Lakeside Pastoral Region Bulletin

The Catholic Parishes of Booragul Warners Bay, Toronto and Morisset

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SUNDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2026 **THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

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BAPTISMS & SACRAMENTS

Booking via Parish Website
Baptisms celebrated most Sundays.

UPCOMING MASS TIMES:

Sat 24 Oct		
Mass	5:00pm	Cooranbong
Mass	5:30pm	Booragul
Sun 25 Oct		
Mass	8:30am	Toronto
Mass	9:00am	Warners Bay
Mass	10:00am	Morisset
Mass	6:00pm	Warners Bay
Tue 27 Oct		
Mass	9:30am	Morisset
Wed 28 Oct		
Mass	9:00am	Booragul
Thu 29 Oct		
Mass	9:30am	Warners Bay
Fri 30 Oct		
Mass	9:30am	Toronto

Dear Parish Family,

"Love the Lord your God with all your being and love your neighbour as yourself."

As you recall from last week's Gospel Jesus was arguing with the Pharisees and the Herodians about taxes…this weekend that comes to a conclusion with a further clash with the Pharisees. They were stumped, they couldn't find anything wrong with Jesus' teachings and that frightened them because he showed they had different standards to what God wants of them and of us. So, they turn to the Law, something they knew so well, in an attempt to maybe show Jesus' lack of professional knowledge of the Law. Which of the commandments is the greatest?

We sometimes make life more complex or sometimes just don't get it! There was originally only one commandment to start with - *do not eat of the tree of life?* All Adam and Eve were asked to do but it didn't work! Then Moses was given the ten commandments to guide the people on how to relate to God and with one another - that didn't work either! By the time of Jesus, they had developed 613 laws covering every aspect of life: how you washed your hands, how to eat, how to prepare food and much more. All equal, no greater, no lesser each to be observed with equal seriousness.

Jesus sums up all the commandments into just two. The first part comes from the Book of Deuteronomy, the *Shema* which is central to the Jewish faith and is still professed each day. The love of God is to be above all things. The second commandment is like the first: You must love your neighbour as yourself…comes from the Book of Leviticus. The whole of the will of God is summed up in, the double command of love. What God wills is love. What makes Jesus different from any of their other teachers - is that he places the love of God and the love of neighbour together. It is impossible to love God and hate your neighbour, as your neighbour is the image of God, and equally impossible to give yourself in love to your neighbour, and claim that you have no love of God.

How do we remember this love? Easy Jesus shows us in the shape of the cross – the love of God (vertical) and love of neighbour (horizontal) and in the centre is us!

My apologies that we should have celebrated World Mission Sunday last weekend. In this centenary year, the theme is "One in Christ, United in Mission". World Mission Sunday reminds us of the Gospel this weekend of love and unity calling us to see one another as sisters and brothers, working together to bring the Good News to life in every corner of the world. In a world often marked by division and isolation, mission invites us to build bridges of compassion, solidarity, and hope. This year we are asked to support Malawi through prayer and financial assistance. Envelopes will be in the churches, or QR code are in your bulletin. Thanks, if you can help!

While I am away on annual leave, a number of important events are taking place across our parishes. Firstly, we remember in our prayers all our young people who are currently sitting their Higher School Certificate (HSC) examinations. We wish them every blessing and success during this important time. We have also begun celebrating First Holy Communion with some of our young people across the parishes. Congratulations to each of them on taking this significant step in their faith journey. Through the reception of the Eucharist, they are now fully initiated members of the Church.

On Friday, 30 October 2026, we congratulate the young people of Sugarloaf Parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. In the weeks that follow, they will also celebrate their First Holy Communion. Let us keep these young people and their families in our prayers as they continue to grow in faith and deepen their relationship with Christ.

Lastly, as I sign off for a few weeks…I will be taking a break from writing the weekly reflections. During that time, we will use the reflection provided by Liturgyhelp alongside the Sunday readings from the same source. I look forward to sharing my weekly thoughts again on the readings when I return. See you in a few weeks! 😊

Have a blessed week.

Fr Darryl Mackie

PP/Administrator

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A Sunday 25 Oct 2026

First Reading (Exodus 22:20-26)

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."'

