



# Lakeside Bulletin

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

**Our Lady Help of Christians - 84 Main Road, Speers Point**

**St Mary's - 2 Bayview Street, Warners Bay**

**St Michael the Archangel - 46 Ranclaud Street, Booragul**



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

**SUNDAY, 18 May 2025**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter Year C**

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## WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Our Lady Help, Boolaroo - Sat 5:30pm

St Mary's, Warners Bay - Sun 9:00am

St Mary's, Warners Bay - Sun 6:00pm

## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

St Michael's, Booragul - Tue 9:00am

Our Lady Help, Boolaroo - Wed 9:00am

St Mary's, Warners Bay - Thu 9:30am

## RECONCILIATION

5:00-5:15pm Saturday

Our Lady Help of Christians Church

## BAPTISMS & SACRAMENTS

Booking/Enrolment via Parish Website

Baptisms celebrated most Sundays.

## MARRIAGE

Celebrated by arrangement with at least  
3 months notice.

Contact the Parish Office

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(RCIA) Parish Office 4943 4153

Dear Parish Family,

*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.*

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love!*

This hymn is an oldie but a "goodie" most of us would remember! When I worked in hospital chaplaincy, I was always amazed at the number of people each year who requested as adults to be baptised as Catholics or to be received into the Church. There were seven in my first year and then a number each subsequent year. Not all were going to meet their maker soon. I asked them what drew you to this journey in your faith? To which many answered - it was being surrounded by people of faith, the caring, the kindness and most of all the love was what they experienced. These were parents watching a child being nursed into care; a partner held as they were dying or in their own illness, they saw something special that they wanted to be part of.

Love is what distinguishes the Christian from other faith traditions. The Jewish faith is often perceived as holding obedience to the Law or the ten commandments and upholding culture and practice. Islam is about complete submission to the will of God with a strong emphasis on peace and living as a way of life as per the teachings of the Quran. In the Gospel, Jesus calls the "new" commandment to love after washing the feet of his disciples. Not hands but feet - an intimate part of our body; they're ticklish; they show our wear and tear; and toes/feet come in all shapes and sizes. So does love, it comes in all shapes and sizes and asks a lot of us. Sometimes it's hard enough to love those who are like us; how can we possibly love those who are different? And how can we love those who do not love us? It is no wonder Jesus called it new. It calls for something completely different .... but they'll know we are Christians by our love.... a world full of love is John's vision of a new heaven and a new earth.

A few people have asked me what do I think of the new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. Well, the Holy Spirit has discerned through the Cardinals that we need someone who is missionary and a diplomat. The Church's call to mission is greater now than ever to take up the call to be the good news to all whom we encounter. We are also living in a troubled world that continues to search for peace, as a diplomat, the Holy Father as the Pontifex or bridge builder will be there seeking peace between nations.

As for the choice of name, Pope Leo XIII, who lived at the turn of the twentieth century was revolutionary around social justice and the workforce which led to reforms within the Church that has guided us since. The Pope said he chose the name because the world needs to face a new revolution, artificial intelligence (AI). He would be pleased with a show I watched this week on AI. The question was asked: "*if someone was born today what religion would be best to choose?*" The answer came out: Christianity because it has a God who is loving and forgiving and encourages the caring of each other. Maybe AI is not that bad after all.

*Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

Talking about the Holy Spirit guiding the Church....in just a few weeks' time we will be celebrating Pentecost - the day when we celebrate the many gifts that are given to each and every one of us, to enrich the Church. On that Sunday, we will have a Gifting Sunday where we will be asking for volunteers to help and support the various ministries within our parishes. Have you ever thought about being a reader at Mass, or assisting with Children's Liturgies, or maybe assisting in helping with the reading programs at one of our schools...there are many more ministries that we need help with....

Have a great week everyone.....

