



# 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, 25 May 2025**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter 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,

*It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves  
not to saddle you with any burden beyond the essentials....*

This week, we celebrate two great events. Firstly, this week marks the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the acceptance of the Nicene Creed. This is the same Creed we recite most Sundays and Holy Days. It was formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325AD (Turkey) to lay out a set of beliefs about the Trinity and the question of the divinity of Jesus. I'm sure trying to get a whole lot of priests and bishops together to come up with this statement of belief was no easy task. A bit like the above statement that came from the Council of Jerusalem in 50AD when Paul and Peter were at loggerheads because Paul felt that Peter was behaving one way with the Jewish converting to Christianity and another with those gentiles converting. Peter wanted them all to follow the circumcision and dietary rules. Guided by the Holy Spirit, they decided they had no right to put any burdens on anyone because belief comes through faith and not observing the law.

From the earliest acts of the Church, we have seen the working of the Holy Spirit. Jesus in the Gospel continues to talk about "going home", but his work will continue in and through his disciples through the gift of the Holy Spirit, shaping and guiding us. Signs of the Spirit will be the gift of peace. Peace, not as we know it. Peace that is not simply the absence of conflict but a wholeness that only God can provide. A peace that enabled the community to discover, in our first reading, ways of reaching harmony within its diversity. Peace that the late Pope Francis invited us to rediscover the life of the spirit within the church through synodality – a journey of mutual listening, guided by the Spirit and looking to invite those who seek to be made welcome.

The other great event this week is on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May, we celebrate the feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, the patroness of our parish and school of Boolaroo-Warners Bay. The title of "Helper" has been part of Mary's title as far back as the fourth century. It was in 1571 in the battle of Lepanto that the title was first used when the fleet of the Holy League under Pope Pius V defeated the Ottoman Empire. Closer to home, it was in 1844 that Mary, as Our Lady Help of Christians, was declared patroness of Australia. As patroness, we are praying for her intercession and role as a guide, particularly during the early years of the Catholic Church here when the faith relied heavily on the Rosary and the faith of the people. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop is our second patron saint for Australia.... we are in good hands!

Happy Feast Day, Boolaroo – Warners Bay!!!

*Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

Just a reminder that Pentecost is in two weeks – the day when we celebrate the many gifts that are given to each and every one of us, to enrich the Church. On that Sunday, we will hold a Gifting Sunday where we will be asking for volunteers to help and support the various ministries within our parishes. What gift am I already gifting to our community, or what could I gift? More information coming next weekend.

Have a great week, everyone.....

**Fr Darryl Mackie**  
Parish Priest



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

**Recently Deceased:** Jack Jones

**Anniversaries:** Michelle Payne, Margaret Knight, Madeline Aiken

**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, John Evans, Kath Cromie, 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, Peter Reynolds, 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 and Keely Heaton.

**Please contact the office once a person is well again.**

## **Sunday 25 May 2025 Sixth Sunday of Easter Year C**

### **First Reading**

**(Acts of the Apostles 15: 1-2. 22-29)**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

### **Responsorial Psalm (Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R.v.4)**

**(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!**

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

### **Second Reading**

**(Revelation 22:12-14. 16-17.20)**

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, heard a voice speaking to me: 'Very soon now, I shall be with you again, bringing the reward to be given to every man according to what he deserves. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Happy are those who will have washed their robes clean, so that they will have the right to feed on the tree of life and can come through the gates into the city.'

I, Jesus, have sent my angel to make these revelations to you for the sake of the churches. I am of David's line, the root of David and the bright star of the morning.

The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' Let everyone who listens answer, 'Come.' Then let all who are thirsty come; all who want it may have the water of life, and have it free.

The one who guarantees these revelations repeats his promise: I shall indeed be with you soon. Amen; come, Lord Jesus.

### **Gospel Acclamation (John 14:23)**

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
And my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel (John 14: 23-29)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

**Universal Prayer**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter Year C**  
**Sunday, 25 May 2025**

**Presider:** Sisters and brothers, with Christ our gift of peace, let us turn to God with our intentions.

**Reader:** That the Holy Church will make Christ's love visible to all humanity.

**(pause)** In Your glory:

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

**Reader:** That world leaders and governments will strive for true peace and justice.

**(pause)** In Your glory:

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

**Reader:** That young people preparing for Confirmation will be led by the gifts of the Spirit in their Christian lives.

