

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 24th March 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year B

Dear Parish Family,

We have had the bests journey as a Deanery across Lent. Every community in the Deanery has had the opportunity for Reconciliation with a number of the local parish priests being present. It was a wonderful commitment to come together in prayer. And it was moving, heart moving. Each community brought something of their own uniqueness to the prayer. It was wonderful to share and reflect on the journey Jesus made to the cross.

I am grateful for all those who accepted the leadership mantel and lead our prayer. If you were at the celebration in Warners Bay, you would have seen the lance and the nails made by one of our family members, amongst other symbols presented. Like all of the celebrations across the Deanery a sharing of giftedness and talent, moments of service for others.

Palm Sunday and the Good Friday pick up the themes for me of our humanity and its need for God's love. As we will read and hear this Sunday the crowds chanting 'Hosanna to the King'. We will join in those chants too, and it will be a day of great joy as we acknowledge our 'followership' of and 'leadership' in the one who saves. These are the two elements of servanthood, service in His name.

Some of you will bring your own 'palms' cut from the trees near your own home. Or others will receive one taken from the palms provided by the parishes. Very much like the day Jesus himself entered into Jerusalem, triumphantly on the back of a colt. A cloak spread for a saddle. You are welcome to bring your own palm branches.

Note the cloak and where it will again appear. Note the wood of the palms – the green tree branches – and where they will appear again, dried. Importantly when the palms are blessed take them home and keep them where they will make a journey with us throughout the year to Ash Wednesday next year.

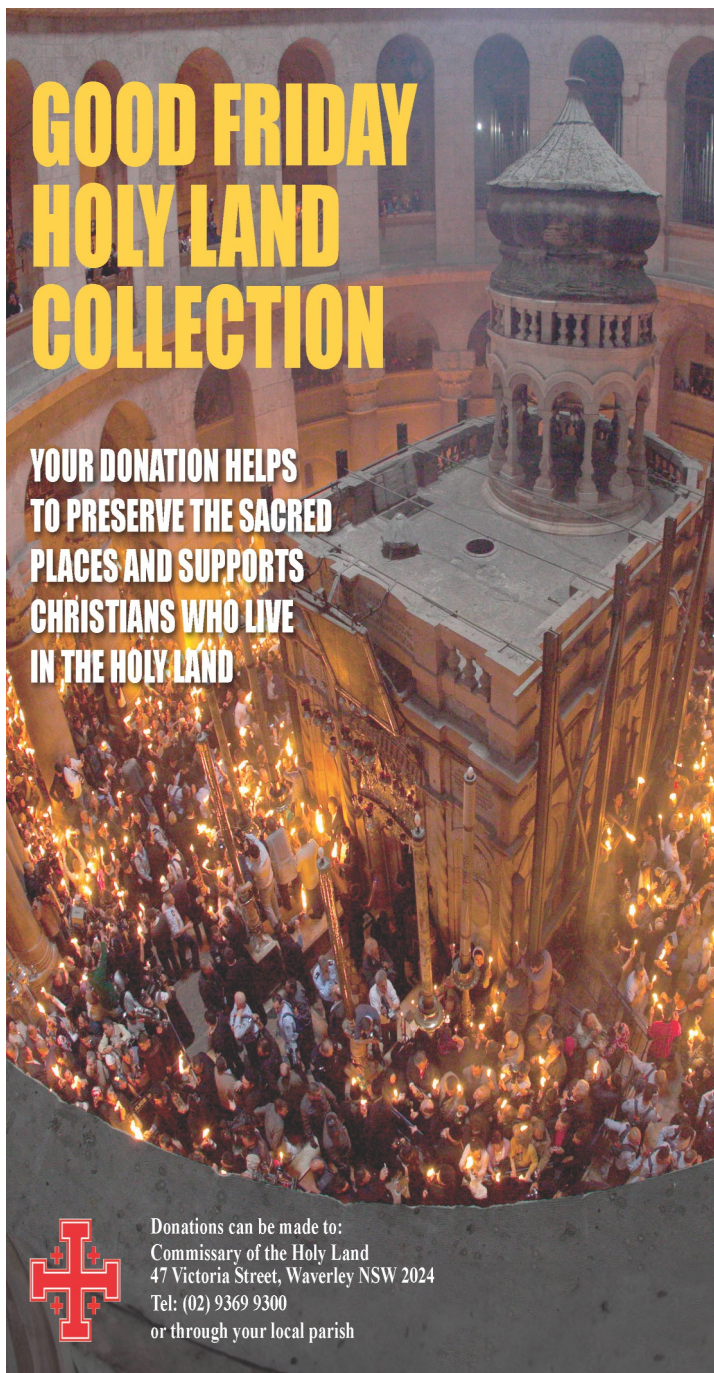
It is good to look toward to Good Friday when those chants will change to 'Crucify Him, Crucify Him!' We will join together to chant these too as we did the other on Palm Sunday. It is a reflection on our humanness of being both saint and sinner. Held in tension as we look to do better and be more the saint but noting that sometimes we get some things wrong. Jesus dies to help us tip our balance for goodness. Our prayer from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday should be one of gratitude, for strength, for grace, for forgiveness and for the transformation only Jesus can bring.

