



Lakeside Bulletin



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

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We acknowledge the Awabakal people - the traditional custodians of this place

SUNDAY 21ST JULY 2024

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Dear Parish Family,

I don't know how our young families manage to stay afloat not only financially but emotionally, physically and spiritually. Our modern world doesn't do many favours. I know sometimes it is the spiritual that gets sacrificed when all the other demands of living crash around. It doesn't mean young people don't believe. It's a balancing act I know. Feeding the Spirit gets balanced out sometimes. Time poor or time deprivation is bad enough when little ones are still little. Time poor must go out the roof when the little one starts to get involved outside the home.

The cost of raising a child is enormous amidst the mortgage/rent (*both of which are out of control*) and then all those other activities from sport, to music, to art and what ever else becomes part of the day to day. I remember watching and hearing stories from my siblings when as parents they were heading in multiple directions seemingly all at once. If they don't do all those activities what does that mean? I wonder when parents sleep or families rest. What really becomes the priority. Cost of living is so high.

Where is one place in a busy world that should be a sanctuary, a time out place, for parents, for families, for each one of us?

The gospel today is a good reminder to get some of the balance of life right. Jesus acknowledges two things; the priority of activity and the necessity of rest, they go hand in hand. The gospel writer links the obligation to work with the obligation to rest from work. It is an essential element as it turns out of faith. We have to help our world understand the necessity for success that rest and that often over used phrase of '*work life balance*' plays in a healthy and happy life.

Rest, recreation and leisure are not simply luxuries that we should feel guilty about when we desire them or take them. They are rights defended by Christ, essential to faith and faith development and protect our human dignity – we are more than simply mice on wheels or worse a number. I suspect some parents feel some days like one or the other or both. We shouldn't feel guilty for wanting only the best for our families and our children, or for striving to achieve it, however something about faith and our spirituality needs a thought or two in that space. Everyone should take some guilt free time to just be! A cuppa on the back step time.

I know what helps me face my challenges and difficulties, helps me get through my tragedies. My own Professional Supervisors reminds me often that when the calendar is full there can be no room for crisis, no capacity for urgent, and no room to respond rather than react. He reckons that we should all be working at 80%. That's 20% for some of the other important aspects of life, like prayer, family and re-creation, those things that help keep the '*Well*' full – you can't give from what you don't have. Whilst 80% is probably far from practical or reality for most of us, parents included, it is something to work on don't you think.

The gospel this Sunday has an important message for us to hear, to model and to share with the world.

Best wishes,

Greg

Parish Priest

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased: Denis McEneaney, Jim Dives and Sr Jane Frances RSJ

Anniversaries: Ann Campbell, Bert Mensink 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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Reference: *Your Surname.*

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Account Name: CBA
Reference: *Your Surname.*

2nd Collection (Boolaroo/Warners Bay):

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BAPTISM

This weekend we will witness the baptism of

**Isobel Emily Williams
Ivy Kate Williams
Teddy Levi Smith
Theodore Justin Withers**

May the gift of baptism they receive strengthen them for the journey of life and faith they will share with us. Please remember the Williams, Smith and Withers families in your prayers.

Sea Sunday



This week we celebrate Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy. The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this Catholic ministry, please send your donations to: <https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>

Or via Bank Transfer to

Account Name: Apostleship of the Sea
BSB: 062-784
Account Number: 100012583

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

27 July - 28 July

Sat 5:30pm	Jenny Harrison Sallyanne Stanbridge Anne Clancy
Sun 9:00am	Ryan Gato Camilla Palamo Sue Withers
Sun 6:00pm	Melissa Wood Helen Beath Jo Turner

SIGNS OF HOPE—PEOPLE OF FAITH

A Concert-Reflection with Peter Kearney



Hosted by Chisholm Pastoral Region & ACTiv8 Youth

Thursday 18 July, 6.30am
BBQ from 6.00pm

St. John the Baptist School Hall
12 Victoria Street, Maitland

Donations welcome. Cuppa at interval.

