



Lakeside Bulletin



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

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SUNDAY 7TH JULY 2024

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Dear Parish Family,

Being Christian is a hard gig. I often reflect myself the challenges that come with sharing faith and teaching the gospels to others. By our words and the Word, we are to live our lives. There is a strength and integrity about that, and whilst it doesn't always make us friends it does win us much in other places.

Remember the story of Ghandi and his visit to the Christian church near where he went to university, and some well-meaning, maybe misguided members, suggested he would be more comfortable in the church down the road. It is more likely they were reflecting more on what made them feel more comfortable than what made Ghandi.

I acknowledge the difficulty of 'preaching' to our friends and family. I know we don't always feel valued – not everyone has time for that. Not everyone appreciates what we have in faith. Lives are busy and people around us are busy. Sometimes they are too busy for us, too busy for peace and quiet, too busy for God, and certainly too busy for Church. They need us to model for them and to 'be' that for them. Part of our mission if we take Pope Francis at his word is to sometimes use words but mostly let our actions speak for themselves. It has integrity and authenticity when it reflects Christian values.

Never miss an opportunity to say to someone in the busyness of their lives and in particular when they are too busy to do this for themselves, I am praying for you.

When I was first ordained I remember how important that was for me not to be in my home parish. My diocese had a very good policy of appointing the newly ordained as far away from their family of origin as possible. My home in Launceston was a good 2+ hours' drive from the Parish of Corpus Christi in Bellerive, Hobart. The famous Tassie cricket oval was almost next door.

Could you imagine preaching homilies to your mother or brothers or aunties. They know of course all the skeletons apart from other sundry things. It is hard to be a 'convert' per sae in your own home. I had been preaching to my family for years if you listen to my brothers! And they have certainly now heard many homilies, but they are too my biggest and best critics, as well as greatest supports, thankfully.

I say this: your family will really appreciate your prayer, more than they say and at times you least expect. They will really appreciate you remembering them in their difficulties when you pray for them at Mass, and they will really appreciate that you strive to love them unconditionally as God loves you. Sometimes it will cost you and you have to be resilient, remember as Jesus says, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'.

I am on holidays for a couple of weeks from Monday. I'll pray for you, please pray for me. Home on the 1 August.

Best wishes,

Greg

Parish Priest

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased: Kathleen Hogan

Anniversaries: Philip Kidner 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.***

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BAPTISM

This weekend we will witness the baptism of

**Gia Betty Stone
Madeline Anne Frendo
Mary Louise Frendo**

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

Hello Dear Friends,

A few days back one of my friends sent me this small article by an Indian author. It was so inspiring to think about oneself and one's own care towards their partner. I attach the article below and I hope that you will get something from it, including the real answer to this question of who is your life partner?

Who is your life partner?

Mum, Dad, wife, husband, Daughter, and friends....?

No one! Your real-life partner is your body. Once your body stops responding no one is with you. You and your body stay together from birth till death. What you do to your body is your responsibility and that will come to you. The more you care for your body, the more your body will care for you. What you eat, what you do for being fit, how you deal with stress, how much rest you give to it, Will decide how your body is going to respond. Remember your body is the only permanent address where you live. Your body is your asset liability, which no one else can share. Your body is your responsibility. Because your body is your real-life partner. Be fit forever, take care of yourself. Money comes and goes; relatives and friends are not permanent. Remember no one can help your body other than you. Meditation for mind, yoga for body, walking for heart, good food for inner body, good thoughts for soul good karma for world.

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

13 July - 14 July

Sat 5:30pm

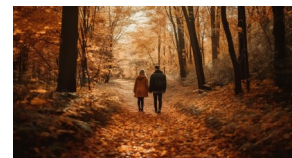
Tim Carroll
Therese Toshack
Paula Graham

Sun 9:00am

John Doran
Annette Innes
Brad Fuller

Sun 6:00pm

Ursula Kelly
Kim Smith
Suzanne Kay



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

(Ezekiel 2:2-5)

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

Responsorial Psalm

(Ps 122. R. v.2)

(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens:
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords.
(R.)
2. Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of his mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord
our God
till he shows us his mercy.
(R.)
3. Have mercy on us, Lord,
have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man's
disdain. **(R.)**

Second Reading

(2 Corinthians 12:7-10)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud

I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Gospel Acclamation

(See Luke 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel

(Mark 6:1-6)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Universal Prayer Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B Sunday 7 July 2024

Presider: Brothers and sisters, let us fix our eyes on the Lord and intercede for those in need.

