



Lakeside Bulletin



*The weekly Bulletin of the Catholic Parishes of
Boolaroo, Warners Bay and Booragul*

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SUNDAY 14TH JULY 2024

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Dear Parish Family,

One of the wonderful things about holidays is catching up on reading. The plane gave me a great start to that and a long overdue opportunity to read the 'Apeiogon' by Colum McCann. For those interested in what is happening in Israel and Palestine it is a good read. I can't say a must read but an important one for those who want to hold on to something for the possibility of peace in our time.

You might remember me talking about Rami and Bassam, two fathers I meet whilst on Pilgrimage to Israel last September. You might also remember how close my group came to the events of 6 October. This book tells the story of these two men and what unites them. Both lost their daughters, Rami's 14-year-old to a car bombing in Israel and Bassam's 8-year-old to a sniper in Palestine. Both fathers had been part of a group of military people recognising the futility of war and in particular the type of 'war' between Israel and Palestine. With the death of their children, they became part of another group, one they both hoped would become smaller not larger; those united in grief and by the loss of a loved one.

The 13th century Persian Poet Rumi is quoted in the book. Bassam has this quote over his desk 'Yesterday I was clever, so I wanted to change the world, today I am wise, so I have begun to change myself.' It is at the heart of Bassam and of Rami. Changing the world one wounded heart at a time.

Today's Gospel has startling elements. Jesus sends his disciples out in pairs but with some specific instructions. The gospel acclamation gives us clues to interpret the gospel. In the words of St Paul to the Ephesians 'May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called'. Jesus as he sends the seventy-two out instructs them to remove anything that prevents the eyes of the heart from seeing and more importantly understanding.

And if you want the next clue read Matthew chapter 6. Jesus he reminds us 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.'

We've got to have treasure – it helps us feel safe and secure. Our treasure can't be more important though than those other graces gives us and what we do in sharing some of those graces with others. And sometimes our treasures are the resources God gives us to make our world a better place.

'Today I am wise, so I have begun to change myself.'

Enjoying my holiday. Manila is challenging. I'd forgotten how much I just enjoy reading for readings sake and getting lost in museums and galleries. This Sunday Holy Mass is in the lower level of the nearby shopping centre food court – looking forward to seeing what that feels like.

Best wishes,
Greg
Parish Priest

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Maya Kelly, Patrick Clancy, John Grew and all the family members who have anniversaries at this time.

We remember and pray for those who are ill at home and in hospital at this time, may they know the healing presence of Christ: Toni Harkin, Jo Turner, Arian Hampton, Leila Grew, Nick Gibson, Barry Maggs, James Grew, Greg Adam, Allan Baxter, John Evans, Pam Mason, Winston Aslin, Maria Terwkar, Kristie Porters, Narelle Lackenby, Reuben Neilson, Kath Cromie, Helen Sligar, Terry Clancy, Veronica Clipsham, Leslie Henry, Craig Flanagan, Andrew Regan, Eileen Brooks, Janusz Prudzienica, Barbara Ryan, Vince Abdilla, Helen Ryan, Rianna MacKaway, Aileen McEwen, Paul Tobin, Patrick Perkins, Dallas Green, Alan Watson, Margaret Ryan, Alison Kris, Mark Saesar, Stuart Shepherd, Rod Milligan, John Kenny, Peter Reynolds, Barbara Ryan, Jeanette Gatens, Baby Jude, John Osborne Yvonne Selby and Andrew Garvie.

*Please ring the parish office if you wish to add your loved ones to the sick list and also **to be taken off the list once they are well.***

Clergy (1st Collection):

BSB: 066 739
Account Number: 100014920
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Vinnies Winter Appeal

The parish conferences of St Vincent de Paul on behalf of their clients in the Warners Bay, Mt Hutton, Boolaroo and Booragul areas are very grateful for the wonderful response from parishioners to the recent Winter Appeal. More than \$3,000 has been donated, all of which will be distributed to the needy in our parish in the next few months.

Many thanks for your care and generosity.

Dear Friends,

A long while back I read an article on three traits of human consciousness, which was written by an Indian author. In that article he identified that human beings can be divided into three levels according to their consciousness: looking good, feeling good, and being good.

The most important is being good. Some people may value feeling good. However, if feeling good is not anchored in being good than people get into immoral activities, which will temporarily make them feel good. But they are not good for one's wellbeing. There is also another group of people who value looking good more important other than being good and feeling good to impress others. There is nothing wrong in looking good provided it should be based on being good. If not, it will ruin one's life. The looking good more often want their image to be appreciated to feed their ego.