Booking essential to Bec Piefke: rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au or 0249338918 by 11th July 2024

Peter's concert weaves songs, stories and reflections about people whose faithful lives have brought compassion and hope into our world.

Peter's CDs and music will be available



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

(Jeremiah 23:1-6)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

‘Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

Responsorial Psalm

(Ps 22. R. v.2)

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff, with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

(Ephesians 2:13-18)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

(John 10:27)

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

(Mark 6:30-34)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, ‘You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while’; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.



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 **new coercive control laws**.

From 1 July 2024, coercive control is a criminal offence in NSW when a person uses abusive behaviours towards a current or former intimate partner with the intention to control them.

Types of coercive control

- Isolating you or controlling who you are allowed to see.
- Controlling access to money or what you eat, wear, or do.
- Preventing you from accessing support.
- Gaslighting - making you feel irrational and not credible, that you're making it up, that no one else will believe you.
- Monitoring your behaviour (online or in person).
- Tracking you – by using your phone or car.
- Withdrawing or refusing to engage with you.

The new laws in NSW aim to criminalise coercive control as a standalone offense, marking a departure from previous legal frameworks that primarily focused on physical violence. This legislative change acknowledges that abuse within relationships can take many forms beyond physical harm and seeks to provide protection and justice for victims who experience psychological and emotional abuse.

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.

Universal Prayer Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B Sunday 21 July 2024

Presider: Brothers and sisters, God provides for his flock. With confidence in God's mercy let us bring our needs before the Lord.

Reader: That Christians all over the world will be united in Christ's one true pasture.

(pause) We pray as one:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have wandered from the flock will find inspiration in the teachings of Christ.

(pause) We pray as one:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our parish community may find time to rest in the silent peace of Christ.

(pause) We pray as one:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick will be comforted through God's merciful love, especially those in our parish bulletin.

(pause) We pray as one:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

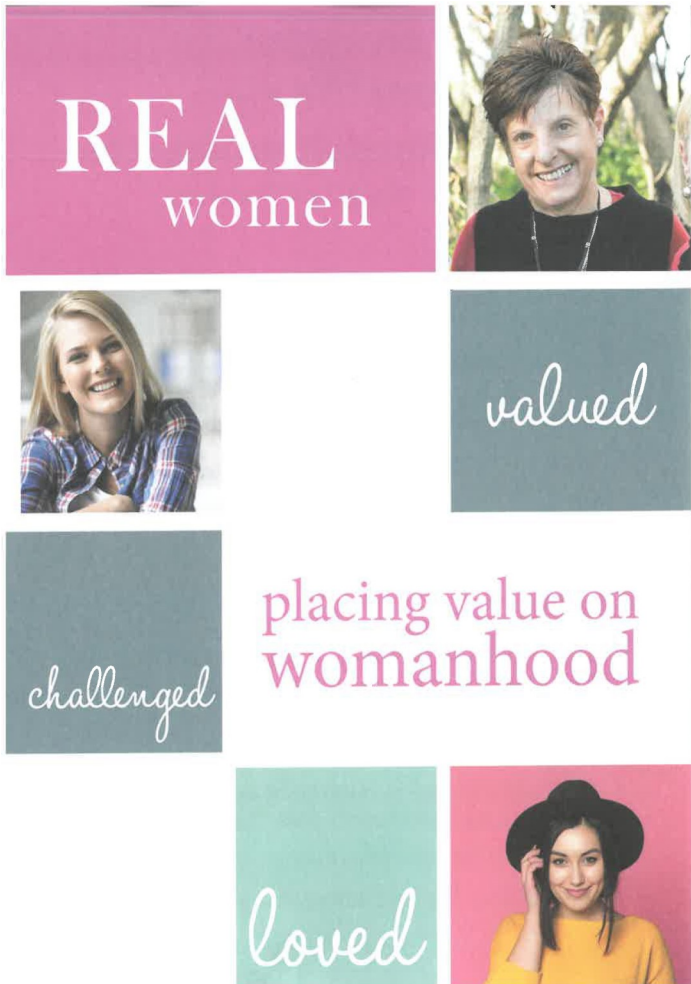
Reader: That those who have died will dwell forever in the house of God, especially Denis McEneaney, Jim Dives and Sr Jane Frances RSJ who passed away recently and for Ann Campbell and Bert Mensink whose anniversaries occur at this time.

