

Boolaroo—Warners Bay and Booragul Parishes

We celebrate the Lord's Day on

Saturday at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Boolaroo at 5.30pm.

Sunday at St. Mary's Church, Warners Bay 9.00am and 6.00pm.

There is no weekend mass at St. Michael's Church, Ranclaud St., Booragul

Children's Liturgy is held at the **9:00am** Mass on Sunday mornings during school terms.

Children's Liturgy is conducted by leaders who have a current Working with Children Check clearance, registered with the parish office and verified by the Diocese.

Reconciliation: 5:00pm-5:15pm Saturday before Mass (but not next Saturday).

New Parishioners? Welcome! Please fill in a form in the foyer.

Weekday Masses and Liturgies:

Booragul: Tues: 9:00am. **Mass.**

Boolaroo: Wed: 9:00am. **Mass.**

Fri: 9:00am. **Mass.** *The Faith Development Group members will join us to celebrate their year and we, collectively, will thank God for their wonderful work.*

Warners Bay: Thurs: 9:30am. **Mass.** *Celebrating the rapidly advancing end of the school year for St. Mary's Primary School.*

Sat: 9:00am. **Liturgy.**

We pray today the 1st Preface of Advent and Euch. Prayer 3.

Please be mindful of our neighbours (plus Bus Stops and No Standing signs), when parking your car. SOME PEOPLE ARE BEGINNING TO BE TOO CLOSE TO DRIVEWAYS AGAIN!!

Baby Jesus weekend is next weekend. Bring along your figure of Baby Jesus from your cribs next weekend and Fr Brian will bless them during Mass. There will be a slice of Christmas cake for all after mass—YUM!

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Tree tags. If you are quick off the mark you will be able to take a tag from the Christmas tree for a particular boy or girl of a particular age, to provide a wrapped Christmas present at the base of the tree. If you miss out on a tag and you wish to provide a present, then simply do so and indicate the gender and age of the recipient. Thank you!

Past Christmas ornaments. Some of these are available in the foyer after mass—just \$2 will put one in your hands!!

Volunteers for the Christmas Masses. As you probably know, we need a lot of people to help with the Christmas Masses. We need large numbers of Extraordinary Ministers and people to help distribute the gift for 2019. We also need Readers (usually we have a really good number of readers volunteer, so not everyone will have a chance to read—but thank you for volunteering), we need welcomers and car park attendants (especially at the 5:30pm Mass and the 9:00am Mass). Altar Servers have a chance to volunteer and help out with Masses. Ask your parents to sign you up! If you can help please place your name and email address on the lists in the foyer. **THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND TO ADD YOUR NAME.**

Faith Development End of Year Mass will be held at 9am, 13th December followed by Lunch at Warners Bay Hotel at 12 o'clock. All members past and present are warmly welcome to attend. RSVP by 11th December to Marie 49474537 (0429191245)

Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections. These daily reflections, "The Way", are available in the foyer - just \$4 each. At time of writing, we have just four left! **Simbang Gabi** In preparation for the Solemnity of the Lord's birth, novena Masses will be celebrated at 7.15pm from 15 December to 23 December at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West. The Christmas novena Masses, also known as Simbang Gabi to Filipinos, is a long tradition brought by the Spanish Friars in the Philippines in 1669. They are in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Expectant Mother of God, and serve as a preparation for the commemoration of the Birth of Our Lord and Saviour. All are welcome. Supper follows each Mass.

Bishop's Awards applications are open—for students and young people in differing age groups Year 7 to aged 25. Closing date is 9th December!

Walk the Camino 2020. Two Catholic Mission Pilgrimages: Portuguese Camino (May 2020) and Camino Francés (September-October 2020). Small group. Places limited. Phone Sr Veronica Rosier, OP (0451 387 906).

www.catholicmission.org.au/camino2020

Christian Formation Course 2020. If you feel you would like to explore your faith in a deeper and more systemic way, enriching your knowledge along the way, this course may well be for you! Please see the A4 in the foyer.

MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS. All masses are at St. Mary's Warners Bay. **24 Dec.** 5:30pm; 7:30pm. **25 Dec.** 9:00am. **Reconciliation:** 23 Dec. 7:00pm–7:30pm St. Mary's Church Warners Bay

Let us pray for the sick, including Leila Grew, Lorraine McNamara, Sarah Williams, Nick Gibson, Joan Summers, Philomena O'Neill, Matt Lanigan, Colin Conroy, Neville Betts, Barry Maggs, James Grew, Greg Adam, Allan Baxter, Anthony Rigby, Colin and Elizabeth Oaten, Bayly Turner, Anne Keating, Sharna, Anna Veltruski, 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. We pray too for Margaret Mary Humphreys and Denis Hughes who are remembered especially 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 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 2019 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.

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.