**Fr Darryl Mackie**  
Parish Priest



## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Recently Deceased:** Tony Treacy

### **Anniversaries:**

***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:*** Jo Turner, Robyn Williams, John Evans, Kath Cromie, Helen Sligar, Terry Clancy, Veronica Clipsham, Leslie Henry, Andrew Regan, Eileen Brooks, Vince Abdilla, Paul Tobin, Dallas Green, Alan Watson, Margaret Ryan, Alison Kris, Mark Saesar, Stuart Shepherd, John Kenny, Peter Reynolds, Jeanette Gatens, John Osborne, Yvonne Selby, Andrew Garvie, Ariane Hampton, Bernadette Gill, Patricia Neilson, Peter O'Neil, Catherine Wilson, Eoin O'Connor, Jana Javorska, Paul Fitzpatrick, Brian Coogans, Pat Casey, Ann Moore, Peter Reynolds, Rianna MacKaway, Joan Bain, Eva Newton, Billy Eckersley, Andrew Carr, Lewis Carr, Leah Scott, Darren Heaton, Glenda Noble and Keely Heaton.

**Please contact the office once a person is well again.**

## **Sunday 18 May 2025 Fifth Sunday of Easter Year C**

### **First Reading**

**(Acts of the Apostles 14: 21-27)**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

**Responsorial Psalm (Ps 144:8-13. R. cf.v.1)**

**(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**

2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign.

**(R.)**

3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. **(R.)**

### **Second Reading (Revelation 21: 1-5)**

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared

now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

**Gospel Acclamation (John 13:34)**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:  
Love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel (John 10: 27-30)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

My little children,  
I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another;

just as I have loved you,  
you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

Love one another; just as I have loved you.  
John 13:34



# A Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

AND HIS INSTALLATION AS BISHOP OF ROME

**Gracious and loving God,**

we thank you for the blessing of Pope Leo XIV,  
chosen to shepherd your Church in these times.  
Guide him as he walks in the footsteps of St. Peter,  
that he may lead with humility, wisdom, and strength.

You have called him to a sacred task —

To shepherd your people ,  
to serve with tenderness and compassion,  
and to proclaim the Gospel boldly and with joy.

Guide him as he builds your Church  
into a sacrament of unity, love, and peace for all the world,  
by governing with fidelity,  
those entrusted to his care.

Strengthen him with grace and courage,  
right judgement, knowledge, and truth,  
inspired by your Holy Spirit,  
and by the maternal care of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
and the prayers of all the saints.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**







# National Volunteer

19-25 MAY 2025

## Connecting Communities Week

RIGHT ACROSS OUR MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE DIOCESE VOLUNTEERING BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER; IT BUILDS COMMUNITIES AND CREATES A BETTER SOCIETY FOR EVERYONE.

To say thanks to our incredible volunteers, we are hosting three events to celebrate and acknowledge their amazing work:

WED  
**21**  
MAY

### FORSTER MORNING TEA

Club Forster (In the Wallis Lake room)  
10:30am-12:30pm

WED  
**21**  
MAY

### KOTARA MOVIE

Kotara Event Cinema  
5:30pm-8:10pm

THU  
**22**  
MAY

### TAREE HIGH TEA

Club Taree  
9:30am-11:30am



to [volunteers@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:volunteers@mn.catholic.org.au)  
or for more information call 4931 1259.  
*Please advise of any dietary requirements.*

## Universal Prayer Fifth Sunday of Easter Year C Sunday, 18 May 2025

**Presider:** Brothers and sisters, with Christ our glorified Saviour, let us turn to God with our prayers.

**Reader:** That through God's commandments, the Holy Church will lead all humanity to the love of Christ Jesus.

*(pause)* In your glory:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That war and conflict will cease and all nations live in peace and justice.

*(pause)* In your glory:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That those who feel unloved, rejected or forsaken will be touched by Christ's abounding kindness.

*(pause)* In your glory:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That our parish community may constantly live the love of Christ Jesus in our daily lives.

*(pause)* In your glory:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That the sick will be comforted through God's compassion and blessing, especially those listed in our parish bulletin.

