

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/high_school (Doesn't work? Copy it into your browser).

Australia Day Tuesday is Australia Day. 9:00am Mass at St. Michael's Booragul. Feel free to come along and pray for our country and for those who live in this land. The Registration process (Covid Check in) will be handled at the door of the Church.

Diocesan Synod A CALL FOR DELEGATES DIOCESAN SYNOD SESSIONS 2 & 3

On the 8th August 2019 Bishop Bill convoked the Maitland-Newcastle Diocesan Synod – Building the Kingdom of God Together. Session One – Celebration – was held on the 21st November 2019. Session Two – Discernment – will be held on the 22nd May 2021 and Session Three – Implementation – on the 20th November 2021. Parishes are being asked to nominate delegates to receive an invitation from Bishop Bill to attend Sessions Two and Three. The Diocese is looking at having 6 delegates from our two parishes (so far we have one delegate!), so if you are interested in being a participant in, or contributing to the Synod in this way, please contact <https://www.domnsynod.com.au/get-involved/delegates/>

The Columban Calendar for 2021 is on sale (\$6) in the foyer.

Collection Boxes You might remember that the collection boxes are at the doors of the Church. As you can imagine they are having a lean time with Covid 19, especially the First Collection, so please "befriend" them as you pass them!!!

The USUAL Weekday Masses Schedule

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

Christian Formation Course 2021 (CFC) is a face-to-face learning experience that allows participants to explore their life's journey and their faith within the Catholic Tradition. This one-year course introduces participants to scripture, theology, church history, sacramental life, and liturgy. The course runs across twelve months and comprises of eight units. Commencing on Tuesday February 2, 2021, no prerequisite formation or qualification is required to enrol. All who complete the Course are awarded a diocesan Certificate in Christian Formation.

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.

Status of Weekend Masses. People need to be pre registered to attend via the website (**preferably**) or phone for the weekend of the 30/31st January 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!!

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

See the Website for our usual weekend Mass times.

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.

Let us pray for the sick, including Max Brown (Eleebana), Joe Panek, Jo Turner, Will Mangion (5 month old with Cardio Myopathy), 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, 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 Gilbert Keith Hitchcock. We pray too for Aimee de Peralo, Adele Fava, Ann Kaine, Margaret McClusky, Ryan Shiels and Jane Wilmshurst 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 - we can talk you through it.