Above all being good is more important than anything else like looking good or feeling good. It is being good helps everyone to become more human in our day-to-day life. Being good is, decorating our heart with virtues like love, compassion, kindness, mercy, forgiveness, and with good moral values. The good moral values and virtues are in the deep down of our heart, one should bring it out by being good to others. This is what Jesus is speaking throughout the gospels. It is only being good that elevates the person to another level. If a person is being good, then he will be looking good and feeling good.

Enjoy your week,

With love,

Naveen

Parish Deacon

PARISH TIMETABLE

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday: 9.00am

St Michael's the Archangel Church
Ranclaud Street, Booragul

Wednesday: 9.00am

Our Lady Help of Christians Church
82 Main Road, Boolaroo

Thursday: 9.30am

St Mary's Church
2 Bayview Street, Warners Bay

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 5.30pm Vigil Mass

Our Lady Help of Christian Church
82 Main Road, Boolaroo

Sunday: 9.00am & 6.00pm

St Mary's Church
2 Bayview Street, Warners Bay

Readers Roster

20 July - 21 July

Sat 5:30pm

Jane Bennett
Marie Osborne
Joan Wilson

Sun 9:00am

Sophie Fuller
Colin Cowan
Ray O'Donoghue

Sun 6:00pm

Andrea Matulova
Mary Sacco
Lois Wilson



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

(Amos 7:12-15)

A reading from the prophet Amos

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

Responsorial Psalm

(Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8)

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

Second Reading

(Ephesians 1:3-14)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the

forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

Gospel Acclamation

(See Ephesians 1:17-18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel

(Mark 6:7-13)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

Be a Friend;

Do you know anyone, particularly a more mature member of the community who has been a regular at Mass but has suddenly stopped going? Send their name into the office and we will make contact to see if they are ok, need communion at home or simply a visit. If you know them, you might reach out with the same questions. Let the parish office know.

2024 Magdalene Award Presentation

The 2024 Magdalene Award Presentation will take place in the Toohey Room at 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West, following 9:30am Mass at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sunday 28 July. Should you wish to attend, RSVPs close on Friday 19 July, and can be submitted to kate.crncevic@mn.catholic.org.au

Season of Creation: Wonder – Weaving – Healing

Join Catholic Earthcare and their Season of Creation Convocation for three special events in September.

- Thurs 12 and Fri 13 September - online keynote presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences
- Sat 14 September at Diocesan Resource Centre - hear about and discuss regenerative projects within and beyond our diocese and consider how we can contribute. Morning tea and lunch supplied as part of registration.

Information/Registration at:
www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1231165

aMeN caMiNo – Seasons of Creation Weekend Retreat

Join us for an aMeN caMiNo weekend experience during this year's Season of Creation at the beautiful Myall Coast. This caMiNo is suitable for both beginners and experienced walkers. It offers a one- or two-day experience on September 7th and 8th.

For more information visit our website:
mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/faith-formation/amen-camino

Women of the Well – Weekend Retreat – 9 to 11 August 2024

The Women of the Well retreats are designed to help you create space in your life to listen to the spirit's whisper and connect with other like-minded women. The next Women of the Well retreat will be happening at The Hermitage, Mittagong from 9 to 11 August. We want to ensure our retreats are accessible to all, as such we set our fees to cover just our costs for your food & accommodation. Thanks to our partnership with the Sisters of St Joseph, we are able to offer these subsidised rates to first-time retreatants. If this cost is a barrier, please contact us.

First time retreatants: \$125
Returning Retreatants: \$350

Visit www.womenofthewell.com.au or email info@womenofthewell.com.au for more information.

Free Swansea Kids Holiday Program

You are invited to this holiday's fun program for primary students!

The day will give participants the chance to spend time with their friends or make new friends, joining in our Olympic themed day. Sessions are open to all children in primary school and will include team games, challenges, craft, bible stories, music and delicious food, all for free!

When: Tuesday 16th July
Where: St Patrick's Hall,
Northcote Ave,
Swansea
Time: 10am-2pm



Registrations are essential – please register using the QR code or contact 0417 773 444 by Friday 12th July.

aMeN caMiNo Community Walk

We invite you to sample the aMeN caMiNo experience through this Community Walk.

When: Saturday 17th August 2024.
Time: 8am-11am
Where: Walk begins at Merewether.

Register your Interest here:
<https://forms.office.com/r/w3tX1w69t3>



LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS

The **Promoters of Safeguarding** continue to endorse a culture of safeguarding within the Parish.

This week our focus is on **companionship for seniors**.