(pause) We pray as one:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider: God our Father, you lead us, and we listen to your voice. Hear our prayers and help us to trust with confidence that we are always in the care of our true Shepherd. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.



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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

Dear friends,

In the last few weeks, we have been reflecting upon the noble virtues of love, kindness, forgiveness, and honesty which are deeply spiritual components of a relationship. When I was thinking about these noble virtues, I happened to remember a poem 'Go not to the temple' which was written by Indian author, Rabindranath Tagore who won the Nobel prize in literature in 1913.

What a powerful message for the world that the poem speaks. Though the poem had been written in Indian cultural background, it gives some life message to what Jesus was longing to instruct us every time when we read the bible.

Go not to the temple to put flowers
Upon the feet of God.
First fill your own house with the
Fragrance of love and kindness

Go not to the temple to light candles
Before the altar of God
First remove the darkness of sin,
Pride and ego, from your heart.
Go not to the temple to bow down
Your head in prayer.
First learn to bow in humility before
Your fellowmen.
And apologize to those you have wronged

Go not to the temple to pray on
Bended knees,
First bend down to life someone who
Is downtrodden
And strengthen the young ones. Not
Crush them.

Go not to the temple to ask for
Forgiveness for your sins,
First forgive from your heart those
Who have hurt you!

Blessings for the week ahead,

Deacon Naveen

Parish Deacon



BISHOP
Michael Kennedy

Invites the

Staff of the Diocese, Its Agencies, Schools and Parishes

To join him for Mass to celebrate his
25th Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood

On Wednesday, 14 August 2024
Concelebrated Mass at 11am in Sacred Heart Cathedral

The Mass will also acknowledge all this year's Jubilarians

Bishop Michael Malone, 60 years

Fr Robert Searle, 50 years

Fr John Tobin, 40 years

Fr Terry Horne, 25 years

Deacon Lawrence Caelli, 25 years

Deacon John Taylor, 25 years

"Let it be done to me according to your word"





St Mary of Magdala was a disciple of Christ who was healed by him when he cast out seven devils. She stood at the foot of the cross as Jesus died, and went to the tomb to anoint his body on the morning of Easter Sunday. She was the first witness to Jesus' resurrection when she found his tomb empty. In St Mark's Gospel, it is Mary Magdalene to whom the risen Jesus first appears and further to this, in St John's account, Jesus gives her a message to pass on to his brethren. Since the time of Pope Gregory the Great, a tradition in the Western church arose that identified Mary Magdalene as the unnamed sinner who anointed Christ's feet, and Mary of Bethany, the sister of Martha and Lazarus. But since 1969 the new Roman calendar has rejected this belief entirely.



Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

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| sheep | shepherd | town |
| rest | teach | eat |
| boat | alone | leave |
| crowd | first | sorry |

S B I R H B E A F B R J E Y A
M H G L O V W L T S A V R T Z
T X S L V F S W O O T R S B I
F S H E E P A T J L K E H P N
Z E N Z Z S S T B B F S Q H C
G R S L E E A T Z A W T S E D
G P V G W F Y U F L D M W S S
L L R O Q U A X L E A V E O G
M C K F E E L O C P X K B R V
C T O W N I A W M C K W Z R B
E M M C S H E P H E R D Y Y O
T E A C H N N X A L O N E J A
E L F M J P S G M C R O W D T
B E E H T R T M E F L Q U D T
G Q W W N L W U F I R S T Y C

Why did Jesus feel sorry for the crowd? Join up the sheep in the correct sequence to spell out the answer

START ►



They were like _____.



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

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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

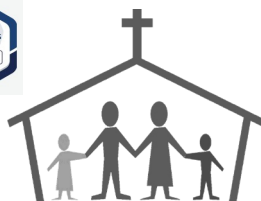
All new members welcome

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

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