



Lakeside Bulletin

**The weekly Bulletin of the Catholic Parishes of
Boolaroo, Warners Bay and Booragul**

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We acknowledge the Awabakal people - the traditional custodians of this place

SUNDAY, 31 August 2025

22nd 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

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Dear Parish Family,

"My friend, move up higher!"

Similar to last Sunday's theme of guess who's coming to dinner... in a lesson on humility, Jesus again teaches about being a disciple on the way to Jerusalem! Usually, Jesus is accused of eating with sinners and tax collectors but in today's Gospel he's seen eating with a leading Pharisee and people of some importance and we are told *they watched him closely*. Jesus seemed to make a habit of accepting the hospitality of people but also giving them a lecture about how they should behave; and reminding them who's not around the table with them. Because of this you could guess that he was probably never invited back a second time! It's important to know that in first century Jewish society, eating was as much a political act as it was a social one. Who you ate with reflected your social and political position and that's why this story is so important.

So, what's Jesus teaching us? I believe Jesus teaches three lessons.... firstly, Jesus teaches the guests - he dishes out to the Pharisees on this occasion to not think you're more important than you really are. He tells them that it is far better to assume a lower status and to be lifted to greater prominence than it is to assume too much and be asked to step down to your proper place. Secondly, Jesus teaches the host - learning humility is through associating with "the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind" in other words, the thought of inviting to a meal people who were in no position to reciprocate would have been ludicrous.

Third lesson - who should we be inviting to the table - perhaps it's the ones who we feel least comfortable with; the homeless on the street who hasn't showered for some time; those who slowly hobble these days; the ones who have not felt the warmth of a fire for some time; the lonely who are never invited anywhere; those who might look and sound different to me ...these are the ones who will be invited to the top of the table. The lesson is clear, Jesus keeps God's preference for the little people ...he has the kind of love that sees beyond appearances, the kind of love that calls people to be who they are, a love that dignifies people.... then we must do the same! So, who do you need to invite to your table?

Nominations to the Parish Pastoral Council will conclude after the evening Mass on Sunday. Thank you again to those who nominated and to those who have graciously accepted their nomination. What happens next? The nominations will be collected after Mass by Maryanne and Rosanna and if there's a parish with more than three nominations then we will hold an election. Details will follow if that is to occur. As we continue our nominations for the Parish Pastoral Council, we pray that the Holy Spirit guide us into the future where all may be welcome around the table.

This weekend some of our young people will come to the Eucharistic celebration and will receive Holy Communion for the first time.... we congratulate them as they take this step in their faith journey.... please continue to remember and keep in prayer all of our young people preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time over these coming weeks.

Have a good week everyone and I will see you in a few weeks.

Fr Darryl Mackie

Parish Priest

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased: Connor Stanwell, Bev Crump

Anniversaries: Angelo Bragagnolo, John Thomas Humphreys, Edward James Manning, Ernestina Flores Medina

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, Eoin O'Connor, Jana Javorska, Paul Fitzpatrick, 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 31 August 2025

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading

(Sirach 3: 17-20, 28-29)

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

Responsorial Psalm

(Ps 67: 4-7. 10-11. R. v.11)

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, the shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **(R.)**
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **(R.)**
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading

(Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who

have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

Gospel Acclamation

(Matthew 11: 29)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;

learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

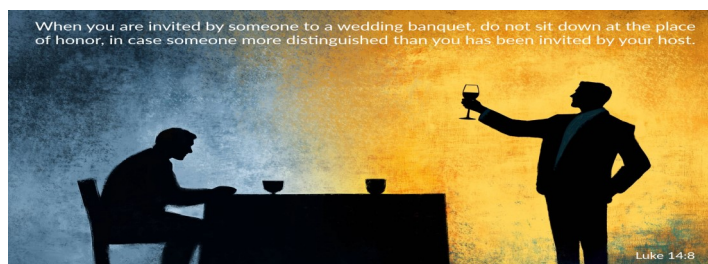
Gospel

(Luke 14: 1. 7-14)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'



Universal Prayer
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Sunday, 31 August 2025

Presider: God is a lavish giver. With confidence, then, let us bring our prayers before him.

Reader: That the Church will respond to Christ's self-sacrifice by serving with humility and kindness.

(pause) In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That nations with abundant resources will generously assist countries in need.

(pause) In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That organisations working with the poor and suffering such as St Vincent de Paul will be given support and assistance in their work.

(pause) In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who are preparing for the sacraments will be made holy in the sight of the living God.

(pause) In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That this gathered community will rejoice in God's abundant gifts by giving without counting the cost.