Reader: That a spirit of mercy and humility will rest upon Christ's holy Church.

(pause) In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That God's grace will fill the hearts of the proud with love for others.

(pause) In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for all Australians that we grown in respect, understanding and appreciation of the culture of the Indigenous peoples of this land and their contribution to our history.

(pause) In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That Christ's healing touch will comfort the sick, including those in our parish bulletin.

(pause) In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That we who are gathered will remain strong in faith when faced with trials and difficulties.

(pause) In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will be rewarded with eternal life, especially Kathleen Hogan who passed away recently and for Philip Kidner who anniversary occurs at this time.

(pause) In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider: God of mercy, you sent us your Son so that in our weakness we can be made strong. Hear our prayers and open our eyes that we may recognise your glory. We make this prayer in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

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St Mary of The Cross Parish Hub:

We warmly welcomed Vimal Valiyaveetil to the 'Mary of the Cross' parish hub in Charlestown. Vimal started in the office this week under the tutelage of Maryanne Barry. When you call you will most likely have Vimal on the other end of the line. It will take a little bit for Vimal to find his feet, I know you will welcome him warmly.

'Crafty' knitters and crocheters wanted:

St Mary's Catholic Primary School is looking for volunteers to assist in teaching crochet during lunch time at the school. If you are interested in this important volunteering role, please make contact with the school office to register your interest. Ph: 4948 8770.

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.

Stay up-to-date with Diocesan Resource Centre events

The Diocesan Resource Centre and Library were officially opened and blessed by Bishop Michael Kennedy at the end of May. The library is open three days a week and offers several events each month. Find out what is on offer by regularly checking the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle website: www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/library

The opening hours are as follows:
Mondays and Fridays – 10am to 6pm
Saturday – 10am to 2pm

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

YEAR OF PRAYER 2024

This year has been designated by Pope Francis as a YEAR OF PRAYER. It is valuable in its own right, and is also in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Holy Year PILGRIMS OF HOPE. The preparatory document is called *TEACH US TO PRAY* and can be accessed by putting the title in your search engine.

In launching the year in late January 2024, Pope Francis said it would be 'dedicated to rediscovering the great value of and absolute need for prayer in personal life, in the life of the church and in the world.' It includes selections from Pope Francis' general audience talks about prayer and looks specifically at ways to strengthen people's prayer experience at home-for example, by praying before and after meals and at the start and end of the day and in their parishes. The booklet also has suggestions for encouraging teens and young adults to pray and for improving parish-based catechesis on prayer for both children and adults.

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 **NAIDOC WEEK 2024**.

The acronym NAIDOC stands for National Aboriginals' and Islanders' Day Observance Committee. NAIDOC Week honours the culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

NAIDOC Week has its roots in the 1938 Day of Mourning, becoming a week-long event in 1975. NAIDOC Week is an annual Australian observance lasting from the first Sunday in July until the following Sunday. Accordingly, Sunday 7 July 2024 until Sunday 14 July 2024 will see NAIDOC celebrations across Australia.

Each year, NAIDOC Week has a unique theme that highlights significant aspects of Indigenous culture and contemporary issues. The 2024 theme is "**Blak, Loud and Proud**" which encapsulates the unapologetic celebration of Indigenous identity, empowering standing tall through heritage and asserting a place in the modern world. This theme calls for a reclamation of narratives, an amplification of voices, and an unwavering commitment to justice and equality.

NAIDOC Week plays a crucial role in promoting reconciliation, fostering a deeper understanding and respect between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, and celebrating the enduring cultures of the world's oldest continuous civilisation.

NAIDOC Week Community Event – Monday 8 July, 9am to 3pm

During NAIDOC Week (7 – 14 July) the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning will be participating in a community event in Newcastle.

Hosted by Awabakal Ltd, the event starts at Civic Park, with a flag raising at 9 am before a united procession to Foreshore Park.

The Diocese and CatholicCare are sponsors of this event and will provide information and activities in a marquee, along with other community groups, to engage with and share the wealth of programs and offerings of the diocese with the local community.

NAIDOC Week Ecumenical Prayer Service

Coinciding with National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, all are welcome to attend this year's NAIDOC Week 2024 Ecumenical Prayer Service.

