



# 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, 06 July 2025**

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

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### WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Our Lady Help, Boolaroo - Sat 5:30pm

St Mary's, Warners Bay - Sun 9:00am

St Mary's, Warners Bay - Sun 6:00pm

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

St Michael's, Booragul - Tue 9:00am

Our Lady Help, Boolaroo - Wed 9:00am

St Mary's, Warners Bay - Thu 9:30am

### RECONCILIATION

5:00-5:15pm Saturday

Our Lady Help of Christians Church

### BAPTISMS & SACRAMENTS

Booking/Enrolment via Parish Website

Baptisms celebrated most Sundays.

### MARRIAGE

Celebrated by arrangement with at least  
3 months notice.

Contact the Parish Office

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(RCIA) Parish Office 4943 4153

Dear Parish Family,

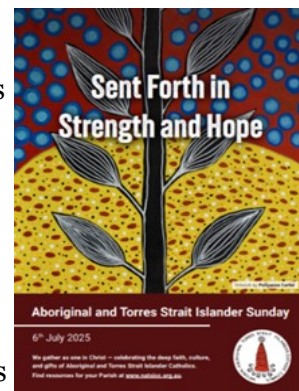
*I am sending you out like lambs among wolves*

After many weeks, we will pick up reading Luke's Gospel again on Sundays, from now until November. This long section in Luke's Gospel (Luke 9:51-19:27) is known as the travel narrative, Jesus "set his face to go to Jerusalem". This Sunday's Gospel, Jesus sends out seventy-two disciples in pairs on a mission to preach the good news, and to heal the sick. He puts it quite bluntly that the path isn't going to be easy, but for those open to receiving and accepting the preaching of the disciples, they will experience ...God's love as like that of a tender mother (First Reading). Peace will be a sign of this - in a turbulent country, peace means a great deal!

The Gospel is full of imagery and numbers. We are told that Jesus sends out the seventy-two disciples in pairs. Why are these numbers so significant? Well, travelling in pairs is a reminder that spreading the gospel is relational, it happens between people. Also, to live out discipleship, we need to depend on each other for support, hospitality and kindness. As for the number seventy-two, it is often understood to refer to all the nations of the earth (Gen 10:2-31), no matter who you are. As St Paul writes, "it does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him (and her) to become an altogether new creature." (Gal 6:15)

When you think about it, imagine telling a group of followers (mainly Jewish) that you must lead a radical life of facing homelessness and travelling into a foreign territory where "you must eat and drink what is set before you". Would you? Would I? Therefore, to be a disciple, we must be open to being vulnerable. Vulnerability opens us all to greater possibilities to encounter the hospitality of God, which is at the heart of Luke's Gospel. Hospitality is where God enters our lives and the lives of those around us, providing for each other's needs.

This week, the nation marks NAIDOC Week, celebrating the history, culture, and achievements of First Nations peoples. The Church also invites us this Sunday to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, as we celebrate the living story of faith and culture walking hand in hand. The theme this year is "Sent Forth in Strength and Hope". *"It is Christ who sends us to walk together in faith, grounded deep in the spirituality and culture of First Nations Peoples, strengthened by the Gospel and filled with hope for the future God is leading us into."* (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council)



Thinking of the future God is leading us into, thank you to all who were present at the Morisset Assembly last Sunday was great to feel the energy in the room. In the coming weeks, Boolaroo-Warners Bay/Booragul will be holding their assemblies on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> July, and Toronto on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> July. Let's keep all our communities in prayer at this time.

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

**Fr Darryl Mackie**  
Parish Priest



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

### **Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:** Philip Kidner, Glennis Olive, Hilary O'Keeffe

**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, 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 06 July 2025**

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

### **First Reading**

**(Isaiah 66: 10-14)**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her! Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her! That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast, that you may savour with delight her glorious breasts.

For thus says the Lord: Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river, and like a stream in spate the glory of the nations. At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her lap. Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you. And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.

At the sight your heart will rejoice, and your bones flourish like the grass. To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**(Ps 65: 1-7. 16. 20. R. v.1)**

**(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)

2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)

3. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. (R.)

4. Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul. Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

### **Second Reading**

**(Galatians 6: 14-18)**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to

become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**(Colossians 3: 15. 16)**

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
And the fulness of his message live within you

Alleluia!

