

Boolaroo—Warners Bay and Booragul Parishes
We celebrate the Lord's Day on
**There are no weekend masses in the parishes of
Boolaroo/Warners Bay
or Booragul. See below.**

There are no Weekday Masses or Liturgies due the Covid 19 crisis.

Bishop Wright's letter regarding the Covid-19 virus crisis. A copy of Bishop William Wright's Pastoral Letter confronting the Covid Virus is available on the parish Website under "Bulletins". Please see the following:

We have received advice from Bishop William Wright, Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle, regarding the impacts of the Covid-19 Virus crisis. In short, effective immediately, "the public celebration of Mass is suspended. The suspension applies to both Sunday Mass and weekday Mass.....All members of the faithful, other than priests, are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Members of the faithful should observe the holiness of Sunday by observing one of the options listed in the Appendix." (From the Bishop's Letter). The length of the suspension is indefinite. The parish Churches at Boolaroo and Warners Bay will be open for private visits between the hours of 9:30am and 1:00pm, Monday through to Friday inclusively and on Sunday from 10:30am to 5:00pm. The Church at Booragul will be open on Tuesdays from 9:30am – 12:30pm. We will see how those time parameters go.

As well, the Holy Week Liturgies and the Easter ceremonies have been cancelled. We will upload the complete bulletin (readings and notices) to our website by Thursday morning of each week. This is a peculiar time in which we are living and from my point of view, not celebrating Eucharist with the parish is a bitter pill to swallow.

Thank you for your understanding. God bless everyone and stay safe. *Fr. Brian*

PS Financially too, this time is going to be a difficult time for many, our parish is not an exception to that circumstance. For instance, if the suspension runs for 15 weeks, the first collection will be something like \$22,000 down and the Second collection will be down between \$20 000 - \$30,000. If you could save up your normal giving over these weeks, to "hit" the collection plates when things return to normal, that would be truly wonderful. As well, of course, you could drop your contributions off at the Parish Office. For those who are not in the Planned Giving Program or those who receive weekly envelopes, this would be a wonderful time to join the large number of people who give electronically. I have included a form accordingly!

PPS The Parish Office is open Tuesday through Thursday from 9:30am-2:30pm and from 9:30am to 12:30pm on a Friday for enquiries. Of course, you can email whenever you need to do so and we will try to get back to you ASAP

Real Women Café Night. CANCELLED Unfortunately, due to concerns raised by the Covid 19 virus and advice received, the Real Women Café night on the 30th March has been cancelled. Apparently, due the high infection capability of the virus and the close proximity of guests for an extended time, Peter Roberts, Team Leader, Safety and Wellbeing of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has advised that "based on the information you have provided I would look at postponing the meeting." The Donation of \$12.00 for the evening will be refunded. Thank you for your understanding and apologies are offered for any inconvenience caused. Ph Sue 0417 091 255 or Marie on 0429 191 245.

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.

Christian Meditation Group. A small group meets on Saturday morning 11am-12pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Boolaroo Judith 0412 389 468. **CANCELLED**
The Australian Catholic Men's Gathering is an initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and its aim is to inspire and encourage men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish and the world. The 2020 gathering will be held at the Australian Catholic University, Mount Saint Mary, Strathfield Campus on Saturday 25th July. Cost \$80. See the noticeboard.

The Maitland Newcastle Diocese is presently in the process of re-establishing a Diocesan Library and exploring faith formation opportunities. The library aims to provide a relevant, accessible and current information service to support the faith and religious dimensions of the diocese. Your response to the questions will be used to help inform decisions. DOMN library and Faith Formation survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q2SCXN6>

The Way of the Cross to be held Sunday 29 March at 3pm at St Joseph's Church and School Conference Grounds, Kilaben Bay - **CANCELLED**.

Fr Rob Galea Concert Activ8 Youth to be held 31 March at 6.30pm **CANCELLED**.

The TWEC Dinner will be held on Friday 8 May at 6.30pm for 7pm start at the Therry Centre, New England Hwy, East Maitland. Special guest Aaron Kearney, multi-award winning broadcaster, journalist and sports commentator will speak on personal Connections and universal stories. Ticket information out soon; call 4979 1111.

Stations of the Cross CANCELLED (5:15pm) followed by **Mass** (6:00pm) at St. Mary's Warners Bay on Friday the 27th March.

Let us pray for the sick, including Graham Parker, Arian Hampton, Mary Hammond, Leila Grew, Lorraine McNamara, Sarah Williams, Nick Gibson, 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, 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 particularly Moire Walsh. We pray too for Ken Brock and Ken Batterham, who are remembered 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 and we can talk you through it.