meal with nibbles  
(Main and Dessert)**

**Can bring your own alcohol**

**Large screen to watch the race  
Raffle, Fashion, Sweeps  
and Lucky Door Prizes**

Starting from 11.30am

St Mary's Church Hall Warners Bay

### RSVP

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ROBYN SPINKS - 0412 234 435



# BOOLAROO-BOORAGUL-MORISSET-TORONTO LAKESIDE PARISHES

## PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION

The election of representatives for the council will be held on the weekend of the 27th and 28th of September 2025. On voting day, a single ballot paper will be provided to number your preferences on who you would like to see as your representative on the Regional Pastoral Council (RPC). You will then be asked to place it in the locked ballot box. A total of three (3) parishioners from each parish community will be elected by their fellow parishioners for a term of three (3) years.

### *Boolaroo Candidates:*

#### PETA LANDERS



Thank you Ian, for nominating me for the upcoming Parish Pastoral Council Election.

My name is Peta Landers. I moved to Eleebana from Sydney, with my family in 1994 and subsequently joined the St Mary's - Warners Bay Parish.

I am a registered nurse/clinical nurse specialist who retired in June 2020 to look after my husband during his short battle with metastatic melanoma. My nursing career spanned almost 50 years with over 30 years in Dialysis and Transplantation and 18 years in aged care which I thoroughly enjoyed. I also helped my sister care for our parents until their deaths.

I am a practicing catholic who upholds the moral compass of the Catholic church. I try to live my life by the Christian values as taught to me by my parents and the catholic education that I received at school. I have also tried to instill these values in my children.

If I am elected, I would like to bring back to the parish a return of the Children's Ministry, the establishment of a Youth Group for teenagers and the youth of our parish and formation of a team that encompasses identification and visitation to the lonely and isolated in our parish, as people are now living longer and staying longer in their own homes.

Currently I am involved in the Baptism Team, providing education to parents and carers through attendance at baptism meetings, support to parents and the priest at Presentation and on the day of Baptism. Through sharing of stories at Baptism meetings it is hoped that these families may be inspired to return to the church and educate their children in the catholic system, if they are not already doing this.

Safeguarding promotion is to protect and promote the safety of children and vulnerable adults within the parish and associated organisations. Following revision of the Safeguarding standards set down by the Catholic Church and the NSW Government, we meet twice a year and attend Network meetings twice a year.

I am a Sacristan and a Communion Minister. I am on the recently formed Social Committee. I see this as a way of bringing parishioners of all ages together, through social activities, such as the recent, successful, Soup, Damper and Singalong night. The Funeral Ministry is in its infancy, I recently attended a Funeral Course.

**Social:** I attend the Real Women cafe nights and enjoy the social aspects of this, especially listening to the guest speakers. I also go to the Monthly Ladies Lunches where I enjoy interacting with the ladies and provide support and advice where warranted.

Thank you.

Peta Landers

#### JO TURNER

'Not being born and bred in Lake Macquarie, I knew I'd found my "spiritual home" in this Parish thanks to the welcome and guidance of long-term parishioners.

Children's Liturgy, Real Women, the Sacramental Team, Reading, Music Ministry, Lenten Groups, Faith Circles, and of course the Parish Pastoral council have all helped me—and my Faith—through some very challenging times, and I love paying it forward.

Being on the PPC (Secretary for past couple of years) has allowed me to be a voice for the newcomers, the young and old, the in-betweeners, the disabled, and other minorities within not just our parish but our whole local area.

With experience and excitement at the prospect ahead, I look forward to helping our Parish through the transition to the larger Lakeside community.'



## JOSEPH BEATH



### Who am I?

My name is Joseph Beath, I am 20 years old, and I have been a member of the parish of Boolaroo and Booragul for 18 years. I regularly attend the Sunday 6pm mass at the Warner's Bay church.