### **Gospel**

**(Luke 10: 1-12. 17-20)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'



**Universal Prayer**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**  
**Sunday, 06 July 2025**

**Presider:** Brothers and sisters, with peace in our hearts, let us offer our prayers before the Lord.

**Reader:** That our Holy Church will be a sign of peace and unity for Christians around the world.

**(pause)** In your mercy:

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

**Reader:** That family members will treat each other with kindness and respect by practising harmony and compassion in their homes.

**(pause)** In your mercy:

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

**Reader:** That counsellors and mediators will be blessed in their work of bringing peace to troubled relationships.

**(pause)** In your mercy:

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

**Reader:** That our parish community will live as peacemakers in Christ with a reconciling heart and a welcoming spirit.

**(pause)** In your mercy:

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

**Reader:** That the sick and housebound will find relief from their suffering in the peace of God, especially those listed in our parish bulletin.

**(pause)** In your mercy:

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

**Reader:** That those who have died will live forever in Christ's loving embrace, especially Philip Kidner, Hilary O'Keeffe and Glennis Olive whose anniversary occurs during this time.

**(pause)** In your mercy:

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

**Presider:** Loving God, your Son commissioned his disciples in peace and forgiveness. Hear our prayers and help us to live in the example of their peace as we journey towards the kingdom of God. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

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**Readers Roster**  
**12 July - 13 July 2025**

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| Sat 5:30pm | Joan Wilson<br>Maggie Hughes<br>Sallyanne Stanbridge |
| Sun 9:00am | Penny Banister<br>Camilla Palamo<br>Sue Withers      |
| Sun 6:00pm | Jo Turner<br>Ian Ross-Gowan<br>Ursula Kelly          |

**Sea Sunday - 13 July 2025**

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea.

There will be an Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Funds collected will be used to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. To donate or for more information, visit: [www.stellamarisaustralia.org](http://www.stellamarisaustralia.org)



# Parish Assembly 2025

Where is God calling us to be the Church in Boolaroo/Warners Bay & Booragul in 2025 and beyond?

**Assembly Prayer**

We stand before you, Holy Spirit,  
conscious of our need for you,  
but aware that we gather in your name.

Come to us, remain with us,  
and enlighten our hearts.

Give us light and strength  
to know your will,  
to make it our own,  
and to live it in our lives.

Guide us by your wisdom,  
support us by your power,  
for you are God,  
sharing the glory of Father and Son.

You are invited to the Parish Assembly  
to be held on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025,  
after the 9:00 am Warners Bay Mass.

An Assembly is a time of prayer,  
a time to listen,  
a time to discern where God is calling us!

**Some items for discussion**

- Boolaroo Church
- Financials
- Changes in the Diocese - viability
- Parish Pastoral Council vs Regional Pastoral Council
- What do you think we need to discern?

## What's happening in the Diocese and Surrounds

### Create a Culture of Invitation in Your Parish: 18 July

Join international speaker and author Michael Harvey for a practical workshop on how to make people feel welcome in your parish. This free event includes dinner and is open to all priests, leaders, and parishioners.

Can a simple invitation really change a life? According to Michael Harvey, it absolutely can and often does. In this powerful, interactive session, renowned speaker and founder of Back to Church Sunday, Michael Harvey, will invite us into a bold new vision: a parish culture where invitation is second nature, not second thought. Together we will:

- Unpack the fears that hold us back from reaching out
- Discover how the Holy Spirit leads and empowers our invitations
- Gain practical tools to make inviting others a natural part of our faith journey
- Be challenged and encouraged no matter where we are in our spiritual walk



When invitation becomes everyone's responsibility, renewal takes root and the Church begins to flourish in new, Spirit-led ways.

#### Event Details

When: 6:00pm to 9:00pm, 18 July

Where: Function Room at St Mary of the Cross Parish Hub, Charlestown

### St Nicholas Early Education Services – Request Sewing Skills

We are seeking help from parishioners or a sewing group who would be able to help make some scarves for children in our centres. Scarves are used for multiple purposes, including dress-ups, exploring movement, and covering and uncovering objects, so can be used from babies through to pre-schoolers.

We have about 5 rolls of fabric that would be required to be cut and hemmed into a standard size.



Please contact Nicole Baker on 0437 648 953.

## Hunter Men's Rosary Crusade Camino

Join us for a spiritual journey together

### Event Details    Route Information    Preparation Tips

Starting at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter St Newcastle West at 10.30am, 30th August.