Companionship for older people is crucial for their well-being and quality of life especially now that cold weather might force people indoors. As individuals age, they may face increasing isolation due to factors like mobility limitations, loss of friends and family, or living alone. Having companionship offers numerous benefits, including emotional support, mental stimulation, and a sense of belonging.

In-home, club and church social interaction helps older adults stay mentally sharp and engaged with the world around them. Companionship can also alleviate feelings of loneliness and depression, which are common among seniors who are socially isolated. Moreover, having someone to talk to regularly can improve overall happiness and provide a source of comfort during challenging times.

Activities such as shared hobbies or simply spending time together can significantly enhance the lives of older individuals. It's essential to foster connections that promote a sense of community and understanding. Whether through family members, friends, volunteers, or organised programs, providing companionship ensures that older people feel valued and included in society.



Sea Sunday

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be an Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church.

Funds collected will be used to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. To donate or for more information, visit:

www.stellamarisaustralia.org

REAL women

valued

placing value on womanhood

challenged

loved

Invitation
Real Women
Inspirational Afternoon Tea
With a glass of bubbles

A special Saturday Afternoon Tea for Mothers, Daughters, Mothers in Law, Sisters, Sisters in Law, Daughters in Law, Aunties, Nieces, Friends and Young Adult Granddaughters

Placing Value on Womanhood

Date : Saturday, 3 August 2024

Time : 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Place : St Mary's Catholic Church Hall
Bayview Street, Warners Bay

Cost: \$30 per person

Speaker: Tina Deluca-Tohi

Tinah's 15 year old son Emmanuel passed away to an incurable brain disease. She is sharing her story of Loss, Faith and Hope.

*Specific diet requirements will be met as far as possible. Please advise when purchasing tickets.

Bookings will open on Saturday 6 July 2024

10am to 12pm at St Mary's Hall, Warners Bay.

Bookings may be made by phone if you are unable to be at hall.

Phone: Sue - 0417 091 255 or Marie - 0429 191 245

Catholic Parish of Boolaroo/Warners Bay

Universal Prayer Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B Sunday 14 July 2024

Presider: Brothers and sisters, the Lord is full of mercy and love. Let us turn to him with confidence, for he is near to those who call.

Reader: That the Church will fearlessly preach the gospel to all peoples on earth.

(pause) In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those struggling with the message of Christ will come to know the truth and blessings it offers.

(pause) In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those absent from loved ones will remain safe and in good health.

(pause) In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick and in pain will be strengthened by Christ, including those in our parish bulletin.

(pause) In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the work of seafarers will be acknowledged, and the spiritual and material needs of them, and their families will be met.

(pause) In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will live forever in God's love, especially Maya Kelly, Patrick Clancy and John Grew whose anniversaries occur at this time.

(pause) In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider: Loving God, you have called us to proclaim your healing power and mercy. Hear our prayers and pour on us your Spirit that we may make known to the world the depths of your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.



BAPTISMS

Celebrated most Sundays.
Contact the Parish Office

MARRIAGE

Celebrated by arrangement with at least 3 months notice.

Contact the Parish Office

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

Contact the Parish Office

CATHOLIC CARE

Phone: 02 4979 1120 for services provided in Newcastle



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PARISH GROUPS

Real Women

Sue Campbell 0417 091 255

Ladies Day

June Fava 02 4946 8415
Gwen Tompsett 02 4956 9596

Finance Committee

TBA,
Meeting Room, Warners Bay

Parish Council Meeting

TBA,
Meeting Room, Warners Bay

Promotion of Safeguarding

Contact Joy, Peta or Nathan
Via the office

Baptism Team

Meetings 1st Monday monthly,
7pm, Meeting Room,
Warners Bay

St Vincent de Paul Warners Bay

Meetings Wednesdays fortnightly,
Meeting Room, Warners Bay

Membership enquiries to:

Peter Deed 0419 106 519

St Vincent de Paul Booragul

Meetings 4th Thursday monthly,
1pm, Meeting Room,
Booragul Hall

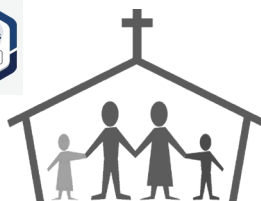
All new members welcome

Steve Barnett 0409 917 995



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Don't miss out on anything in your Diocese! Go to mnnews.today to view the events calendar, see photos and read stories about what is happening locally.



RECONCILIATION

5:00-5:15pm Saturday
Our Lady Help of Christians Church

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(RCIA) Parish Office 02 4943 4153



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Principal: Nick Wickham

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