

Boolaroo—Warners Bay and Booragul Parishes

Children’s Liturgy is held normally at the **9:00am** 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. **The Office of Safeguarding** <https://officeofsafeguarding.org.au/> (If link doesn’t work, copy into your browser), in the Diocese itself and our Parishes of Boolaroo/Warners 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. Each month we will include a link to helpful and current safeguarding advice. See this month <https://www.unicef.org/media/56661/file> (Doesn’t work? Copy it into your browser).

The USUAL Weekday Masses Schedule

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

USUAL WEEKEND Mass Times

Saturday 5:30pm *Our Lady Help of Christians Boolaroo.*
Sunday 9:00am *St Mary’s Warners Bay.*
Sunday 6:00pm *St Mary’s Warners Bay.*

Each weekend people who have pre registered have their names and details ticked off, use sanitiser and be directed to allocated seating. The Registration Button on the parish website (www.boolarooatholicchurch.com) for Masses on the 17th & 18th April will be available from Tuesday the 13th April (9:00am) through to Noon on the 15th April **Sacrament of Penance (Confession) 5:00pm-5:15pm Saturdays Boolaroo.**

Social Distancing requirements apply inside and outside our Churches.

Reflection Days with Bishop Bill As Session Two of the Diocesan Synod approaches, you are invited to listen and contemplate as Bishop Bill reflects on: Francis’s vision of our future Church, our Australian experience, future possibilities. The two-hour presentation will include questions for dialogue and afternoon tea/supper. Bishop Bill will present his reflection in a variety of locations across the Diocese, repeated both before and after Mass. Attendees can choose which reflection session they would prefer to attend. Registration before the day is essential. To register go to: <https://www.domnsynod.com.au/get-involved/reflection-days-with-bishop-bill/>
 In each location, **Reflection 1** will occur between **2.30pm-4.30pm** -Mass will be held between **5pm-5.30pm** **Reflection 2** will occur between **6pm-8pm.**

Day	Date	Session	Time	Pastoral Region	Venue
Thursday	April 15	Reflection	2.30pm – 4pm	Blackbutt/ Port Stephens/ Eastlakes/City	St Mary Immaculate Parish 11 Milson St, Charlestown
		Mass	5pm – 5.30pm		
		Reflection	6pm – 8pm		
		Mass	5pm – 5.30pm		
		Reflection	6pm – 8pm		
Thursday	April 22	Reflection	2.30pm – 4pm	Macquarie/ Western	St Joseph’s Parish 140 Wangi Rd, Toronto
		Mass	5pm – 5.30pm		
		Reflection	6pm – 8pm		

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.

Some news! As a result and after an understanding conversation with Bishop Bill in middle January this year, with a background of previous discussions, I submitted my request to resign as Parish Priest of Boolaroo/Warners Bay and Booragul on the 16th February and to retire to live privately. I am very grateful that these requests have been granted and I will conclude this part of my life on the 16th May 2021.

My resignation and retirement was announced on Holy Thursday by Bishop Bill and he and his advisors will put into place the process towards the appointment of a new Parish Priest.

My intention is to conclude my appointment here as quietly as possible, no parties, no gifts, no fuss! I hope to have a long break from any pastoral responsibilities and settle into retirement. I have been very blessed to have been appointed to these parishes – the Boolaroo/Warners Bay appointment beginning in 2001. We have had some great highlights along the way and considerably fewer low lights.

So many people have blessed me with their faithfulness, generosity and hard work. A few, both alive and deceased, have walked the journey with me very closely –they know who they are and hopefully they know my gratitude to them. *Fr Brian*

Collection Boxes *You might remember that the collection boxes are at the doors of the Church. Thank you very much for your support.*

See Bishop Bill Wright’s Easter message. Go to <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/>

Easter Offering (Dues). For those who have envelopes, you will find an envelope in your pack. Otherwise, there are envelopes near the collection boxes. Thank you for your support. With the Christmas Offering, the Easter Offering provides very important support for the priests.

Kinder 2022 St Mary’s Primary School is now taking enrolment applications for Kindergarten 2022. Enrolment Tours are being held on Wednesday 21st April 9-10am. Please contact the school on 4948 8770 for further information.

Let us pray for the sick, including Dianne Blayney, Michelle Clipsham, Fr. Tony Kelly, Tony Harkin, Sue Withers, Max Brown, Joe Panek, Jo Turner, Will Mangion, Karen Roberts, Arian Hampton, Leila Grew, Sarah Williams, Nick Gibson, Neville Betts, Barry Maggs, James Grew, Greg Adam, Allan Baxter, Anthony Rigby, Bayly Turner, Anne Keating, 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 and particularly all those whom we remember fondly at this time.

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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. Donations can be given by direct debit and credit card facilities—forms are in the foyer. Ring us - we can talk you through it.