



Lakeside Bulletin

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

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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, 24 August 2025

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 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

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Dear Parish Family,

"Guess who's coming to dinner!"

One of my old time favourite classic movies is "Guess who's coming to dinner." What makes this a great classic movie is that it challenged the American thinking at the time around colour and race. The story filmed in 1967 is about a white woman introducing her fiancé an African American doctor (Sidney Poitier) to her parents. Of course, the parents strongly disapprove and the conversation around the dinner table is enlightening...if you have never checked out the movie then it's worthwhile watching. The movie won an Oscar and because of this, Poitier was once accepted into an exclusive club. He expressed his disappointment when he found out that the club was not as exclusive as he had first thought. So, he sent his resignation saying, "I don't want to belong to any club that will accept me as a member only because I won an Oscar."

As we continue towards Jerusalem.... Luke's Gospel speaks about the door policy of the Kingdom of God and how there is no such thing as automatic membership. Someone asks this question.... *"Sir, will there be only a few saved?"* It seems like a fairly straightforward question about numbers but Jesus answers not with a figure. Now, the expected response would have been, of course all the Israelites, the Jewish people they were the few who would be saved, while the many, Gentiles, tax-collectors, sinners etc would be excluded from a share in the world to come. He knows his listeners were not concerned as much with a head count, as more about whether they were included in the number. Jesus asserts the door policy with these four basic principles: the door is narrow; the door will not remain open indefinitely; membership is universal; and the reversal of the world order. Each principle is intended to alert us to the fact that our words or works, thoughts or decisions, choices or attitudes in this life have eternal consequences.

These principles - the narrow door - the door is wide enough just for you/me but no extra baggage that may be holding us back. The Door is not open indefinitely - living as a Christian is something we must do daily by what we say, by what we do and how we live. Membership is universal - don't be surprised when we get to heaven that amongst those people, there may be Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus, and even atheists. The reversal of the world order - Jesus had that affinity to those who didn't belong to the right crowd - the poor, the widow, the stranger. The Kingdom of God is open to all who hear the word of God and keep it, these are the ones who are coming to dinner!

This is the final week for nominations to the Parish Pastoral Council which finishes after the evening Mass on Sunday 31st August. Thank you to those who have already nominated and to those that have graciously accepted their nomination. Two questions that were asked this week - the number of meetings and the location of the meetings. We may need to hold 2 meetings before the end of the year (to just get started) but then maybe 4 meetings per year. At this stage, I am looking into a common meeting space, hoping to make it an equal distance from any of the parishes. As we continue our nominations for the Parish Pastoral Council, we pray that the Holy Spirit guide us into the future that we may be God's prophetic voice to all.

In just over a week's time (Thursday 4th September) until the end of September, I will be away on annual leave. I am honoured that my family want to take me to Scotland, England and Rome (where I will remember you at the Jubilee events in Rome) for my 60th birthday celebrations. If you need to see me before I go, please let me know...otherwise Frs Raphael and Paul together with Maryanne Barry will be looking after the administration of the parish while I am away.

We continue to remember and keep in prayer our young people preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

Have a good week everyone...

Fr Darryl Mackie
Parish Priest



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased: Catherine Wilson

Anniversaries: Jean Dangarfield, Michael Donlan, Patrick Clincy, John Grew

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, Helen Sligar, Terry Clancy, Leslie Henry, Andrew Regan, Eileen Brooks, Vince Abdilla, Paul Tobin, Dallas Green, Alan Watson, Margaret Ryan, Alison Kris, Mark Saesar, Stuart Shepherd, John Kenny, Jeanette Gatens, John Osborne, Yvonne Selby, Andrew Garvie, Ariane Hampton, Bernadette Gill, Patricia Neilson, Peter O'Neil, Eoin O'Connor, Jana Javorska, Paul Fitzpatrick, Brian Coogans, Pat Casey, Ann Moore, Rianna MacKaway, Joan Bain, Eva Newton, Billy Eckersley, Andrew Carr, Lewis Carr, Leah Scott, Darren Heaton, Glenda Noble, Keely Heaton, Marie Ryan, Nancy Tooney, Leila Grew and Julie Doran.

Please contact the office once a person is well again.

Sunday 24 August 2025

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First Reading (Isaiah 66: 18-21)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15)

(R.) Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! **(R.)**
2. Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling

knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel Acclamation (John 14: 6)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel (Luke 13: 22-30)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.
Luke 13:24



Universal Prayer
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Sunday, 24 August 2025

Presider: God loves us and gathers us from every nation. Let us pray for the needs of the Church and the world.

Reader: We pray for the Church, that people from every country and language may know God's love and share it with others.

(pause) Lord, hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for peace in the world, especially where people are hurt by war or sadness. May God bring healing and hope to all nations.

(pause) Lord, hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for our parish and our families, that we try our best to follow Jesus each day and choose the door that leads to life.

(pause) Lord, hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for those who are sick, lonely, or in need, that they may feel God's faithful love through the care of others especially those in our parish bulletin.