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2)

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
   my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
   My God is the rock where I take refuge;
   my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
   The Lord is worthy of all praise:
   when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
   Praised be the God who saves me.
   He has given great victories to his king
   and shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 1:5-10)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation (John 14:23)

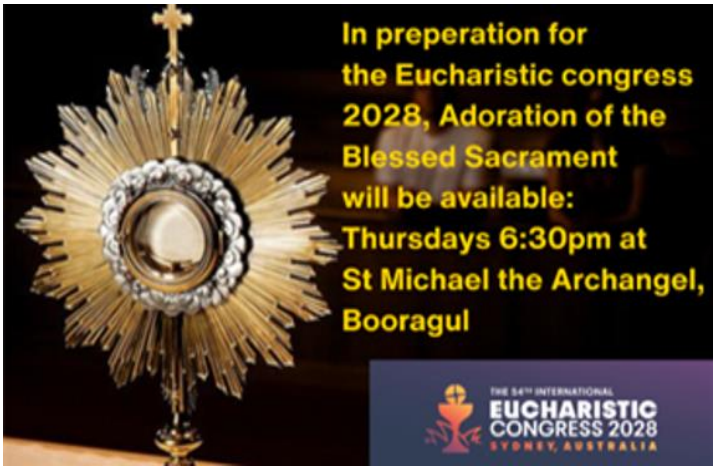
Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

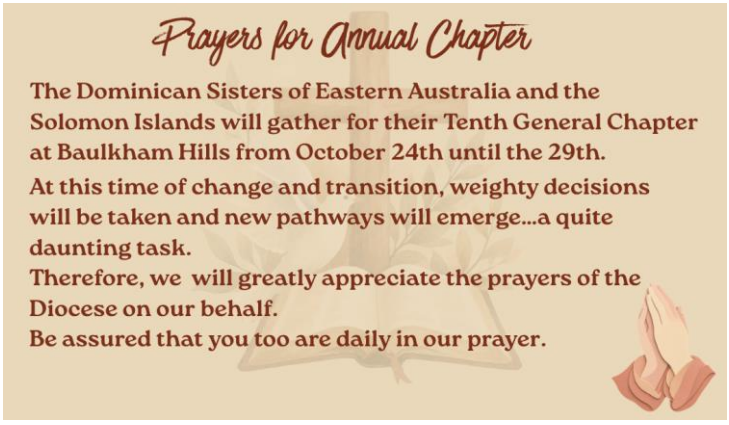
Gospel (Matthew 22:34-40)

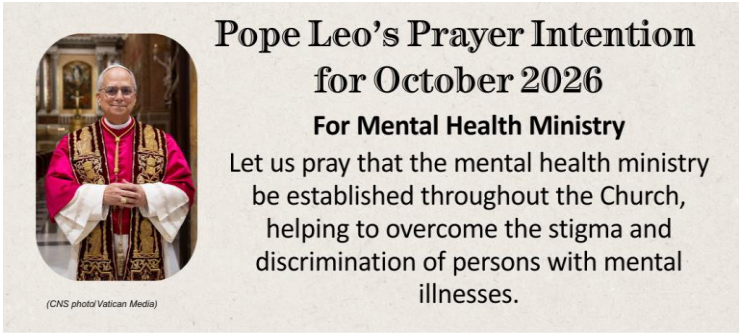
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'









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Dear Parish Family,

Over the past few weeks, there have been several staffing changes within the Hub Office at Charlestown. With Lisa moving on and the Toronto/Morisset communities relocating back to the Morisset Office in the coming months, the Lakeside Pastoral Region have decided to withdraw from the Hub at the end of November.

During this period of transition, and until a new staff member is appointed at MacKillop, Maryanne will begin working from the Sugarloaf Parish Office at Holy Cross, Glendale.

If you require keys or access to the Hub, please contact Maryanne on 4943 4153 to arrange collection.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your patience, understanding, and cooperation during this transition.