*(pause)* In your glory:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That those who have died will be raised to new life with Christ, especially Tony Treacy.

*(pause)* In your glory:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Presider:** God our Father, you give us one true commandment of love. Hear our prayers and, through the hope of the Resurrection, help us to love one another as Christ has loved us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

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### BAPTISMS

This weekend we will witness the baptisms of

**Tyler Stewart Petrevski  
Ollie Stuart Petrevski**

May the gift of baptism they receive strengthen them for the journey of life and faith they will share with us.

Please remember the Petrevski family in your prayers.

### VINNIES BLANKET APPEAL

Donations of Blankets, Sheets and Towels can be left in the tubs in the Foyers of both churches on the Weekends 24th/25th May & 31st May/1st June 2025.

These may be taken to Vinnies Stores at Cardiff and Belmont. Thank you for your generosity. Please no donations of clothing.

### Mass Collection - Thank you

#### **First Collection supports our priests:**

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Account Number: 100014920  
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#### **Second Collection supports our parish:**

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##### **Booragul**

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Account Name: CBA  
Reference: *Your Surname.*

### Readers Roster

**24 May - 25 May 2025**

Sat 5:30pm	Sallyanne Stanbridge Anne Clancy June Fava
Sun 9:00am	Chloe Parker Colin Cowan Gerald Mowbray
Sun 6:00pm	Ian Ross-Gowan Ursula Kelly Kim Smith

# YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

Join us for a weekend of community, praise, formation and adoration at our 2025 Young Adult Retreat.

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\$170 per person

**27 – 29 June 2025**

Catalina Lakefront Retreat  
171 Dorrington Road,  
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## What's happening in the Diocese and Surrounds ...

### FAITH MATTERS:

#### Celebrating the 1700th Anniversary of the Nicene Creed

The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle's Mission & Evangelisation team invites you to a premium formation offering with Associate Professor Joel Hodge, National Head, School of Theology, Australian Catholic University, Celebrating the 1700th Anniversary of the Nicene Creed.

With 2033 only eight years away (2000 years since the death and resurrection of Christ) it is amazing to consider how far Christianity has grown since that time. It is now a fundamental element within many societies, cultures and a way of existence for more than 2 billion people across the world.

**When:** Friday, 23 May at St John the Baptist Shrine, Maitland.



### LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS 18 MAY 2025

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

The Promoters of Safeguarding continue to endorse a culture of protection within our Parish. This week, you are reminded of the **need to protect vulnerable road users**.

**Traffic injury is the leading cause of death for Australian children under 15 and the second-leading cause for those aged 15–24.**

National Road Safety Week 2025 concludes on Sunday, 18 May. It is a nationwide campaign urging Australians to **“Drive So Others Survive.”** Led by the Safer Australian Roads and Highways (SARAH) Group, this initiative highlights the devastating impact of road trauma and promotes safer driving behaviours.

In 2024, over 1,300 lives were lost (334 in NSW alone, with 70% of these on regional roads), and more than 40,000 people were seriously injured on Australian roads - the highest toll in over a decade. This year's campaign focused on key issues like speeding, misuse of mobile phones, regional road safety, driving while tired, driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs, and the need to protect vulnerable road users, notably the young, the elderly, and the road maintenance workers.

So far this week, over 77,000 Australians have registered an online pledge to protect these vulnerable people just by clicking <https://roadsafetyweek.com.au/pledged>

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### PARISH GROUPS

#### Real Women

Sue Campbell 0417 091 255

#### Ladies Day

June Fava 4946 8415

Gwen Tompsett 4956 9596

#### Finance Committee

TBA,

Meeting Room, Warners Bay

#### Parish Council Meeting

TBA

#### Promotion of Safeguarding

Contact Maryanne, Joy, Peta or Nathan  
Via the office

#### Baptism Team

Meetings 1st Tuesday monthly,  
7.00 pm, 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

### CATHOLIC CARE

Phone: 02 4979 1120 in Newcastle

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