Best wishes,

Greg

Parish Priest





Hunter Community Alliance Founding Assembly

The Hunter Community Alliance brings together diverse communities, environmental groups, unions, and religious organisations to advance the common good and achieve a fair, just and sustainable future for the region.

The Founding Assembly is the next milestone of the HCA's four-year journey of listening, training, preparing, and organising. We are encouraging representatives from every Parish to come along so the broader community can witness our commitment to the common good, the dignity of the human person, solidarity, the preferential option for the poor, stewardship of creation and subsidiarity.

The Founding Assembly will take place April 10th, 6:30pm-8:30pm at the University of Newcastle Great Hall, Callaghan. Register here: <https://events.humanitix.com/hca-founding-assembly>

Dear Friends,

Faith keeps the man who keeps the faith. God has something for the man who keeps his faith on him. Faith is the anchor of the soul which stimulates action to see greater things what we have not expected. Faith can accurately guide our life. Faith gives us the courage to face the present with confidence and the future with expectancy. The highest purpose of faith is not to change our circumstances but to change us and to bring change in us.

St. Augustine says, **“faith is to believe what we do not see, and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe.”** This is what I experienced when I left my religious order, except faith in God I had nothing about my future. I strongly believed in the word of God that which will give meaning to my life. In those days of my stress filled moments I anchored my faith in **revelation 3:8 “I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.”** similarly I also firmly believed that when one door closes another door opens. These words comforted me and guided me to wait for better plan of God in my life. In the Old Testament we see Abraham became a father of many nations because of his faith in God in all the moments of his life. So, he became a father of faith. When prophet Daniel was in den of lions his faith in God rewrote his future. In the healing miracle of Jesus, we could identify that it was their faith in God and in Jesus made them well and rewrote their future This was my faith and that rewrote my future to come over here to Australia to continue the mission of God. When door of my religious life was closed the door of Maitland Newcastle opened for me to experience that the call of God can not be shut by anyone, It will be an ongoing process, the thing is that we should not abandon our faith in God, then the faith will not abandon us.

With love,

Naveen

Parish Deacon



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased: Moncia Gooch, Lynette Panek & Josphine Azzorardi

Anniversaries: 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, Bayly Turner, John Evans, Pam Mason, Winston Aslin, Maria Terwkar, Steve Barnett, 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, Pat Tobin, Paul Tobin, Patrick Perkins, Dallas Green, Alan Watson, Margaret Ryan, Alison Kris, Mark Caesar, Kris, Sylvester, Stuart Shepherd, Rod Milligan, John Kenny, Alice Vayne, Peter Reynolds, Barbara Ryan and John Osborne.

*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: 062815
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BAPTISM

This weekend we will witness the baptism of

Elliot Joseph Clarence Williams
Oliver Thomas Morrison
Maverick Raymond Eimido Grantham
Waverly Rose Grantham

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, Morrison and Grantham families in your prayers.

