# Boorowa

SUNDAY MASS TIME
Sunday 5.00pm (Church)
WEEKDAY SERVICES
TUESDAY: 10.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary- 11.00am Communion Service with Liturgy of the Word (Church)
WEDNESDAY: 11.00am Liturgy of the word with Communion (Hospital)
THURSDAY: 11.00am Communion Service with Liturgy of the Word (Burrowa house)
FRIDAY: 12.30pm Communion Service with Liturgy of the Word Mass (Church)
RECONCILIATION (SACRAMENT OF PENANCE) Sunday at 4.30pm, or any time by appointment

MARRIAGES: By appointment, giving at least 6 months' notice
BAPTISM: Sunday Mass - please email Parish Office for further particulars

# Binalong/Galong

SUNDAY MASS TIMES
BINALONG Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion Sunday 9am

GALONG MONASTERY
Sunday Mass 9.00am
Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday and Saturday 9.00am Mass
Reconciliations: anytime by appointment

## ROSTERS for the week of *8/11/2026*

**BOORROWA:**
**Reader –** Kate VanLeeuwen
**Prayers of the Faithful** – Teena McGrath
**Altar Serving** –
**Offertory** – Mary & Brenda
**Flowers**- Teena McGrath
**BINALONG:**
**Reader –** Robyn Sykes
**Church Cleaning –** Colleen Glover

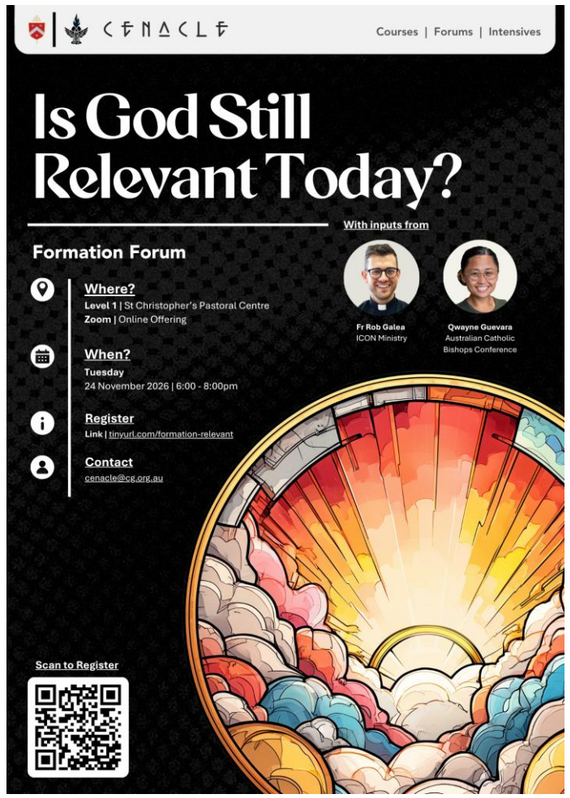
## *15/11/2026*

**BOORROWA:**
**Reader** – Katrina McGrath
**Prayers of the Faithful** – Mark Smith
**Altar Serving**-
**Offertory**- Marg Carmody & Julie Harton
**BINALONG:**
**Reader-** Robyn Sykes
**Cleaner-**Colleen Glover

# CATHOLIC PARISHES BOOROWA/BINALONG-GALONG

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***We Acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.***




**Parish Safeguarding Commitment:** St Patrick's Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all of our children and vulnerable people. If any parishioner has any concerns about the above, please email St Patrick's Safeguarding officer-Carmel Barnes boorowa.safeguarding@cg.org.au or IPPS@cg.org.au

**A musical note walks into a bar and orders a drink.**
**The bartender replies "I can't serve you, you're a minor"**

**Thank you for your very generous donations to our appeal supporting our conference Twin in Indonesia. We are grateful for your constant generosity not only for last weekend, but your willingness to help us with donations for our food pantry and Christmas hampers for families in need.**
**Boorowa Conference St Vincent de Paul**




We are in the world of AI. People rely more on AI technologies now than the earlier times. Recently I asked the AI, "If you were the devil, what would you do to weaken people's faith and draw them away from God?" The answer really shook me. I thought it is good to share with you what I received form AI.
AI has few interesting strategies and here is what the AI gave me.
"From a Christian perspective, I believe the devil's greatest strategy would not necessarily be to make people openly evil, but rather to lead them slowly away from God without them even realising it.
If I were the devil, I would keep people constantly busy with work, entertainment, social media and endless worries, leaving them with no time for prayer, family or God.
I would create divisions within families, turning small misunderstandings into major arguments. I would encourage husbands and wives, parents and children, and brothers and sisters to hold grudges rather than forgive one another.
I would also try to divide the Church. I would encourage priests to compete with one another, parishioners to gossip, and Church leaders to seek power and recognition rather than serve with humility and love.
I would make sin appear normal and acceptable. I would convince people that dishonesty, greed, selfishness and immorality are perfectly all right because everyone else seems to be doing the same.
I would destroy people's inner peace by filling their hearts with anxiety, jealousy, comparison and fear. I would make them believe that their lives have no value and that God has abandoned them. Most importantly, I would weaken their faith gradually. I would never tell them to stop believing in God immediately. Instead, I would whisper: "You can pray tomorrow. You can go to church next Sunday. You can forgive that person later."
I would encourage people to judge others while ignoring their own weaknesses. I would make them appear holy in public but forget to practise Christian values in their private lives.
When people fall into sin, I would make them lose hope by convincing them that God could never forgive them. I would also encourage good people to remain silent when they witness injustice, bullying, corruption or suffering.
Above all, I would make people forget eternity. I would encourage them to live only for money, pleasure, power and worldly success, as though life on earth were all that mattered".
Dear friends, as children of the Almighty God, we should stay close to our God. We read in the letter of St. Peter, "your enemy, the Devil, is prowling like a roaring lion looking for someone to eat. Stand up to him Strong in Faith" (1 Pet 5:8).
Christianity does not teach us to live in fear of the devil. Rather, it calls us to remain close to Christ through prayer, the Word of God, the sacraments, forgiveness, humility and love.
Perhaps the devil's greatest victory is making us believe that we do not need God.
As a Christian community, we must remember that evil often grows when love becomes weak, pride replaces humility, forgiveness gives way to hatred, and indifference replaces compassion. Our response must not simply be to point out the evil in others, but to allow Christ to transform our own hearts.
**A Question for Personal Reflection**
If the devil wanted to weaken our family, our parish or our personal relationship with God, where would he find the easiest entrance? And more importantly, what can we do today to close that door? Let us not give evil a place in our hearts. Instead, let us give Christ the first place in our lives.
**Fr Rofin Raphel IvDei**