

### 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://padlet.com/Office\\_of\\_Safeguarding/cybersafety\\_high\\_school](https://padlet.com/Office_of_Safeguarding/cybersafety_high_school) (Doesn't work? Copy it into your browser).

**Fridays in Lent—Stations of the Cross and Mass.** On the Fridays in Lent, we have the opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross from **5:15pm** at St. Mary's Warners Bay. The Stations will conclude at **6:00pm** with the celebration of Mass.

**Project Compassion** Project Compassion 2021 has launched with the theme 'Be More'. This year due to COVID restrictions some of our communities are unable to meet face to face for the Project Compassion Launch. Our Diocese has had a long history of supporting Caritas and this year we invite you to access the number of resources produced locally here:

<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/project-compassion/> Boxes for the support of Project Compassion (Caritas Australia), are available in the foyer

**Lenten Preparations and the Diocesan Synod.** As part of the preparations for the two remaining sessions of the Diocesan Synod, a series of video-based reflections have been produced entitled "Building the Kingdom of God Together: Our Journey, Engaging in Contemplative Dialogue". These resources can be found on the Diocesan Synod website

**As the website noted** below says "as we continue the synodal journey, take advantage of the multiple resources as you contemplate leading towards the risen Christ at Easter and the second session of Synod. You can reflect on the Bishop's response to the Gospel, immerse yourself in the visual liturgy of our Christian story, and contemplate the data gathered from the first session of Synod and the Plenary Council." <http://www.domnsynod.com.au/building-the-kingdom/>

#### The USUAL Weekday Masses Schedule

Tuesday	9:00am	<i>St Michael's Booragul.</i>
Wednesday	9:00am	<i>Our Lady Help of Christians Boolaroo.</i>
Thursday	9:30am	<i>St Mary's Warners Bay.</i>
Fridays in Lent	5:15pm	<i>Stations of the Cross. St. Mary's Warners Bay.</i>
Fridays in Lent	6:00pm	<i>St. Mary's Warners Bay.</i>

#### WEEKEND Mass Times

Saturday	5:30pm	<i>Our Lady Help of Christians Boolaroo .</i>
Sunday	9:00am	<i>St Mary's Warners Bay.</i>
Sunday	6:00pm	<i>St Mary's Warners Bay.</i>

**Confirmation and First Holy Communion.** Last year's candidates are finally able to receive their Sacraments. Communication has been going back and forwards to the families and the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Tuesday the 9th March and Thursday 11th March at St. Mary's Warners Bay at 7:00pm. We have had to duplicate the Confirmation ceremonies due to Covid regulations and the candidates' families have restricted numbers of people whom they are inviting. On the following two weekends after the Confirmation ceremonies, the candidates will be celebrating their First Holy Communion at the 9:00am and 6:00pm Masses on each weekend. The families have been designated particular Masses to attend and their numbers of guests of course, again, have been restricted. However we will, I hope, still be able to accommodate the usual Sunday morning and Sunday evening Mass attendees. Fr Brian.

**Status of Weekend Masses.** People need to be pre registered to attend- via the website (preferably) or phone for the weekend of the 13th/14th March **from Tuesday (from 9:00am)** and no later than **Thursday NOON and** subsequently the process applies **each** weekend.

See the "**Registration form for weekend Masses**" button (you might need to page down a little) on the home page. Can't see the button? Refresh your page. *Social Distancing requirements apply both inside and outside our Churches.* Each weekend people who have pre registered 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 YOU'RE REGISTERED TO ATTEND MASS BUT ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND, PLEASE LET US KNOW BEFORE HAND!!**

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

**Project Compassion Virtual Immersions.** Caritas Australia is inviting parishes to their Virtual Immersion sessions. These digital sessions are being offered to parishioners throughout Project Compassion this Lent. More information is available at <http://lent.caritas.org.au/virtualimmersions>.

**What's happening in the Diocese?** Go to <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/bulletin-notice/>

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

***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 to consider refraining from attending Mass at any time.***

**Let us pray** for the sick, including Tony Harkin, Sue Withers, Shirley Arnold, Max Brown (Eleebana), Joe Panek, Jo Turner, Will Mangion, Karen Roberts, Arian Hampton, Mary Hammond, 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 particularly Carole Hitchcock and Catherine O'Sullivan (Maitland). We pray too for Ray Coleman, Fr Harry Cressy and Joy Morgan 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. Donations can be given by direct debit and credit card facilities—forms are in the foyer. Ring us - 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.