**(pause)** In Your glory:

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

**Reader:** For all in our Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle who have been affected by flooding, whose homes are damaged, whose lives are disrupted, and whose hearts are heavy—may they find comfort, strength, and hope in God's presence and in the care of others.

**(pause)** In Your glory:

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

**Reader:** That the sick will be comforted through God's gracious blessings, especially those listed in our parish bulletin.

**(pause)** In Your glory:

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

**Reader:** That those who have died will be raised to new life with Spirit, especially Jack Jones, who passed away recently and for Michelle Payne, Margaret Knight, Madeline Aiken whose anniversary occurs during this time.

**(pause)** In Your glory:

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

**Presider:** God our Father, you give us the greatest gift of love. Hear our prayers and help us to no longer be troubled or afraid, but to embrace your gift of peace and remain faithful to your loving word. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

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**Sorry Day (May 26) and**  
**National Reconciliation Week (May 27- June 3)**

These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively. National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships among all peoples.

**Mass Collection - Thank you**

**First Collection supports our priests:**

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**Second Collection supports our parish:**

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**Booragul**

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Account Name: CBA

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**Readers Roster**  
**31 May - 01 June 2025**

Sat 5:30pm	Pat Davey Elaine Rooney Tim Carroll
Sun 9:00am	Kim Smith Ray O'Donoghue Ryan Gato
Sun 6:00pm	Suzanne Kay Andrea Matulova Mary Sacco

**YOUNG ADULT**  
**RETREAT**

Join us for a weekend of community, praise, formation  
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## What's happening in the Diocese and Surrounds ...

### Join us for the Called & Gifted Discernment Process

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is excited during the Jubilee Year to launch the Called & Gifted Discernment Process within the Diocese. The process is designed to help Christians discern the presence of charisms in their lives. Charisms, or spiritual gifts, are special abilities given to all Christians by the Holy Spirit to give them power both to represent Christ and to be a channel of God's goodness for people. Mission & Evangelisation is working directly with the Catherine of Siena Institute to offer the Called & Gifted Discernment Process this year. The process will be facilitated online by professionally trained practitioners based in the USA.

Part One of the Called & Gifted process will take place across four Tuesday evenings from **10 June to 1 July, 7:30pm - 9:00pm** and you will learn:

- The role of every Catholic and of the local parish in the mission of the Church to the world.
- The critical role of charisms in the life and service of other lay Catholics and in the life of the parish or Christian community.
- The signs and characteristics of 24 common charisms.
- How discerning and using your charisms can change your life and the life of others, your parish, and the world.

Part two of the process will be a **one hour personal gifts interview** held from **7 July to 25 July**. Experienced CSI-trained gifts interviewers will be helping you with recognising patterns in your life that may indicate the presence of a charism and choose one charism to discern.

Part three of the process is **Discernment in Faith** held across 4 Tuesday evenings from **29 July to 9 September**. You will now be put into practice what you have learned about discernment. You will pick one charism to "experiment with" (two hours a week for a minimum of 6 – 8 weeks) – and see what God does!



### Diocesan Cursillo Retreat

The annual Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle 2025 Cursillo Retreat weekend will be held from **Thursday 12 – Sunday 15 June** at Catalina Conference Centre, 171 Dorrington Road, Rathmines, with the theme "Called to Be".

The Retreat is a short course in Christianity that will enrich your faith for the rest of your life. It is Christ-centred, based on gospel values, and is Sacramental.

"How can I BE Christian in my many everyday environments?"

The Cursillo movement has been alive and active across the Maitland Newcastle Diocese since 1970. Cursillo represents a renewal within the life of the Church and is predominantly led by lay people, both men and women, with the support of clergy.

If you are interested in joining the Cursillo Movement, enrolling for the Retreat weekend, or just wishing to learn more about Cursillo, please feel free to contact:

- Greg Standing: 0412 252 218 or Jane Scott: 0438 009 611

## Vinnies Blanket Appeal

Vinnies are looking for Donations again this year.

### Donations of Blankets, Sheets and Towels

These can be left in the tubs in the Foyers of both churches

On the Weekends 24/25<sup>th</sup> May & 31<sup>st</sup> May/1<sup>st</sup> June 2025.