(pause) Lord, hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will take their place at the table of the eternal banquet including Catherine Wilson who passed away recently and for Jean Dangarfield, Michael Donlan, Patrick Clincy and John Grew whose anniversaries occur during this time.

(pause) Lord, hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider: Loving God, you gather your people from north and south, east and west. Hear our prayers and help us to live as faithful followers of Jesus. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

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Readers Roster
30 August - 31 August 2025

Sat 5:30pm	Marie Osborne Joan Wilson Maggie Hughes
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Sun 9:00am	John Doran Annette Innes Chloe Parker
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Sun 6:00pm	Helen Beath Jo Turner Ian Ross-Gowan
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Vinnies Winter Appeal

On behalf of St Vincent de Paul we would like to thank the parish community for their generosity and continuing support.

The Vinnies Winter Appeal raised in excess of \$3,000. This is a significant contribution towards our annual expenditure with clients in the parish.

Also many thanks to Real Women whose continued generous support of Vinnies is much appreciated.

THANK YOU!

HOLY ADORATION

**Eucharistic Adoration will occur
on all Thursdays commencing from
Thursday, 7 August 2025.**

WHEN: All Thursdays, 6:30PM

WHERE: St Michael the Archangel, Booragul

New time and new location!

**Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest. Mt 11:28**



Join in Supporting Connor's Cancer Treatment Journey

Connor Stanwell, just 18, has been fighting Stage 4 Neuroendocrine Carcinoma since his diagnosis in February.

His dream of studying physiotherapy at Newcastle University has been put on hold as he faces a tough battle. After months of chemotherapy, Connor's last hope is Immunotherapy, a treatment that could change everything for him. However, this comes at a staggering cost of around \$10,000 for each round, and he needs four rounds just to start.

It's heart-wrenching to see someone so young face such challenges, and Connor's family should not have to bear this financial strain alone. I urge you to consider donating to his [GoFundMe page](https://gofund.me/2ae6575a). Every dollar will not only help Connor but also contribute to vital research for others dealing with this type of cancer.

Thank you for taking the time to consider supporting this important cause.

<https://gofund.me/2ae6575a>



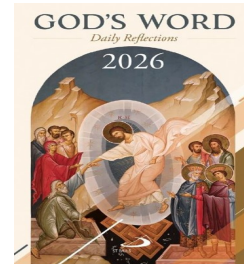
Bottle Caps Program

We are no longer collecting bottle tops in our churches as the program we were collecting them for is now finished.



God's Word - Daily Reflections

Anyone who would like to have the book **God's Word, Daily Reflections 2026** to be purchased through parish office are kindly requested to contact the office by **Wednesday, 27 August 2025**. The books are \$22 each.



Nominations for Pastoral Council Boolaroo-Booragul-Morisset-Toronto

Nominations are now invited for membership on the Pastoral Council.

Role of the Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council is not responsible for ordinary Parish administration and is not to involve itself in the ordinary day-to-day running of the Parishes. With the Parish Priest, the Pastoral Council will be responsible for studying and assessing those matters which concern the pastoral works of the Parishes and proposing a Parish Pastoral Plan to direct and facilitate those works.

Membership

The Pastoral Council is truly representative of the whole group of parishes, particularly in terms of localities, age, and gender. The Pastoral Council should collectively have all the skills and talents necessary for the Pastoral Council to fulfil its purpose as expressed above.

Eligibility for membership of the Pastoral Council, a person shall be

- A member of Christ's faithful in full communion with the Catholic Church (cf. c. 512 §1), and
- "Outstanding in firm faith, high moral standards and prudence" (cf. 512 §3), and
- Either has a domicile in the parishes of Our Lady Help of Christians Boolaroo; St Michael the Archangel, Booragul; St John Vianney, Morisset; or St Joseph's Toronto"
- If not resident within the boundaries of the parishes habitually attends Sunday Mass at one of the churches of the parishes.

Election of Members

A total of three (3) parishioners from each parish community elected by their fellow parishioners for a term of three (3) years.

Nominations for candidates for election

- shall be in writing,
- proposed and seconded by two people who are eligible to cast a vote in the election,
- be accepted by the nominee, and
- be lodged with the nomination box in the church by 7pm Sunday 31 August 2025.

(Statutes of the PPC)

Maryanne Barry / Rosanna Suckling will act as secretaries for the nominations.

Fr Darryl Mackie
Parish Priest



Art and Spirituality Workshop 12 September 2025

Creation of art provides an opportunity for a deepening awareness of oneself and the world and can act as a catalyst for evoking the Spirit.

Art is a means to see-to-re-search and find the living meaning of what it means to open the heart. Everyone has the ability to create art, but in order for it to be theological, the artist needs to explore ways that it makes sense of faith. Opening the heart through art involves making meaning through the creation, then reflecting on the art itself and the unfolding the moment-to-moment direct experience of the process.

This workshop will provide an opportunity to awaken the Spirit through the beauty of God's creation, prayer, and reflection. Participants will engage in art making experiences which will nourish their faith.

