



The call to 'Encounter Jesus' is both an invitation and a mission.

*We are an open, welcoming community that seeks to share the life and love of Jesus with every person we encounter.
As a community, we strive to create those spaces where anyone can freely encounter the person of Jesus.
We are further challenged to encounter Jesus in each other, in the world and in the life of the Church.*

St Joseph's Catholic Church

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Weekend Mass Times: Sunday 9am

Reconciliation:

Before Mass on Sundays

This Week at St Joseph's

Sun 5th: Mass - 9:00am

Tues 7th: Mass (Booragul) - 9:00am

Wed 8th: Mass (Boolaroo) - 9:00am

Thur 9th: Mass (Warn/Bay) - 9:30am

Fri 10th: Mass - 9:00am

Playgroup - 10:00am

Sun 12th Mass - 9:00am

The Church will be open from
8:30am to 4:00pm daily.

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office is currently
operating from the

Warners Bay Parish Office site
(Shop 2, 24 Lake St, Warners Bay).

Parish Administrator: Greg Barker
0417321209

Administration : Leanne Hamilton
49592777

Accounts: Maryanne Barry
49473301

Emergency after hours
0493969362

The Office at Warners Bay is open
from 9am to 3pm, Mon - Fri.

We acknowledge the Awabakal
people as traditional custodians
of this place.

Dear Parish Family,

Thanks to everyone for their prayerful support at what has been a difficult time particularly for our school community, staff, students and families here in Warners Bay. There is much that can't and shouldn't be talked about, but prayer is so gratefully needed.

Our sacrament program has begun with parent information evenings held in Warners Bay this past week. There is another opportunity in Toronto in the week ahead. We could really use a couple more small group leaders to facilitate what I hope will be great opportunities for faith formation of our young people as they move through to completion the sacraments of initiation. Ideally each small group would be made of four or five young people and their parents. Each Sacrament has four sessions with the celebration of the sacrament completing that part of the process.

Confirmation at Warners Bay is the 3rd September, Toronto the 13th September and Morisset the 27th September. If the date closest to home doesn't suit for any reason we have an opportunity to welcome the kids and their families to another night.

The parishes are using a program designed by the Diocese of Broken Bay and is an engaging process of prayer, information and conversation. Any one interested please make contact with me in the first instance and I can take you through what we are doing. The commitment is three groups of four sessions; 12 in total. Not huge although a bit of preparation is needed. This is part of our bread and butter.

Don't forget to download the '**Empower You**' app designed by the Police and for the protection of those who are in difficult circumstances in their domestic situations. Can I remind you that many of the bruises of domestic violence are not seen in black eyes or physical injury. It can be financial abuse for example having all income withheld, or an elderly person having their bank accounts drained, people being isolated from family and friends.

As a community we hear and see things – the app helps us record them but also one offs might be more clearly seen as a pattern over time. Writing something can give clarity or certainty to it and at any time having a conversation with an appropriate person also ensures being a voice for the voiceless. It is our core message really – doing what Jesus would have us do and inviting others to do the same.

Kind regards,

Greg

Parish Administrator

WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Sick List: James Bennett, Silvi Bennett, Dakai Smith, Scott Massey, Lorraine Caldwell, Mary Anne Aganovic, Alec Aganovic, Ale Aganovic, Penny Jordan, Christopher Murray, Tamika Murray, Taylor Whalen, Brigitte Aganovic.

Recently Deceased: Ellen Normoyle, Ethan McKinnon

Anniversaries: Pat Poynton

If you would like a loved one remembered in the Anniversaries, please let the Parish Office know by Thursday morning.

New Life in God's Spirit Seminar

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Location: Diocesan Resource Centre 12 Tudor Street (corner of Tudor and Parry Street), Newcastle West-adjacent to the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Time: 6.30pm-8.30pm

Start date: Monday 20 May

Cost: Free. Simply register your name and contact details by calling or texting Bernadette Barlow on 0425 270 613. You can also register on the night. All are welcome!

FINANCE

Sunday Collections at Mass

Purple Collection Bag are for the support of the Clergy.
Green Collection Bag are for the support of the Parish.

Donations to the Parish

Parish Bank Details:	Clergy Collection	Parish Collection
	Account Name: CBA	Account Name: CBA
	BSB: 066 739	BSB: 066 739
	Account No: 100003439	Account No: 100003443
	Reference: Surname	Reference: Surname

Thank you for your generous support of our parish.



Sacrament Information Evening

We are inviting families to an information evening to begin the next part of the sacramental journey

Wednesday 1st May 2024 - 7.00pm

St Mary's Church Warners Bay

Thursday 2nd May 2024 - 7.00pm

St Mary's Church Warners Bay

Tuesday 7th May 2024 - 7.00pm

St Joseph's Church Toronto

PARISH VOLUNTEER SAFEGUARDING TRAINING Tuesday 18 June 2024 | Session – 9.30am to 12.30pm (Lunch Provided)

Murray Room, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle 2302

All parish workers are required to attend **Safeguarding Training in Parishes** within 6 months of commencing in their role and every 6 years thereafter.

This training forms part of the **Diocese's mandatory training regime** and is specifically designed to support paid and unpaid helpers undertaking a broad range of ministries in church facilities and out in the community. The training targets the safeguarding needs of faith communities. The course will address:

- the Diocese's Safeguarding Framework policy
 - indicators of risk and vulnerability
 - indicators of abuse and neglect
 - boundaries in ministry
 - responding to disclosures
 - reporting obligations
- contributing to a 'Safe' culture

Please Insert RSVP Tuesday 4th June to torparish@mn.catholic.org.au

BBI Short Course: Ethical Foundations: Human Dignity Mondays 20 & 27 May, 4pm - 5:30pm

Human dignity is at the heart of all ethical and moral reasoning. What do we mean by human dignity? Why is it so important, that without it, we cannot properly act toward others, develop economic systems or know what is good or bad care of another human being?