Please no donations of clothing these can be taken to

Vinnies Stores at Cardiff and Belmont.

Thank you for your generosity



22 May 2025

To: The People of the Diocese, Clergy, Staff of the Diocesan Offices and Agencies, Schools and Parishes

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the past days, our Diocese has been impacted by severe and ongoing rainfall, leading to flooding across several of our communities. Many Local Government Areas within our Diocese have been declared natural disaster zones.

I write to you with a heart full of concern, prayer, and solidarity for all those affected—especially those in and around Taree, Wingham, and the wider Manning region, who are experiencing some of the worst of these conditions.

These severe weather events have caused significant disruption and damage, with many in our Diocese directly affected—whether by floodwaters, separation from loved ones, or through their tireless efforts assisting others.

In the midst of these challenging times, I have been deeply moved and filled with hope by the stories emerging from across our communities. I have heard of schools and parishes coming together to provide digital learning opportunities for students, dry and welcoming spaces for families displaced by the floods, and countless acts of quiet compassion — from offering prayers to staying connected with those who have experienced great loss.

These acts of kindness, generosity, and solidarity are a powerful witness to the love of Christ alive in our Diocese. They remind us that even in hardship, we are never alone — we are a people of faith, united in love and compassion for one another.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the NSW State Emergency Service (SES) and all first responders for their unwavering support of communities across the region. We are all grateful for their courage and commitment.

Please follow emergency services' advice, check in on your neighbours, and take all necessary precautions as the rain is expected to continue over the coming days.

If you or someone you know is struggling or in need of emotional support, I encourage you to reach out to the Rosewood Centre, who are available to provide assistance during this difficult time via telehealth appointments.

Please know that you are in my prayers and that we are inviting the people of the Diocese to pray for you as well. When the time is right, we will explore how we can best offer our practical support.

May God watch over all those affected, and may we find strength in our faith and in one another. Please be assured of my ongoing prayers for your safety and recovery.

Yours in Christ

Most Reverend Michael Kennedy

**Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle**

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# A Prayer for the Community

Our Diocese has been declared a natural disaster zone.  
We stand with you - in prayer and in practical support.

*God of comfort and strength,  
we pray for all in our Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle affected by flooding.  
For those whose homes are damaged, whose hearts are heavy, and  
whose lives are disrupted.  
Protect the vulnerable, strengthen those offering help, and stir in us a  
spirit of compassion,  
that we may be your hands and heart in this time of need.  
Amen*

## FAITH TALKS

Dr. Robert Haddad is a passionate teacher, apologist and evangelist who holds firmly to all the truths of the Catholic Faith and wishes all to come to know, love and live this Faith. Robert promotes Catholicism through his public speaking tours, videos and books.


**GUEST SPEAKER**  
**Dr. Robert Haddad**

Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> June  
Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> June

See times on back

Function Room at  
St. Mary of the Cross  
Parish Hub  
7 Milson Street,  
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# SCHEDULE

## FAITH TALKS

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM  
*\*Doors OPEN from 6:30pm*

**13 JUNE**

TALK 1  
"The Jubilee of Hope 2025 - How can we benefit?"

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM  
*\*Doors OPEN from 10:30am*

**14 JUNE**

TALK 2  
"How the early Church was Catholic."

*\*Bring your own lunch*

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

**14 JUNE**

TALK 3  
"We have seen His Glory - How God is always among us."

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

CONTACT:  
Yvonne Rego - 0450 323 206



COME JOIN US FOR...