The theme this year is "Keep the Fire Burning. Blak, Loud and Proud!"

Celebrate and honour the rich cultural heritage and contributions of our First Nations people:

Venue: Christ Church Anglican Cathedral, Church Street, Newcastle

Time: 1:45pm for 2pm

Date: Sunday 7 July 2024

All Welcome

Vinnies Blanket Drive

Thank you to everyone who so generously donated blankets and Donnas to this year's Vinnies Blanket Drive.

You can not imagine how much it means to people we are able to help.

The Vinnies Conferences of Warners Bay, Boolaroo and Booragul.

St Joseph's Toronto

MEN'S Breakfast

Join us for a BBQ breakfast.
Informal, social and occasionally entertaining, this morning is all about connection.

**Saturday, 10th August.
8am to 10am.**

at the St Joseph's Community Centre
140 Wangi Rd, Toronto

Mark the date in your calendar for another opportunity to enjoy a feed and friendship.

RSVP: Phil McWilliam 0408 880 408
or Colin Gwynne 0409 047 644

REAL
women

valued

challenged

placing value on
womanhood

loved

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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 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

**Keep the Fire Burning:
Strong in Faith**

7th July 2024



**ABORIGINAL AND TORRES
STRAIT ISLANDER
CATHOLICS IN AUSTRALIA**

First Nations Catholics are the youngest and fastest growing demographic in the Australian Catholic Church.



135,681

The number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics



4.6%

The percentage of Catholic population aged under 5



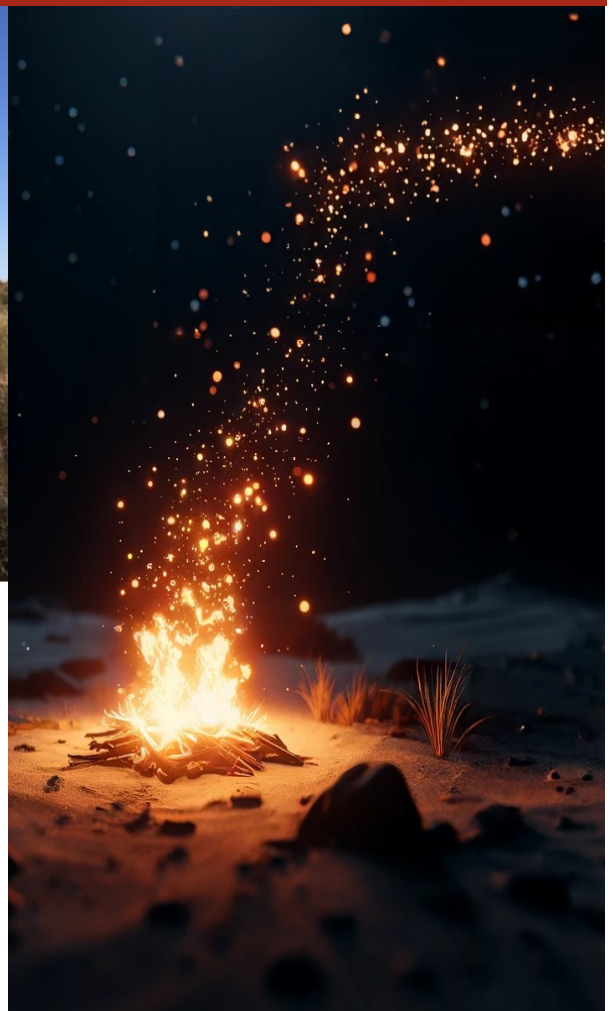
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The number of Dioceses which have over one-fifth of their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population who identify as Catholic



8.2%

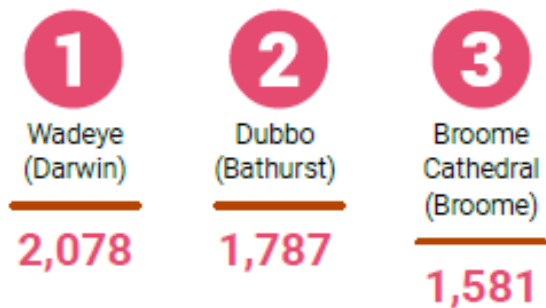
The percentage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics aged under 5