(pause) In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will see the heavenly Jerusalem including Connor Stanwell and Bev Crump who passed way recently and for Angelo Bragagnolo, John Thomas Humphreys, Edward James Manning and Ernestina Flores Medina whose anniversaries occur during this time.

(pause) In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider: God most gracious and kind, your Son came among us not for the exalted but for the lowly. Hear our prayers and help us to serve you with humility and generosity. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

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Readers Roster
6 September - 7 September 2025

Sat 5:30pm	Sallyanne Stanbridge June Fava Pat Davey
Sun 9:00am	Gerard Mowbray Kim Smith Ray O'Donoghue
Sun 6:00pm	Ursuala Kelly Kim Smith Suzanne Kay

BAPTISMS

This weekend we will witness the baptisms of

**Frederick Matthew Penny,
Howie James Crispin,
Ruby-Rose Pamela Fleming,
Valley Rae Zeltins.**

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

Please remember the Penny, Crispin, Fleming & Zeltins families in your prayers.

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**



Art and Spirituality Workshop 12 September 2025

Creation of art provides an opportunity for a deepening awareness of oneself and the world and can act as a catalyst for evoking the Spirit.

This workshop will provide an opportunity to awaken the Spirit through the beauty of God's creation, prayer, and reflection. Participants will engage in art making experiences which will nourish their faith.

For further information contact the Mission & Evangelisation team at mission@mn.catholic.org.au

When: Friday, 12 September, 9:00am
Where: St Joseph's Community Centre,
140 Wangi Rd, Kilaben Bay.

Please scan the QR code to register.



On 14 September we observe The Perpetual Day of Remembrance.

This day is a public acknowledgement of the deep harm caused by the Church in the past, particularly the pain and suffering endured by survivors of abuse, their families, and those that have been lost. It is an occasion to re-commit ourselves to remembering what happened so as not to allow those things to be repeated.

Our Parish will commemorate this day in our masses on Saturday 13 September and Sunday 14 September.

Mass Celebrating Diverse Learning

Please join Bishop Michael Kennedy and the Federation of Parents & Friends Associations for the 26th Annual Mass Celebrating Diverse Learning. The Mass will be a celebration of inclusion and diversity, where everyone's unique, God-given gifts will be honoured. All members of our community are welcome, with movement and noise embraced as part of our shared experience. After Mass, please stay and join us for supper, where you will have the opportunity to connect with friends, old and new.

When: Wednesday, 3 September, 5:00pm

Where: Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle West

Name Badge

Anyone who would like to purchase a name badge are kindly requested to contact the parish office.

Nominations for Pastoral Council Boolaroo-Booragul-Morriset-Toronto

Nominations are now invited for membership on the Pastoral Council.

Role of the Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council is not responsible for ordinary Parish administration and is not to involve itself in the ordinary day-to-day running of the Parishes. With the Parish Priest, the Pastoral Council will be responsible for studying and assessing those matters which concern the pastoral works of the Parishes and proposing a Parish Pastoral Plan to direct and facilitate those works.

Membership

The Pastoral Council is truly representative of the whole group of parishes, particularly in terms of localities, age, and gender. The Pastoral Council should collectively have all the skills and talents necessary for the Pastoral Council to fulfil its purpose as expressed above.

Eligibility for membership of the Pastoral Council, a person shall be

- A member of Christ's faithful in full communion with the Catholic Church (cf. c. 512 §1), and
- "Outstanding in firm faith, high moral standards and prudence" (cf. 512 §3), and
- Either has a domicile in the parishes of Our Lady Help of Christians Boolaroo; St Michael the Archangel, Booragul; St John Vianney, Morisset; or St Joseph's Toronto"
- If not resident within the boundaries of the parishes habitually attends Sunday Mass at one of the churches of the parishes.

Election of Members

A total of three (3) parishioners from each parish community elected by their fellow parishioners for a term of three (3) years.

Nominations for candidates for election

- shall be in writing,
- proposed and seconded by two people who are eligible to cast a vote in the election,
- be accepted by the nominee, and
- be lodged with the nomination box in the church by 7pm Sunday 31 August 2025.

(Statutes of the PPC)

Maryanne Barry / Rosanna Suckling will act as secretaries for the nominations.

Fr Darryl Mackie
Parish Priest



What's happening in the Diocese and Surrounds

Social Justice Statement 2025-2026

This year's Social Justice Statement calls us to follow the example of Jesus, who always noticed, listened to, and cared for those on the edge of society. Just as Jesus healed the blind man Bartimaeus (*Mark 10:46-52*), we are called to see and respond to the needs of our sisters and brothers living in hardship.