Register to join us at the Diocesan Resource Centre, at home or as a parish group at <https://forms.office.com/r/7uMVUncy4f>

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Biggest Morning Tea

ST MARY'S CHURCH WARNERS BAY

ALL WELCOME

FRIDAY 24TH MAY 2024 10AM - 12PM

Magdalene Award: Nominations are open

Nominations are open for the 2024 Mary Magdalene Award! For more information or to make a nomination, visit www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/mission-and-outreach/council-for-women/magdalene-award-2024

Christian Meditation – Saturday 25 May, 9.30am - 2.30pm

John and Anne Gray will lead this event, opening a space for inner silence, gratitude, love and divine beauty. The duo will lead us in Imaginative Contemplation and share the aims of the Worldwide Prayer Network.

Where: St James School Hall (Vista Parade, Kotara) – parking available on Church grounds or Street.

Morning tea provided. Bring your lunch. RSVP: annecuskelly@hotmail.com or 0407 436 808

\$10 donations would be appreciated

Sacred@Seven with Gen Bryant

From leading music ministry in her local parish, to performing for Pope Francis at World Youth Day, Genevieve Bryant is a much sought-after music minister and guest speaker who travels around Australia and the world, spreading the love of God through her gift of music.

Gen is joining us to share her amazing story and to encourage us all to step out in faith and to use the gifts that we have been given to impact this world.

Gen and her band members will also be leading the music ministry at Sacred@Seven.

Date: Wednesday 15th May 2024.

Event Address: 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West 2303

Location: Toohey Room next door to the Sacred Heart Cathedral

Time: 6.30pm: Gen Bryant Talk (Stepping out in Faith - Using your gifts)

7.30pm- 8.30pm: Sacred@Seven - Fr Anthony Coloma (Praise and Worship, Testimony, Scripture, Preaching and Adoration)

Register: <https://forms.office.com/r/bs1TRP7CCN>

DoMN Library Events

Check out the events that are happening at our library next month! Everyone is welcome to attend, our address is Diocesan Resource Centre Library – 12 Tudor Street – Newcastle West (Cnr Parry Street).

3. "Tilling the Church: Theology for an Unfinished Project." Zoom Discussion.

The last 2 sessions for Tilling the church will be:

Wednesday 15 May: Chapter 5. The Future-Oriented Past

Wednesday 19 June: Chapter 6. The Art of Faithfulness and Conclusion To register go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/tilling-the-church-theology-of-an-unfinished-project-tickets-708150125087>

St Anne's Playgroup

PLAY & CONNECT

@ St Joseph's Community Centre

Fridays 10am-12pm during school term

Find out more: Claire 0413 044 382

Standing on the Shoulders: The Official Opening of the Diocesan Resource Centre and Library and the 2024 TWEC Dinner – Friday 31 May

It is with much excitement that you are invited to join us for the official opening of the Diocesan Resource Centre and Library. The Library, which stands on the site of the original Newcastle Central Catholic Library, offers our community access to resources relating to Religious Education, Scripture, Theology, Liturgy and more.

Following on from the official opening, the celebration continues with the reimagining of the TWEC dinner with guest speaker Kelly Paget, Chancellor and Director of Mission at the Diocese of Broken Bay. Kelly was amongst five Australians chosen personally by the Holy Father to participate in the General Synod of Bishops in Rome.

Library Opening – 4.30 PM

Free entry. All welcome

Dinner & Speaker – 5.30 PM

\$40 pp includes buffet meal and guest speaker presentation. Dinner Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/twec-dinner-library-opening-tickets-872278206597>

The Padgets are attending the TWEC Dinner and they have 2 seats available in their car. If you would like to attend, they will be leaving Toronto at 3:30pm.

Please call 0438 671 959 for a lift.

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Reflection Day with SRE Teachers

Special Religious Education (SRE) offers a safe place for students in state schools to learn about Jesus' love and to discuss matters of faith, spirituality, and beliefs. For teachers, it is a response to a calling of journeying with young people as they come to know Jesus Christ, who loves and teaches love.

You are invited to join Bishop Michael Kennedy and the Special Religious Education teachers for a day of prayerful contemplation. Starting with Mass, this is an occasion to listen to and engage in stories and experiences involving this ministry. An opportunity exists in the afternoon for us to visit the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to learn about this sacred space where children use sensory rich materials and Montessori principles to explore their relationship with God.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Register at <https://forms.office.com/r/iaKTYrJHt7>

Living Prayer

Easter season is a time we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord and hold dear the promise of new life and hope. However in the world around us, we know that not all are able to focus on joy, celebration and renewal at this time. As we gather as a community let us remember the profound love and sacrifice Jesus made for each and every one of us. So we pray:

- * that nations will seek peace and reconciliation and that there will be an end to all wars, violence and famine.
- * that those who live in despair, sadness and fear will find new hope.
- * that people everywhere will strive to make the world a more peaceful place through simple, everyday acts of kindness and love.
- * for the innocent victims and their families of the Bondi Junction incident.
- * for all those with mental health issues.
- * for church leaders of all faiths, that they keep their hearts and minds open to the word of Jesus.
- * and give thanks for all the wonderful volunteers who came forward to various ministries via our Gifting Sunday.