### About me:

I am currently in my 3rd year of university studying Computer Science. I currently volunteer operating the audio-visual system most Sunday nights. For my Primary School and High School education I went to St Mary's at Warner's Bay and St Mary's Catholic College at Gateshead both of which are local Catholic schools that are listed on the back of the weekly bulletin.

### "How do you see yourself contributing to the Parish Pastoral Council?"

I see myself contributing by offering my opinion on topics. I also believe I can help represent the younger Parish community on the Parish Pastoral Council. I believe I can offer a new perspective on how the Parish operates in the future.

## IAN ROSS-GOWAN

**Biography:** I have lived in our area on and off since my family moved to Booragul in 1970 and have been in Warners Bay since 1989. I am one of five siblings and have been married to Shirley since 1989. We have two boys, now in their 30s. My mother, wife, sister-in-law, 2 boys and I attend Sunday evening Mass at Warners Bay. I worked for BHP and OneSteel for 28 years and now work assisting many companies in accessing government assistance programs related to research and development (R&D).



I have worked for the Church as a volunteer in many roles, including on the Finance Committee, the previous PPC, the Baptism team, and I assist the Priest and Sacristan at many of the Masses. I am on the team preparing for the Boolaroo church closure, and coordinate the audio/visual system, etc. I have worked with St Vincent de Paul as the Diocesan representative to prepare for the release of the annual Bishop's Catholic Social Justice Statement and on Parish sustainability and Parish services.

My relevant achievements include working on:

- Parish sustainability for the Boolaroo and Booragul Parishes to bring our costs under control and preparations for the St Mary, Help of Christians Parish Booragul Warners Bay Parish,
- The AV system replacement and operations as our largest expense in recent years,
- Establishing the Baptism team, and
- Advocacy work on various issues, for example, housing issues for refugees, R&D support with the Australian, New Zealand and Myanmar governments, government departments and universities, and in supporting victims with the Royal Commission on institutional responses to childhood sexual abuse.

### How do I see myself contributing to the Parish Pastoral Council?

My contribution to the Parish Pastoral Council will be to continue to improve our Parish and establish its new future. In this, we must preserve what is good about the Boolaroo, Booragul and Warners Bay communities. We must make sure that there is positive progress in developing our new identity and improving our sustainability. This is to ensure we meet the faith needs of current and future generations of Catholics in our area. It requires focusing on the new parish and regional parish processes and practices and on the transitional change management so we all move together to make Booragul Warners Bay and our fellow parishes the best we can be so we can meet these religious needs.

The changes in our parishes are an opportunity to revive our community and reinvigorate our faith, to expand our outreach and encourage growth in our communities. My contribution will be in bringing the communities in Booragul, Boolaroo and Warners Bay closer together with the recognition that it is we, not the buildings, that are the Church. The process of developing faith and involvement with the Church by the wider community is reliant on working better with the primary and secondary schools and on adapting how we seek to support faith development by recognising people marry and have children later in life. Practical solutions here are recommencing Children's liturgy, follow-up contacts with families between Baptisms and school and in engaging with students at the primary and high schools.

The three ways I can contribute to the organisational issues of our parishes are:

1. Managing the changes that are upon us as we become one parish without a church in Boolaroo as part of a regional parish, so these changes bring us all together,
2. Ensuring that we use these changes to improve our sustainability — e.g. by what happens to the Boolaroo site, by evangelising in growing areas near Booragul, and in linkages with the schools, and
3. Establishing processes to enable and encourage more people who are willing and able to contribute at the local parish or church level so that the regional Parish model can work for all the communities from Cooranbong to Warners Bay.

## PENNY BANISTER



I have been a parishioner at St Marys Warners Bay for 21 Years. As a member of the parish, I have contributed to Parish life in various ways such as Events Coordinator for St Mary's Primary School where both my children attended school. Prior to covid I was a member of the children's liturgy team and over the last 3 years I have been a member of the Sacramental Program, the Real Woman's Café Committee, the Parish Pastoral Council, I am a member of Father Raphs advisory committee, and I actively participate in masses by reading the prayers of the faithful and the gospel.

