

Lakeside Pastoral Region Bulletin

The Catholic Parishes of Boolaroo, Booragul, Toronto and Morisset

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

St Joseph's - 140 Wangi Road, Toronto

Sts Patrick & Brigid - 6 Martinsville Road, Cooranbong

St John Vianney - 60 Yambo Street, Morisset

We acknowledge the Awabakal & Darkinjung people - the traditional custodians of this place

SUNDAY, 8 February 2026

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES:

Sat 7 Feb	5:00pm	Cooranbong
	5:30pm	Boolaroo
Sun 8 Feb	9:00am	Warners Bay
	9:00am	Toronto
	9:30am	Morisset
Tue 10 Feb	9:00am	Booragul
	9:30am	Morisset
Wed 11 Feb	9:00am	Boolaroo
Thu 12 Feb	9:30am	Warners Bay
Fri 13 Feb	9:30am	Toronto

BAPTISMS & SACRAMENTS

Booking via Parish Website

Baptisms celebrated most Sundays.

Dear Parish Family,

He/she's the salt of the earth.....

Last weekend we heard the Sermon on the Mount, what we commonly call the Beatitudes—a way of living the Christian life if we are to find true happiness and blessing. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus continues his teaching by focusing on our mission in the world. We are called to be salt and light for the world. My grandma used the above saying "salt of the earth" a lot. It was always a compliment. It described someone she felt was hardworking, a straight talker, down to earth, and genuinely good—someone who could get along with just about everyone. To me, she herself was the salt of the earth: tough when she needed to be, but kind and loving all the time.

In the ancient world, salt was used for three main purposes. First, it was used to preserve food. Fish caught in the Sea of Galilee was often salted and transported as far away as Rome. Second, salt was used to flavour food. And third, it accompanied sacrifices and was used in Temple worship. Jesus' listeners would have known the significance of salt. So, when Jesus says, "You are the salt of the earth," he is especially speaking of salt as a preservative. We are the ones called to preserve life, goodness, and hope around us. And just like salt, we must penetrate what we touch in order to be effective.

Jesus also calls us the light of the world. Many times in the Scriptures, the people of Israel were called to be God's light to the nations. When Moses gave the commandments, they were meant to shape a people whose way of life would draw others to God. Through the Beatitudes, Jesus now reignites that light, calling us to live these values in a renewed and visible way.

If we are to penetrate the world and shine that light, our first reading from Isaiah shows us how: share your bread with the hungry, shelter the homeless poor, clothe the naked, and do not turn your back on your own. To be salt and light is to be the one who puts their hand up and steps forward—to speak for, work for, and act for those who are least in our world, those who cannot put their hand up themselves or have no voice to be heard.

When Jesus uses the word "you" today, he is using the plural—you, all of us. This is not something we do alone. Nourished by the Word of God, strengthened by the Eucharist, and supported by one another, we are sent out to be salt and light in the world. And so the question for us today is both simple and challenging: Where am I called to add flavour—to bring kindness, honesty, or compassion? Where is God asking me to shine—to witness through patience, forgiveness, or quiet courage?

This Sunday we also celebrate the World Day for Consecrated Life. On this day, we honour the many men and women who have committed their lives to service of God and God's people through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Their lives witness to a special way of holiness and are a powerful sign of what it means to be salt and light in our world. Many of us carry memories of being taught by religious sisters, brothers, or priests (I was taught by the Sisters of Mercy and Marist Brothers), and our parishes have been deeply blessed through their building of our schools, their ministry, and their faithful presence among us. To all our religious, we say thank you—for your commitment, your witness, and your generous gift of self.

Have a great week everyone!

Fr Darryl Mackie

Parish Priest

Sunday 08 Feb 2026
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading (Isaiah 58:7-10)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.
Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'
If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4)

(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour.

(R.)