Regards

Darryl



Nourishment Day for Sacristans and Servers – Newcastle

Saturday 14 November, 10am-3pm, Toohey Room
A Day of Prayer, Formation, Fellowship and Renewal. Sacristans and Servers are warmly invited to a special day of spiritual nourishment and community. Activities include Formation Session, Practical Workshop, Fellowship & Sharing, Lunch and Refreshments. "Taste and see that the Lord is good." Psalm 34:8. Learn More: **Nourishment Day for Sacristans and Servers - Newcastle West - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle**







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Because of your kindness, children like Yamikani* will have greater access to education, nourishment, and the opportunity to build a hopeful future.
And if you chose to become a Mission Partner with a monthly gift - thank you so much for your ongoing commitment.
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Thank you again for your compassion, and please keep this impactful work in your prayers.
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The next REAL WOMEN CAFE NIGHT
Monday, 16 November 2026
7.30 pm – 9.15 pm
St Mary's Catholic Church Hall

Booking will open at St Mary's Hall, Warners Bay on Saturday 17 October 2026 10am to 12pm
Donation of $15 per person
If you would like to do a direct deposit please contact Sue or Marie.
Bookings may also be made by phone
Phone: Sue – 0417 091 255 or
Marie – 0429 191 245

Thirtieth Sunday

In today's Gospel for the 30th Sunday, Jesus is asked to name the greatest commandment.

In the 60s and 70s at the height of the Vietnam War, there was a popular song called, 'What the World Needs Now is Love'. This song understandably struck a chord with many people. Reflecting on the bottom line as committed Christians, this song could not be more relevant for us, in our current political and economic climate.

Christmas 2026

Fr Darryl has informed us that Christmas Eve Mass 24th December, will be held at the Morisset Showground, Ourimbah St, Morisset at 6pm. Christmas Day 25th December,10am Morisset Church.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion –Training

Training will be held for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, next Friday 30th October 6.30pm. in the Morisset Church.

Cooranbong Church

As you are probably aware, it has been intended for some time, to do maintenance work at the Cooranbong Church. This work will ensure that the Church will remain at an acceptable insurance standard.

Because of its heritage and historical significance, it was important that the services of a heritage architect should be engaged. Fr Darryl was able to secure the services of 'Heritas', an enthusiastic heritage consultancy company. From the heritage report a 'Scope of Works' was established. This is now in the hands of the Diocesan Properties Team who are considering the tenders received from the various Building Companies, who submitted costings for the project.

November-Month of the Holy Souls.

One of the most ancient customs related to respect for the dead is to visit graves, place flowers on them, and pray there in memory of loved ones. This has continued throughout the centuries. The month of November has traditionally been dedicated to those who have died. Again, we will have our 'Remembrance Tree' in both churches, to remember our deceased relatives and friends. The idea is that we write the names of those to be remembered on a leaf at the back of the church. The leaf is then hung on the tree. The tree will remain in the church during the month of November.



NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

This weekend **Willow Grace Tippett** will receive a New Life in Christ through the gift of baptism may she bear witness to the joy of the Gospel and live her life as a child of God with us.

Please remember the **Tippett** Family in your prayers.

Please pray for all those who are sick: in hospital or at home, especially those living with a life-threatening disease, may they know the healing presence of Christ:

Suzanne Boshma, Marylyn Sloman, Maree Scully, David Ford, Michelle Weickhorst, Annette Boyd, Irene Purcell, Dianne Whitten, Jackie Purnell, Miriam English, June Gillett, Zayne Peterson, Mary Maloney, Nancy Overton, Ross Dickson, Mary Monaghan, Clare Wallington, Donna Hazzard, Pam Mullaly, and Tintumol Thomas.

Please contact the office if there are any changes

Please pray for those who have been called to eternal life may they always be in our prayers.

Recently Deceased:

Remembrance:

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St Mary's Primary School K-6
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W: www.kilabenbay.catholic.edu.au
Principal: Nikki Norley

St John Vianney Primary School K-6
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W: www.morisset.catholic.edu.au
Principal: Mark Konik

St Paul's Catholic College 7-12
70 Primrose Street, Booragul
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W: www.booragul.catholic.edu.au
Acting Principal: Anne-Maree Shipman

PARISH GROUPS

Finance Committee
Tuesday 20th October – 6pm
St Michael's Booragul

Pastoral Council Meeting
Monday 19th October - 6.30pm
St Michael's Booragul

Promotion of Safeguarding
Please contact the office

Mass Collections - Thankyou

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St John Vianney Parish Morisset

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