

Boolaroo—Warners Bay and Booragul Parishes
At the time of publication, there are no weekend masses in the parishes of Boolaroo/Warners Bay and Booragul.

Status of Weekend Masses at time of printing. As many would know, Government regulations have allowed Churches to have 50 people present for religious services. However, due to the number of people who normally attend our Masses on a weekend (which thankfully is much more than 50 people!), we are still not able to “open up” for weekend masses. *Bishop Bill Wright has continued the dispensation from the obligation to attend weekend Mass to all parishioners.*

Status of Weekend Masses from 1st July. Government authorities have indicated that from the 1st July religious services may accommodate 100+ people at their services **BUT** the 4 square metre rule will apply still. This then means that we can accommodate only the number of people based on the square metre size of our Churches divided by 4. It doesn't quite work out like that, given the actual pews and seats present in the Churches and how they are arranged.

Under the proposed conditions from the 1st July (that is for us, from the weekend of the 4/5 July), we *could* look at having approximately 60 people present for the 5:30pm Saturday night mass and approximately 110 people present for the Sunday morning and the Sunday evening Masses at Warners Bay. As is understood at this time, everyone who would be present would be required to sign in, note their phone number, have their name(s) ticked off, use sanitiser and be directed to the allocated seating.

Obviously, we would have to have people pre register by email or phone from Tuesday before the following weekend and no later than the Thursday NOON of the following weekend (and subsequently for each weekend after that!). Pre-registering details are still to be set in concrete eg about giving priority to people who might have tried to register one weekend but were unsuccessful (because seating capacity might have been met) for the following weekend. Sadly too, under these arrangements we couldn't accommodate people who simply “turn up”. In normal circumstances we have many more than the numbers mentioned, so it will be very tricky organisationally for a while.

As you might deduce, there is a bit of ruminating going on at the moment and “things” (at all sorts of levels!) might change in the next couple of weeks, ***so nothing definite is in place at the moment regarding the celebration of Masses on that first weekend of July!*** ***Keep a look out on the website for more details as they come.***

Return of some Weekday Masses. Due to the fact that normally we do not have 50 people at weekday masses, we have been able to trial a weekday Mass schedule. The first 2 weeks has gone fairly well and there has been some learning about the process! Obviously, a number of conditions apply in reference to Social Distancing, sanitising, taking of names and phone numbers etc. The timetable is:

Tuesday 9:00am at St Michael's Booragul.
Wednesday 9:00am at Our Lady Help of Christians Boolaroo.
Thursday 9:30am at St Mary's Warners Bay.

Those who attend weekday Masses, who are registered volunteers, can assist, in the fulfilling of the conditions, by being monitors.

It is very important to note that all parishioners who are at risk, the elderly, those with compromised health and those who are sick, feeling unwell etc. are encouraged seriously to consider refraining from attending Mass at this time.

If you need to contact Fr. Brian or need him to come and celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick because you or your loved one's health is diminishing, please do so. Just give the office/presbytery a ring. 4958 2031

Check the notice board for further information. The activities in this bulletin are endorsed by our parishes as part of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

O what fun!— The end of the financial year is approaching RAPIDLY. Hopefully, those who normally have envelopes should have had their new set delivered by now—yell if you haven't received them! If you would like to make a direct deposit into our account, the details are:

- **BSB: 062815**
- **Account number: 328161**
- **Could you note the reference as BWB(YOUR NAME).**
That should do the job!

Thank you to those who, since the suspension of Masses commenced, have made contributions through one means or another to the First and Second Collections. For those who can't do as these people have done, could you save up your normal giving over these weeks, to “hit” the collection plates when things return to normal - that would be truly wonderful. As well, of course, you could drop your contributions off at the Parish Office. For those who are not in the Planned Giving Program or those who receive weekly envelopes, this would be a wonderful time to join the large number of people who give electronically. **An electronic form is on the website under the button “Donations”.**

Check out <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/liturgy/covid-19-supplementary-prayer-resources>

Also see **Liturgy Brisbane website** at

<https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/prepare/sunday-readings-and-family-prayer/>

Our Bishop celebrates Sunday mass at 9:30am.

www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/

Bishop Brian Mascord is doing the same but it is at 9:00am. Check the Diocese of Wollongong website.

Foxtel 173 Aurora. If you are fortunate to have Foxtel, I understand there is a daily Mass broadcast at about 10:00am. Check your guides.

Let us pray for the sick, including Bill Burg, Wayne Landers, Arian Hampton, Mary Hammond, Leila Grew, Sarah Williams, Nick Gibson, Philomena O'Neill, Matt Lanigan, Neville Betts, Barry Maggs, James Grew, Greg Adam, Allan Baxter, Anthony Rigby, Colin and Elizabeth Oaten, Bayly Turner, Anne Keating, Sharna, Veronica Hipwell, John Evans, Pam Mason, Delma Clarke, Winston Aslin, Ryder Withers, Maria Terwkar, Kristie Porters, Narelle Lackenby, Reuben Neilson, David Owens, Jacqueline Smith, Rebecca Reid and Margaret Mullins.
(If you know that any of the above names can come off the list, please let the office know).

We pray for those who have died recently particularly Joseph Hudson. We pray too for all those whom we remember fondly at this time.

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ABN for Booragul Parish is 17 725 561 225

Any parishioner wishing to join the Planned Giving Program, please fill in the brochure in the envelope in the foyer of the Church or contact Fr. Brian on 4958 2031. PARENTS of Catholic School children, remember you have the choice of donating the amount of the Diocesan School Building Levy (for which you are charged on your fees for 2020 onwards), to our Parish instead. Donations can be given by direct debit and credit card facilities—forms are in the foyer. Ring us and we can talk you through it.