## **Boolaroo—Warners Bay and Booragul Parishes**

Children's Liturgy is held normally at the <u>9:00am</u> Mass on Sunday mornings during school terms but has been suspended during the Covid 19 crisis. When Children's Liturgy is conducted, the leaders have current Working with Children Check clearances, are registered with the parish office and verified by the Diocese. <u>The Office of Safeguarding</u> in the Diocese itself and our Parishes of BoolarooWarners Bay and Booragul, have policies and protocols in place to respond unambiguously to the need to provide for the safety of children. See the noticeboards and website for more details. **Pamphlets** are available in the foyer.

<u>Year 12 Examinations.</u> With School having returned for the fourth term, those in Year 12 are rapidly approaching their exams. Of course, others too are entering the examination period at their respective levels. If you wish to add a FIRST name (privacy rules apply) to our prayer list for these candidates, then please see the list near Our Lady's statue.

<u>Catholic Mission Appeal this Weekend</u> for the support of Catholic Mission's work through the world. In over 160 countries (including our own, in Dioceses like Broome, Darwin, Geraldton, Port Pirie etc), this appeal supports needy Parish communities and their responsibilities and programs. The focus this year is on Cambodia and envelopes are available in the foyer this weekend, if you wish to take one home, for the appeal next weekend.

DoMN Library website goes live! The DoMN Library has launched a website and catalogue, which is now live on the Diocesan website. Online publications including *La Croix* and *The Tablet* connect DoMN Library members to the latest perspectives on compelling issues of importance to Catholics in Australia and around the world. Likewise, access to the extensive eBook *Religion Collection* provides titles ranging from introductory texts for undergraduate coursework to more complex and detailed works for advanced students and scholars in the Religion discipline. Registration is an extremely simple process via the registration link on the library homepage. All physical resources will be made available for collection at the library desk in the Diocesan Offices. To help navigate the sites many features, handy "How to" videos, with step-by-step instruction to many frequently asked questions (FAQ's) are provided at the click of a mouse. There is also a Book Club which all are welcome to join. Link to DoMN Library: <a href="https://library.mn.catholic.org.au">https://library.mn.catholic.org.au</a> Enquires phone 0409 033 449.

Marriage and Relationship Education Do you know someone who is getting married or someone in a relationship who would like to know more about how to create strong, stable relationships? Pastoral Ministries offers pre and post marriage and relationship education workshops and individual sessions that explore the research around intentional connected relationships. All sessions are now run via Zoom To make an appointment phone: 49791370 or email marriageeducation@catholiccare.org.au

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle presents a range of free ONLINE presentations and courses this November. *Nicholas King SJ presents: Bringing The Gospel to Life*- Wed., 4 Nov. 6.30pm-8pm. *Communion of Saints:* presented by the Formation and Education team over 4 weeks. Commencing Nov 5 to 19. 6.30pm-8pm. *Relationships Matter:* presented by the Formation and Education team. Wed.,11 Nov. 7-8.30pm *Nicholas King presents: Mark- The Strangest Gospel* Wed., 18 Nov. 6.30pm-8pm. *Q & A with Father Anthony Coloma.* Wed., 25 Nov. 6.30pm-8pm. To register go to Adult Faith Formation page on the Diocesan website. Information is available in the foyer or <a href="https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/">https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/</a>

aMeN caMiNo. Some notice in advance in regard to this Diocesan initiative for 2021. Scheduled over 5 days on three opportunities next year, the Pilgrimage will start at St. John's Chapel, Maitland and conclude at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. Pilgrims will walk an average of 20km per day through bush, along beaches and beyond! Expressions of interest forms are available.

Engaging Your Catholic Faith is a series of short sessions offering an opportunity to explore your faith through a variety of topics including: Meditation and Prayer, Spirituality, Women in the Early Church, Interfaith Relations, Reading the Church Classics, Eucharist, Science and Religion. All topics are presented by lecturers of Catholic Theological College. Choose one, choose all, choose what interests you and all for just \$20 per session, running 14 September to 31 October. https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/
Pastoral Placement Program beginning in Feb 2021 is an opportunity for young people who are interested in exploring ministry in the Catholic Church as a career option. See the information available in the fover.

Status of Weekend Masses. People need to pre register via the website (preferably) or phone for the weekend of the 24th/25th October from Tuesday (from 9:00am) and no later than the Thursday NOON and subsequently the same process will apply for each weekend. On the above mentioned days, see the "Registration form for weekend Masses" button on the home page. If you can't see the button, refresh your page.

Social Distancing requirements apply both inside and outside our Churches.

Each weekend people who have <u>pre registered</u> have their names and details ticked off, use sanitiser and be directed to allocated seating.

If you wish to wear a face mask during Mass, please do so – the Premier of NSW has encouraged us strongly, to seriously consider doing so. If your seat allocation is at the end of the row, could you please make every effort to sit at the end of the row. Couples are encouraged not to spread out too much, so the Social Distancing requirements can be respected.

## The usual Weekday Masses Schedule

Tuesday 9:00am at St Michael's Booragul.

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Wednesday 9:00am at Our Lady Help of Christians Boolaroo.

Thursday 9:30am at St Mary's Warners Bay.

Obviously, a number of conditions apply in reference to social distancing, sanitising, ticking off of names and phone numbers etc. Registered volunteers attending can assist in the fulfilling of these 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.

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

<u>Please take your bulletin home</u> with you-bulletins should not be left in the Churches. <u>Colette Embe</u> has asked to put a "thank you" in the bulletin to all parishioners for their care and kindness to her. She is moving to Laurieton for the next stage of her life.

Let us pray for the sick, including Karen Roberts, Wayne Landers, Arian Hampton, Mary Hammond, Leila Grew, Sarah Williams, Nick Gibson, Matt Lanigan, Neville Betts, Barry Maggs, James Grew, Greg Adam, Allan Baxter, Anthony Rigby, Colin Oaten, Bayly Turner, Anne Keating, Sharna, Veronica Hipwell, John Evans, Pam Mason, Delma Clarke, Winston Aslin, 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 Elizabeth Oaten . We pray too for Harold Connell, Roger Wilmshurst, Felix Grew, Carol Aitken and all those whom we remember fondly at this time.

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ABN for parish of Boolaroo/Warners Bay Parish is 29 084 970 430. ABN for Maitland

Newcastle Diocesan Trust Fund (re. tax receipts) is 46 167 334 530.

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 - we can talk you through it.