## Ladies Day Luncheon

**MONDAY**  
**2 JUNE 2025**

When: From 11.30am  
Where: Boolaroo Sports Club,  
Eighth Street, Boolaroo

RSVP: June 0407 010 663  
Gwen 4956 9596

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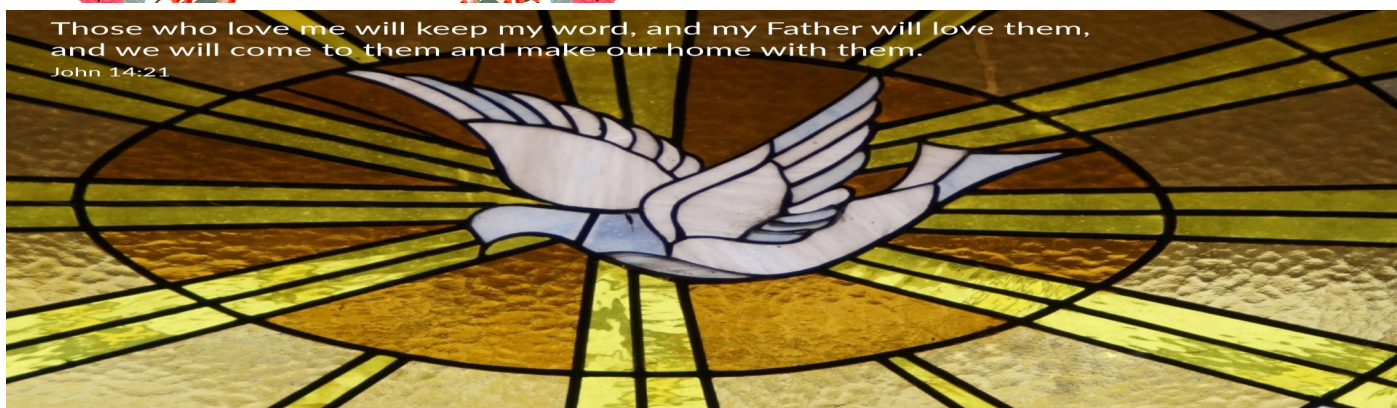
**FRIDAY**  
**6TH JUNE 2025**  
**10AM - 12PM**

CONTACT FOR MORE INFO  
MARIE OSBORNE - 0429 191 245  
SUE CAMPBELL - 0417 091 255



Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

John 14:21





## LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS 25 MAY 2025

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

The Promoters of Safeguarding continue to endorse a culture of protection within our Parish. This week, we revisit **safeguarding the rights of women**.

Women have historically been excluded from large parts of public and political life in Australian society. In 1850, men in general could vote – women not until 1902 and First Nations women (and men) until 1962. Women were not elected to the Commonwealth Parliament until 1943. Not until 1965 could Australian women drink in a public bar. Until 1966, women working in the public service (and some other businesses) were required to resign when they got married. While we've come a long way in the last 100 years, there are still many areas in Australian society in which women and girls are still not safeguarded – two examples are given below.

**Finance:** On average, women are paid 17.5% less than men doing the same work; women work an **extra 64 days a year** to get the **same pay** as men doing the **same work**.

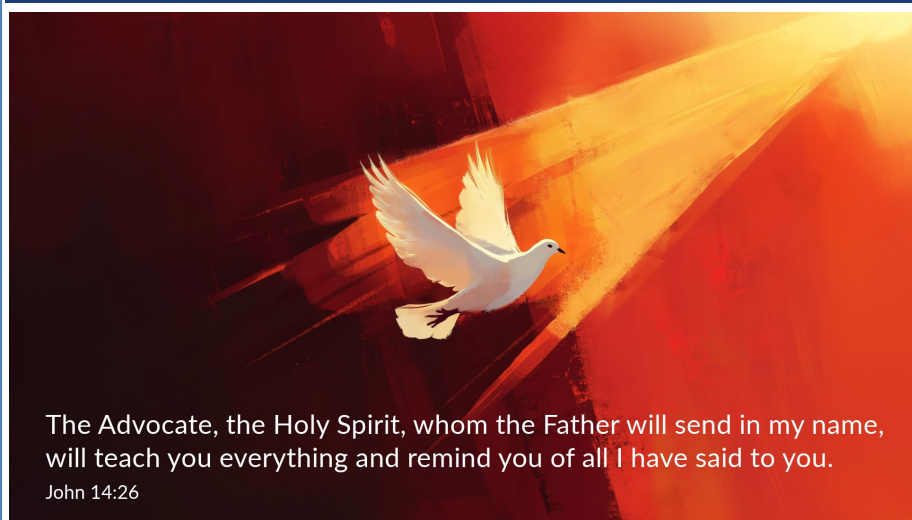
**Violence:** **One in three** women will experience **physical violence** in an intimate relationship, and **one in five** women has experienced **sexual violence** since the age of 15. Additionally, **domestic violence** is the biggest cause of homelessness for Australian women.



## WHEN TO CALL NSW SES

FOR EMERGENCY HELP IN  
FLOOD, STORM AND TSUNAMI

**132 500**



The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

John 14:26

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**Principal:** Brett Donohoe

## 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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