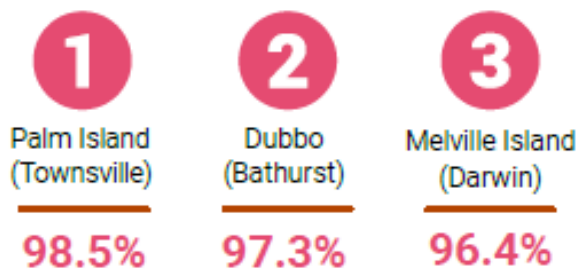
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Parishes

with the highest number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics:



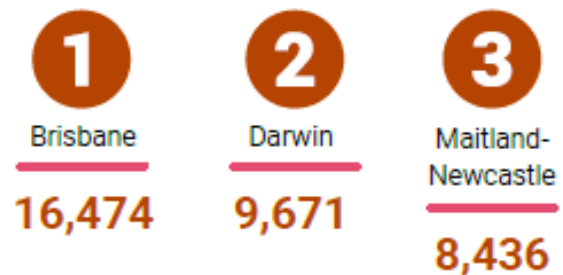
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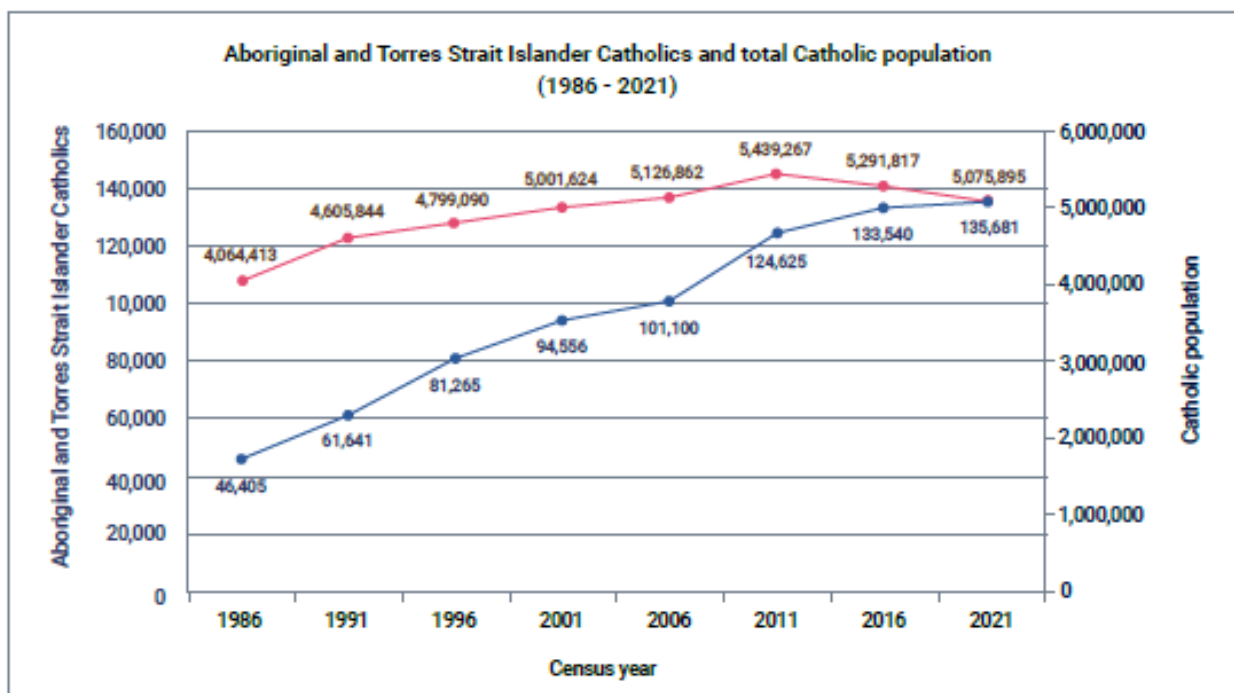
2016 Census

Dioceses

with the highest number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics:



with the highest percentage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics:



Notes:

Prepared by the ACBC National Centre for Pastoral Research as part of the National Catholic Census Project. Data is sourced from the 2021 Census unless specified.

Data on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population for some years and prior to 1971 is not recorded here due to the poor quality of data collected.



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

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Ladies Day

June Fava 02 4946 8415

Gwen Tompsett 02 4956 9596

Finance Committee

TBA,

Meeting Room, Warners Bay

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 2nd July 2024, 6.00pm

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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