

### 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 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/officeofsafeguardingmn/parents> (If the link doesn't work, just copy it into your browser)

**Advent is nigh!! Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent.** The Daily Reflections for the Seasons of Advent and Christmas 2020 are available. Just \$4 each but get in quickly—they are very popular!

**Modern Slavery Webinar** The Diocesan Social Justice Council would like to invite you to join them for a free Modern Slavery Webinar. Date: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December Time: 11:00am – 12:30pm For more information see the noticeboard or go to <http://mnnews.today/media/2859555/modern-slavery-flyer.pdf>

**November Masses for the Holy Souls.** November is the month of the Holy Souls. We remember those who have died, particularly our loved ones and all the Holy Souls. Envelopes are available for masses to be celebrated in memory of your loved ones. Place the names of your loved ones on the envelopes provided. If you have so many to remember, you might just include family groups. The envelopes can be returned over the next few weeks.

**Next of Kin Program.** A program of the NSW Police Force helps people living alone to have their contact details of their nominated person recorded at a local Police Station. The program is free to join—forms are available in the foyer.

**The Christian Formation Course (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 and comprises of eight units. 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. Bishop Bill writes: "The Christian Formation Course has been a very great contributor to Catholic life in this diocese. It is based on adult learning methods that involve the participants in on-going dialogue and engagement with the material and the staff. It is my hope that many, many people will take this course." If you would like to enrol in the Christian Formation Course in 2021 go to: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/christian-formation-course/>

**aMeN caMiNo** Using intervals of the Great North Walk, this five-day pilgrimage is a journey through the Watagans, around the lake and the beautiful Hunter beaches. A bush, mountain, beach, city and pub experience. This is a 'M' (Maitland) 'N' (Newcastle) Camino for 'e' everyone! The aMeN caMiNo will stretch your body, mind and spirit and provides an opportunity of transformation. If you are interested in joining the aMeN caMiNo in 2021, please fill an expression of interest form by November 30. [https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/media/4437/31816-dio\\_amen-camino\\_flyer-proof01.pdf](https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/media/4437/31816-dio_amen-camino_flyer-proof01.pdf)

**Diocesan Synod** For information regarding the progress of the Diocesan Synod (the next stage was to occur this weekend) go to <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/national-plenary-council-diocesan-synod/>

**The National Plenary Council** timetable has been impacted this year with the Covid 19 crisis. Go to <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

**Aurora Magazine articles online** Our Diocesan magazine is available on line—click on the link. <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/aurora>

**BWB Parish Council** meeting St Mary's Parish Hall Tuesday 1st December 7:30pm.

**BWB Finance Committee** meeting St Mary's Parish Hall Thursday 3rd December 7:30pm

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 pre register via the website (**preferably**) or phone for the weekend of the 28th/29th November **from Tuesday (from 9:00am) and no later than the Thursday NOON and** subsequently the same process applies **each** weekend. On the above mentioned days, see the "**Registration form for weekend Masses**" button (you might need to page down a little) on the home page. If you 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.**

#### **The usual Weekday Masses Schedule**

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

Wednesday 9:00am at Our Lady Help of Christians Boolaroo.

**BUT NO MASS THIS WEDNESDAY DUE TO A FUNERAL AT WARNERS BAY**

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.

**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.**

**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.*

**Please take your bulletin home** with you-bulletins should not be left in the Churches.

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

**Craft Goods** The Craft ladies usually have a stall for of their produce around this time. Unfortunately, that can't be done in the usual way. However, the ladies have gone on working and so, if you would like to have a look and purchase some of their good works for the benefit of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, then please give Joan a ring on 40172191.

**Let us pray** for the sick, including 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, Colin Oaten, Bayly Turner, Anne Keating, Sharna, 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 Marion Ferrari, Joan Ryan and Leo John Callachor. We pray too for Geoff Gardner, John and Agnes Press, all the Holy Souls and all those whom we remember 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 - we can talk you through it.**