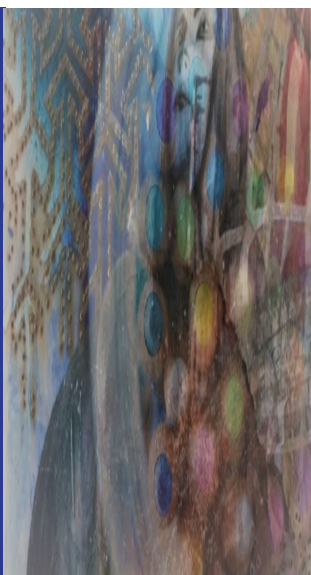
For further information contact the Mission & Evangelisation team at mission@mn.catholic.org.au

Time
9.00am – 3.00pm

Where
St Joseph's Community Centre
140 Wangi Rd, Kilaben Bay

Cost
\$25 per person
Please bring a packed lunch
Morning tea provided

Registration
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/1235249708129>



Children's Formation - The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – Beresfield 29-31 August

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is offering a formation opportunity for those interested in facilitating faith formation of children aged 3-12. The central aim of this faith formation program is to enable the child to experience and form an authentic relationship with God using sensory rich materials. Level One course is for adults working with young children. It is a pre-requisite for Levels Two and Three that cover training for the formation of 6-12 year old children. Contact Siubhan Sadler on 0432 477 181 or email chisholm.atrium@gmail.com.

Name Badge

Anyone who would like to purchase a name badge are kindly requested to contact the parish office.

The Parish of Jesus the Good Shepherd invites you to A REFLECTION DAY with FR KEVIN DANCE CP

Father Kevin is a Passionist priest who resides at Marrickville. Over his 60 years as a priest, he has had various ministries encompassing, teaching, parish, leadership, political and missionary.



Let us take time in this Jubilee Year to reflect on our faith journey and how we extend hope to others in our family and community during these challenging times.

DATE	Tuesday 30 September 2025
TIME	9:00AM – 4:30PM (Arrive at 8:30AM for sign in and a cuppa)
VENUE	Jesus the Good Shepherd Parish St Francis Xavier Hall 40 Ernest Street Belmont (parking is available on the church grounds)
	BYO lunch – morning tea provided
COST	Donation
REGISTRATIONS	Please phone Jan 0438 252 657
& ENQUIRIES	elmparish@mn.catholic.org.au
RSVP	Tuesday 23 September 2025

YOU'RE INVITED TO A

*Soup, Damper
and
Sing Along Night*

MUSIC BY JOHN COLLINS

**ST MARY'S HALL, 2 BAYVIEW
STREET, WARNERS BAY**

**RVSP BY PLACING YOUR NAMES ON THE SHEET AT THE
ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH. A CHANCE FOR NEW
PARISHIONERS TO GET TO KNOW OTHER
PARISHIONERS.**

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Joan Wilson – 0487 813 297

*29.08.2025
6:00pm*



*Let's celebrate
together!*



LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS 24 AUGUST 2025

The Promoters of Safeguarding continue to endorse a culture of safeguarding within the Parish. This week, your attention is drawn to 'Safe and Savvy: A Guide to Help Older People Avoid Abuse Scams and Fraud.'

Part 1 – Spotting elder financial abuse.

It can happen to all of us.

Why elder financial abuse should matter to you.

1. It can happen to anyone (including you) and often starts much younger than you might think.
2. It hurts people. Beyond financial loss, elder financial abuse often has other serious impacts, including anxiety and depression. This can harm an older person's ability to look after themselves by limiting their access to a safe home, adequate food or medical care.
3. As Australia's population ages, more and more people are susceptible.
4. It could be happening right now to you or someone you love, but it can be hard to spot until it's too late.

The following groups are at an elevated risk of elder financial abuse.

- People who are alone or isolated
- People with a physical or mental disability
- People with a limited understanding of finance due to either language limitations or cultural barriers
- People from LGBTI communities
- People who are reliant on others for their care
- People who have been subject to other types of abuse in the past.

Formation for All Involved in Preparing and Celebrating Catholic Funerals

This event is for clergy, funeral directors, parish pastoral care and frontline staff, teachers, and anyone interested in learning more about how Catholics prepare and celebrate funerals.

Open to the public, this pastoral formation day is offered in partnership with our MacKillop Parish and the parishes of Morisset, Toronto, Booragul, and Boolaroo. ACU's Professor Clare Johnson will lead the day. We hope to see you there!

Event Details: Tuesday, 2 September, 9:00am - 5:00pm, Function Room at St Mary of the Cross Parish Hub, Charlestown.

To register: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/pastoral-training/the-christians-final-journey-payment-form>

COME JOIN US FOR...

Ladies Day Luncheon

MONDAY
1 SEPTEMBER 2025

When: From 11.30am
Where: Boolaroo Sports Club,
31 Eighth Street,
Speers Point
RSVP: June 0407 010 663
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ALL WELCOME

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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:

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St Vincent de Paul Booragul

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

All new members welcome

Steve Barnett 0409 917 995

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