I believe that by being an active participant in the community and as my role as Principal at St Columban's Primary School Mayfield I can evangelise to the wider community and share my servant leadership by engaging with all walks of life and members of the community. I believe that I bring a breadth of knowledge and build strong relationships especially through engaging with young people and their families when undertaking the sacraments. I am fair and honest always considering the needs of the wider community. I believe that how I live my life is leading by example and living my life as Jesus would sharing my faith, building trust and displaying integrity in all areas of my life. I have worked in 4 different dioceses, Sydney, Parramatta, Broken Bay and Maitland Newcastle. I am open minded but believe in the importance of traditions and I believe all these attributes are important to the role of a member on the Parish Pastoral Council.

## ELAINE ROONEY

My name is Elaine Rooney, I've been a member of this parish for 14 years having relocated from Dubbo. I have been practising the Catholic faith for over 60 years, it has been way of life for me.

Since moving here I've practice mainly at Boolaroo Church, committing myself to the following ministries

- Parish council member for over six years
- Eucharistic minister
- Reader
- Taking communion to the sick.
- Member of the baptism team.
- Member of committee looking after the closure of Boolaroo Church
- Assisting with morning teas and functions in the parish e.g. biggest morning tea soup night catering for lunches and family masses Melbourne Cup and various other functions.

These roles I have fulfilled with enthusiasm and the personal satisfaction is enormous.

Moving forward I would like to see the return of children's liturgy, youth masses, care for the elderly in the community, creating a phone list of those who would like to be contacted on a roster basis just to see they are okay or need any help

- Parish dinners e.g. Italian night where we all bring food to share.
- Welcome the new priests especially those from overseas, cooking meals for them or arranging a welcome morning tea.
- Church family picnic day given our beautiful park.
- The return of the Saint Vincent de Paul stall at mass where our ladies make beautiful items to be sold.
- Introducing ourselves at Mass to those around us beside and behind us with a simple hello creating a warming atmosphere

As a member of the parish council, I will make these suggestions to enhance the life of our parish. Outside my church environment I attend a hydro pool daily for my osteoporosis keeping me fit. I also look after my husband who has dementia, plus I volunteer at John Hunter Hospital at the Family room J1 which is run by Ronald McDonald house.

I will have everybody's best interest at hearts . God's love guides all of our ways. Thank you for reading this and blessings to you all Elaine.



### Daily Mass Book 2026

If anyone would like to purchase the 2026 Daily Mass Book through the parish office.

Please contact the office via email or phone by

**Sunday 28 September 2025.**

2026 DAILY  
MASS BOOK





# FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

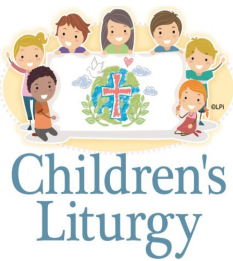
This weekend we will witness the First Holy Communion of

Jett Afa  
Alexander Baldwin  
Corona Durazza  
Amali Hennebery  
Georgina Horton  
Leonardo King  
Alexis Moylan  
Frankie Nutterfield  
Luke Sequeira  
Hunter Sullivan  
Oscar Vincent

Luii Afa  
Hamish Barry  
Eva Harris  
Harlow Henneberry  
Jack Horton  
Sophie Marmont  
Logan Munoz Monsalve  
Neve Parker  
Curtis Smith  
Morgan Vincent  
Isobel Williams

May the Lord always be in your heart.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word Meeting



Calling all Children's Liturgy volunteers and those curious to learn more! Join us for a friendly and faith-filled morning as we gather to share ideas, resources, and encouragement for this vital ministry. Whether you're a seasoned leader or simply exploring how you might get involved, your presence is warmly welcomed.

**Morning tea provided** — come for the conversation, stay for the cuppa!

Let's continue nurturing young hearts in the Word of God, together.