Pilgrims walk to Immaculate Heart of Mary (Tighes Hill) and return to Sacred Heart Cathedral at approximately 1.00pm.

Bring water and wear appropriate walking shoes. Registration closes 23rd August.



Register now and join in faith!



Invitation Changes Everything:

# BUILD A PARISH THAT REACHES OUT

MacKillop Catholic Parish  
7 Milson St, Charlestown NSW 2290

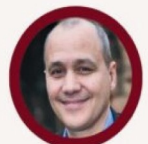
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For more information  
contact Yvonne Rego on  
0450 323 206



Michael Harvey





## What's happening in the Diocese and Surrounds



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### Port Chaplain Vacancy - Stella Maris Seafarers Centre

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle's Mission & Evangelisation team is seeking a compassionate and dedicated Port Chaplain to support seafarers visiting the Port of Newcastle. As part of an outward-looking team committed to sharing the Gospel in contemporary ways, you'll provide practical, pastoral, and spiritual care to seafarers of all nationalities. For more details about the vacancy please visit: [mnpeople - Administration - Career - View Job - Port Chaplain - Stella Maris Seafarers Centre](#)

### Diocese to host 2025 NATSICC Assembly

The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is excited to welcome people from across Australia to the Hunter Valley this year for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) Assembly.

Held every three years, the assembly is a significant gathering for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics, along with others who walk beside them in faith and those who want to learn more through education and experiences.

Taking place from 29 September to 3 October, the event offers an opportunity to celebrate and reflect on the unique gifts that First Nations peoples bring to the Church. Director of Mission & Evangelisation, James Camden says the Diocese is proud to host this important event.

"This Assembly will be a time of learning, celebration and unity, where traditional culture and Catholic faith can come together in a way that honours both," he said. "We know there is so much to learn from everyone who attends and the amazing line-up of presenters. "My hope is that everyone leaves renewed in their faith, having experienced and learnt something inspiring, and more committed to reconciliation and justice."

Over the course of five days, delegates will engage in keynote presentations, cultural workshops and liturgical celebrations.

Through these experiences, we will explore the interplay between ancient traditions and the Gospel, and how both can be enriched when held in respectful dialogue.

Registrations for the NATSICC Assembly are open now!

Visit [www.natsicc.org.au/2025-assembly.html](http://www.natsicc.org.au/2025-assembly.html) for more information.



### MEN'S Breakfast

Join us for a BBQ breakfast.

Informal, social and occasionally entertaining, this morning is all about connection.

**Saturday, 9th August.  
8am to 10am.**

at the St Joseph's Community Centre  
140 Wangi Rd, Toronto

Mark the date in your calendar for another opportunity to enjoy a feed and friendship.

RSVP: Phil McWilliam 0408 880 408  
or Colin Gwynne 0409 047 644



### You are invited to a Fishing Weekend

*God for Blokes*

15-17 August 2025

Beach fishing Forster



for more information  
and registration

[trybooking.com/DBGRP](http://trybooking.com/DBGRP)



### The Parishes of Boolaroo/Warners Bay & Booragoo



*Invite you to an*

### ANOINTING MASS

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30am

*at*

**St Mary's Warners Bay**

*an anointing with the Oil of the Sick for the sick, frail,  
elderly, or anyone in need of healing*

*Mass will be followed by Morning Tea*



## LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS 06 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.**

It can happen to anyone and often starts much younger than you might think.

It hurts people. Beyond financial loss, elder financial abuse often has other serious impacts, including anxiety and depression. This can harm an older person's ability to look after themselves by limiting their access to a safe home, adequate food or medical care.

As Australia's population ages, more and more people are susceptible. It could be happening right now to you or someone you love, but it can be hard to spot until it's too late.

The following groups are at an elevated risk of elder financial abuse

- People who are alone or isolated
- People with a physical or mental disability
- People with a limited understanding of finance due to either language limitations or cultural barriers
- People from LGBTI communities
- People who are reliant on others for their care
- People who have been subject to other types of abuse in the past.



COME JOIN US FOR...

### Ladies Day Luncheon

**MONDAY**  
**7 JULY 2025**

When: From 11.30am  
Where: Club Macquarie,  
458 Lake Road,  
Argenton

RSVP: June 0407 010 663  
Gwen 4956 9596

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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**

**Booking will open at St Mary's Hall, Warners Bay  
on Saturday 12 July 2025 10am to 12pm**

**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**



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### 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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