The statement shares powerful stories of real people:

Michael, who found new life through care and community after years on the street and battling depression; Sally, who faced deep loneliness and an impersonal health system; Carol, who became homeless at 67 after losing her husband; and Luis, who quietly bore his suffering with dignity. These stories show the human face of homelessness and mental illness. They remind us that everyone has a name and a story, and that everyone deserves to be seen, heard, and loved. We are challenged to go beyond charity and comfort.

The Church must become a place of encounter, where people are not just helped, but befriended and embraced as equals. We must notice those on the edge, truly get to know them, and walk with them in love. The Bishops call for practical action: more affordable housing, better mental health services, stronger support systems, and an end to policies that leave people behind.

But above all, they call on each of us to respond with compassion, courage, and hope. This is not just the work of professionals or institutions. Every Christian is called to step into the lives of those who are suffering, to befriend them, advocate for them, and journey alongside them.

"The Eucharist commits us to the poor... you have tasted the blood of the Lord, yet you do not recognize your brother." - **St John Chrysostom**

As we enter the Jubilee Year 2025, Pope Francis reminded us that we are all "Pilgrims of Hope." Let us be a Church that brings healing, dignity, and hope. Let us walk with those who are homeless and mentally unwell, not just as service providers, but as neighbours and friends.



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Wednesdays 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Sept 10	Episode 1 - The Story of Salvation: Creation, Fall & Redemption
Sept 17	Episode 2 - Who is Jesus? Just a Good Man or the Lord of our Lives?
Sept 24	Episode 3 - The Journey of Faith: Trinity, Faith & the God Who is Love
Oct 1	Episode 4 - The Sacraments: Baptism and Confirmation
Oct 8	Episode 5 - The Eucharist: Source and Summit of Christian Life
Oct 15	Episode 6 - Walk through the Mass: Exploring the Sacred Liturgy
Oct 22	Episode 7 - Penance & Anointing of the Sick: God's Mercy Revealed
Oct 29	Episode 8 - Matrimony & Holy Orders: The Sacraments of Service & Communion
Nov 5	Episode 9 - A Love that Lasts - God's Plan for Sexuality
Nov 12	Episode 10 - Catholic Social Teaching: Protecting the Dignity of the Human Person
Nov 19	Episode 11 - Mary & the Saints: Our Spiritual Mother & the Communion of Saints

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Wednesday Night weekly

Sept 10 - Nov 19, 2025 @ 6:30pm



LOCATION:
Function Room at St. Mary of the Cross Parish Hub
7 Milson Street, CHARLESTOWN 2290

**Doors open from 6:15pm
with light refreshments
served**



LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS 31 AUGUST 2025

The Promoters of Safeguarding continue to endorse a culture of safeguarding within the Parish. This week, your attention is drawn to '**Safe and Savvy: A Guide to Help Older People Avoid Abuse Scams and Fraud.**'

Part 1 – Spotting 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 the first 5 most common types of abuse.

1. **Abusing power of attorney** – “Power of attorney” gives a trusted person (the ‘attorney’) control over someone’s assets and allows them to make financial decisions on their behalf. Abuse can occur if the attorney uses this power to take a person’s assets for themselves or for others.
2. **Pressure, threats and intimidation** – This occurs when someone attempts to force an older person to sign over ownership of assets, or make them a beneficiary of their will. The pressure may be physical, emotional or both.
3. **Fraud and scams** – This occurs when a third party deliberately sets out to falsely gain a person’s trust in order to defraud them and steal their money. Fraud and scams can take many forms, and are often targeted at older, more vulnerable people.
4. **Abusing family agreements** – Often families enter into informal agreements that are designed to help everyone, but have no legal backing (e.g. older parents sell their home and split the profit with adult children). These agreements can unintentionally create various risks of abuse.
5. **Improper use of funds** – This occurs when someone who lawfully has access to an older person’s money uses it for unagreed purposes. For example, a carer could purchase things for themselves when buying groceries for the person in their care.

Features common to all types of abuse.

Financial abuse exploits a power imbalance – Often elder financial abuse involves someone misusing their power over the victim, such as exploiting poor health, lack of mobility, withholding information, or even physical intimidation.

Financial abuse is an abuse of trust – Often elder financial abuse occurs where there is an expectation of trust. This could occur in a pre-existing relationship (e.g. family), or in a new relationship that may appear genuine, but has really been created out of self-interest.

COME JOIN US FOR...

Ladies Day Luncheon

MONDAY

1 SEPTEMBER 2025

When: From 11.30am

Where: Boolaroo Sports Club,
31 Eighth Street,
Speers Point

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TBA,

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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

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St Vincent de Paul Booragul

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All new members welcome

Steve Barnett 0409 917 995

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