EASTER MASS TIMES LAKE REGION



HOLY THURSDAY: 28 MARCH 2024

7.00PM - WARNERS BAY

7.00PM - TORONTO

7.00PM - MORISSET

GOOD FRIDAY: 29 MARCH 2024

10.00AM - WARNERS BAY (STATIONS)

3.00PM - WARNERS BAY (SERVICE)

3.00PM - TORONTO

3.00PM - MORISSET

EASTER SATURDAY VIGIL: 30 MARCH 2024

6.30PM - WARNERS BAY

6.00PM - TORONTO

6.00PM - MORISSET

EASTER SUNDAY: 31 MARCH 2024

8.00AM - WARNERS BAY

10.00AM - BOORAGUL

9.00AM - TORONTO

9.30AM - MORISSET

PARISH TIMETABLE

Weekday Mass Times

Mass: Tuesday: Join Us for the Mass of the Oils (Chrism Mass) on Tuesday 26 March from 7pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral. No Mass Booragul. St Michael's the Archangel Church

Mass: Wednesday: 9.00am
Our Lady Help of Christians Church
82 Main Road, Boolaroo

Mass: 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

Chrism Mass TUESDAY 26 MARCH 2024

Each year during Holy Week all the faithful of the Church of Maitland-Newcastle are invited to gather with Bishop Michael Kennedy for the Chrism Mass. Here we bless and consecrate the Sacred Oils that will be used for ministry during the year.

Presider
Bishop Michael Kennedy

Time
7.00 pm

Where
Sacred Heart Cathedral
841 Hunter St Newcastle West
followed by refreshments.

All welcome



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

(Isaiah 50:4-7)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm

(Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2)

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**

2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**

3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

Second Reading

(Philippians 2:6-11)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus

and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

(Philippians 2:8-9)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

(Mark 15:1-39)

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and the scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he answered. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!' But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?' For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. The Pilate spoke again. 'But in that case,' he said to them 'what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' 'Why?' Pilate asked them 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the

Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said, 'Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!' The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.' Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah'. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink saying, 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.' But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, 'In truth this man was a son of God.'



LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS

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



LIFELINE 13 11 14	BEYOND BLUE 1300 22 4636
1800 RESPECT 1800 737 732	HEADSPACE 1800 650 890
MINDSPOT 1800 61 44 34	KIDS HELPLINE 1800 55 1800
NATIONAL DEBT HELPLINE 1800 007 007	NATIONAL CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE 1800 020 080

Women of the Well: Weekend Retreat

Rest, reflect, release and reconnect at the next Women of the Well Weekend Retreat. It starts on Friday 19 April (ending Sunday 21 April) and will be hosted at St Joseph's, Kincumber. Cost is \$125. For more information or to register, visit www.womenofthewell.com.au/events/gatherings-at-the-well

Fishing Weekend: God for Blokes

If you're looking for an opportunity to think about God, hear from other men, do some fishing, and relax you should attend the God for Blokes Fishing Weekend from 3 to 5 May. You will travel from Newcastle to Forster, food and accommodation are included in the cost. For more information or to book, visit <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1092382> or call Wayne Caruana on 0466 631 394.

Save the Date! Friday 31 May

Join us for the official opening of the Diocesan Library which stands on the site of the original Newcastle Central Christian Library opened in 1957.

This celebration will be followed by a reimagined TWEC dinner which will acknowledge the legacy of Sisters of St Joseph and explore our future journey.

More details will be shared soon.

Universal Prayer Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year B Sunday 24 March 2024

Presider: Brothers and sisters, God will never abandon us. Trusting in God's mercy let us bring our needs before the Lord of all.

Reader: For the Church: that it will be a sign of Christ's humility and compassion in the world.

(pause) In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For peoples who live in fear of violence and war: that peace will reign.

(pause) In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For vulnerable communities: that, through our support of Project Compassion, we can help them face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations.

(pause) In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For the sick, including those in our parish bulletin: that in their suffering they will become one with Christ.

(pause) In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For this community: that we will empty ourselves and draw close to the cross.

(pause) In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who have gone before us, including Lynette Panek Moncia Gooch and Josphine Azzopardi: that they will share in Christ's victory over death.