Any questions? Contact Nicki Graham  
[Nicola.graham@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:Nicola.graham@mn.catholic.org.au) or 0417 773 444

**When:** 10:30am, Thursday, 9 October  
**Where:** St Mary's Warners Bay Parish Hall



### MN KIDS Holiday Program! Tuesday 7th October 2025



You are invited to our Maitland-Newcastle Diocese Kids Holiday Program on Tuesday 7th October 2025 from 9.00am-3.00pm.  
(Child minding available from 8.30am-4.00pm)

Program is open to children aged 6-12 years and will include team games, pilgrim challenges, craft, bible stories, music and delicious food!

Morning tea and lunch provided. Cost: \$10 per child

Join us at the Diocesan Resource Centre: Cnr Tudor & Parry St, Newcastle West

Registrations are essential and places are limited.

Register no later than Monday 22nd September 2025  
Contact: Mary 0409 033 449 or Nicki 0417 773 444

To register, scan here



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## MISSIONARIES OF

# HOPE

*among all peoples*



In Zambia, many families struggle daily with poverty and limited access to essential healthcare. The Catholic Church stands as a beacon of hope, supporting communities through education, sustainable livelihoods, and healthcare.

**This World Mission Month, we invite you to journey with our missionaries, who are bringing Christ's love to those most in need.**

Stay tuned to learn how you can be part of this mission and help create a future filled with hope.



Free call: 1800 257 296  
[catholicmission.org.au/mission](http://catholicmission.org.au/mission)





## LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS 21 SEPTEMBER 2025

The Promoters of Safeguarding continue to endorse a culture of safeguarding within the Parish. This week, your attention is drawn to **'our own Parish commitment to safeguarding'**.

Our commitment statement is paraphrased as follows:

*We, the people of the Catholic Parishes of Boolaroo, Booragul, Toronto and Morisset, are committed to fostering communities of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable.*

We commit to be a person who:

- ♦ Wants all children to be safe, to grow and to flourish, and have zero tolerance to any attitude and activity that makes a child feel or be less than safe;
- ♦ Acts with integrity, humility and sincerity, being truthful and open-hearted, and accountable and transparent, throughout the Parish and wider community;
- ♦ Shows care for the rights of all people who are supported by the Parish systems;
- ♦ Listens respectfully to others with an open heart and mind, so that concerns and risks may be identified early and addressed, hears the voice of the wounded and speaks out in the face of any abuse;
- ♦ Reaches out with compassion to all who have experienced hurt in our community;
- ♦ Communicates openly and honestly so that there is a clear articulation and demonstration of expectations, standards, structures and processes for Safeguarding throughout the Parish.

## 2025 NATSICC Assembly

Join us for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council's 2025 Assembly.

Join over 200 delegates from across Australia for the 2025 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) Assembly. A powerful gathering of faith, culture, and community open to one and all to attend.

The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and the NSW Aboriginal and Islander Catholic Council proudly host this year's Assembly on the sacred lands of the Wonnarua people at Rydges Hunter Valley, from Monday, 29 September to Friday, 3 October 2025, with a dedicated Youth Day on Thursday 2 October.

Guided by the theme *"Pilgrims of Hope"*, inspired by Pope Francis' Jubilee Year, the Assembly is a unique opportunity to:

- Hear from inspirational speakers
- Engage in interactive workshops and yarning circles
- Experience local culture with a day dedicated to three unique On Country immersions
- Deepen your connection to faith and community in a culturally rich setting

This is more than just a conference; it's a spiritual and cultural journey. Whether you're a regular delegate or a first-time attendee, the 2025 Assembly invites you to walk together in hope, healing, and unity.

Be part of this national moment. Be moved. Be inspired. Be a pilgrim of hope.

To register: <https://natsicc.org.au/2025-assembly.html>

5-day registration is \$425 (accommodation not included).

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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### Finance Committee

TBA,

Meeting Room, Warners Bay

### Parish Council Meeting

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### 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,  
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### Membership enquiries to:

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### St Vincent de Paul Booragul

Meetings 4th Thursday monthly,  
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### All new members welcome

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