

**Boolaroo—Warners Bay and Booragul Parishes
Weekend Masses have resumed BUT
prior registration is required, please see below.**

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 still applies. 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.

This weekend marks the first weekend we *have 'given it a go' at opening for 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.* Everyone present will have to have their name and details ticked off, use sanitiser and be directed to allocated seating. Congratulations to those who, after registering during the week, have managed to "score" a seat at this weekend's Masses.

Bishop Bill Wright has continued the dispensation from the obligation to attend weekend Mass to all parishioners.

People need to
pre register via the website (preferably) or phone
for the weekend of the 11/12 July
from Tuesday (from 9:00am)
and no later than the Thursday NOON
and subsequently the same process will apply
for each weekend after this weekend!!

Return of Weekday Masses. We have been able to trial a weekday Mass schedule. The first weeks have 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 any time at the moment.

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.

Thank you for your financial generosity through the financial year that has passed into history. At this stage, all that can be said "it sure was a different end to the year"!

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.

[\(www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/\)](http://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.

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for those who live and work at sea. There will be a national Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Donations will provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers in these challenging times of COVID-19. Please give generously. Go to: bit.ly/seasundayaustralia

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday will be celebrated throughout Australia this **Sunday 5 July** – despite NAIDOC week occurring later in the year. NATSICC feels it is important that we celebrate as Australians during these difficult times. Archbishop Pat O'Regan will celebrate a nationally livestreamed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass at 11.30am. The link will be available at www.natsicc.org.au

Don't miss out on anything in your Diocese! Go to mnnews.today to see updates and read stories about what is happening locally.

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 Kas Panek. We pray too for Colleen Watson, Jack Dangarfield, Leonie Dungey, Margherita Huxley and Marion Johnston and 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.