(pause) In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider: Faithful God, your son Jesus was hailed as a king then suffered the agony of death that we might be saved. Hear our prayer and draw us more deeply into the mind and heart of the redeeming Christ. We make this prayer in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.



**Palm Sunday
23 & 24 March**



As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent.

This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.** You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413413.



aMeN caMiNo Information / Walk & Talk

If you are considering attending one of the aMeN caMiNos this year and want more information, please join us for the Information / Walk & Talk on Saturday 27 April commencing at 8.30am at St Columba's Parish Hall, Lockyer St, Adamstown. After an information session, we will set off on our walk, returning around 1.30pm.

Contact formed@mncatholic.org.au to register or for further information.

aMeN caMiNo 2024 Dates: 6-10 July, 3-7 August and 7-8 September.



The Archangel Gabriel, is one of God's special messengers. He appeared to the prophet Daniel and helped him to understand the visions in his dreams, and was sent to tell Zechariah of the birth of his son, John the Baptist. He left Zechariah without the ability to speak for his disbelief of the message. Gabriel is best known as the angel who sent Mary tidings of the future birth of Jesus - the Annunciation of the Lord. His feast was traditionally associated with the Annunciation, but his feast day is now shared with the other archangels, Michael and Raphael, on the 29th of September. He is the patron saint of many communications industries and workers such as post, telephone, radio and television.



Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

clothes	dark	Pilate
cross	Golgotha	priests
crowd	head	whip
crown	king	wine

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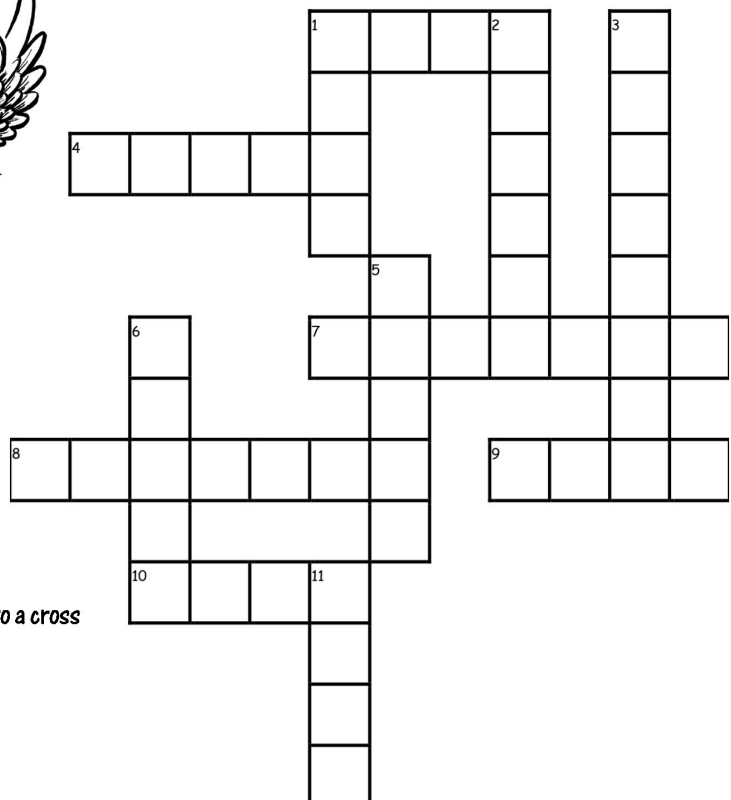


Across

- 1: the soldiers beat Jesus with one of these
- 4: a _____ of thorns was placed on Jesus' head
- 7: the chief _____ made fun of Jesus
- 8: the soldiers gambled for Jesus' _____
- 9: the soldiers hit Jesus on the _____ with a stick
- 10: the sky became _____ at noon until three o'clock

Down

- 1: someone soaked a sponge in this and gave it to Jesus
- 2: this man freed Barabbas and ordered that Jesus be nailed to a cross
- 3: Jesus was nailed to the cross at this place
- 5: Jesus died on one of these
- 6: a large group of people
- 11: Pilate called Jesus the _____ of the Jews





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

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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

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RECONCILIATION

5:00-5:15pm Saturday

Our Lady Help of Christians Church

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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