2. The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **(R.)**

3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear; pen-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. **(R.)**

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 2:1-5)

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

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

Gospel Acclamation (John 8:12)

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 5:13-16)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

Lakeside Pastoral Region
Ash Wednesday Masses

Warners Bay
9.30am
Morisset
9.30am and 6.30pm
Toronto
9.30am and 6.30pm
Boolaroo
6.30pm

St. Josephine Bakhita

The International Day of Prayer and
Awareness Against Human Trafficking

The Catholic Church has a strong commitment to eradicating modern slavery, a stance grounded in Catholic Social Teaching. "At its heart the call to eradicate modern slavery and human trafficking is a call to make a choice for respecting the intrinsic and inalienable dignity of every human person" (Archbishop Fisher, 2018).

Let us pray, that the victims of
human trafficking will come to know
freedom and receive the support
needed to rebuild their lives.



LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS 8 February 2026

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

In New South Wales (NSW), a **Working with Children Check (WWCC)** is **not generally required** for working with **vulnerable adults**, unless the role also involves working with **children**. The WWCC is specifically designed to protect children under 18 and is mandatory only for jobs or volunteering that involve child-related work, such as teachers (in schools, pre-schools, music, and dance), sports coaches, tutors, nannies, faith leaders, and children's entertainers.

For roles that involve working with vulnerable adults, **different background checks may apply**, depending on the sector. For example, workers in the **National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)** are required to undergo an NDIS Worker Check, which assesses whether a person poses a risk to individuals with a disability. Similarly, those working in **aged care** may need to complete an **Aged Care Worker Screening Check**, which focuses on protecting older people from abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

In New South Wales (NSW), a **National Police Check** is **often required** for people working with **vulnerable adults**, but whether it is legally mandatory depends on the **role, industry, and employer**.

Even when not legally required, employers may request a police check as part of their **duty of care and risk management**, especially when workers have close, unsupervised, or ongoing contact with vulnerable adults.

Mass Celebrating Women's Consecrated Life

Bishop Michael warmly invites you to join with him in recognising and celebrating Women's Consecrated Life in a special Mass on Tuesday, 10 February at 11.00am in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton, followed by a light lunch in the Victor Peters Suite. RSVP is not essential.

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

Come and join us for prayer, reflection, and adoration.



When: Thursdays, 6:30pm
Where: St Michael the Archangel, Booragul

Anointing Mass

St Joseph's Church Toronto
140 Wangi Road, Toronto
Thursday 26 February 2026
11:00 am



An anointing with the 'Oil of the Sick' for the sick, frail, elderly or anyone in need of healing

You are invited to stay for some light refreshments after this special Mass.



The compassion of the Samaritan:
Loving by bearing another's pain

Prayer

Lord of Life,

in this moment we come to You with our hearts and minds troubled with names and stories of our brothers and sisters afflicted with sickness.

In their pain, they cry out for your Mercy.

We ask for the grace

to know how to accompany and love them by bearing their pain.

You who know pain and suffering,

give us the strength of your Spirit, so that

imitating the Good Samaritan,

we may live the call to be neighbors,

always doing good,

with deep love for every human being.

Mary, our Mother,

under the title of Our Lady of Lourdes,

Merciful Mother of God, attentive to the pain and sufferings of humanity, take us by the hand and bring us to your Son, Jesus,

so that we never grow tired of consoling,

healing and doing good.

Amen

34th World Day of the Sick

Palm Leaves Needed

It would be greatly appreciated if anyone in our parishes have any spare palm leaves please bring them in for our parishes to use.

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS



In 2026, Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Boolaroo Parish will celebrate 100 years serving the areas of Boolaroo-Warners Bay.

You are warmly invited to join us in a special celebration of faith, history, and community as we mark three significant milestones in the life of our parish:

- The Centenary of the Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians, Boolaroo
- Fifty Years since the opening of our St Mary's Church and School, Warners Bay
- The Closure of Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Boolaroo

This significant occasion will begin with a Celebration of the Eucharist with Bishop Michael, Bishop of Maitland – Newcastle, followed by a shared dinner as we gather in thanksgiving, remembrance, and hope.

Mass:
Saturday 14th March 2026, 5.30pm
Our Lady Help of Christians, Boolaroo

Followed by dinner at 7.00pm. Cost: \$25.00
St Mary's Church Hall, Warners Bay

This celebration will honour the generations who have shaped our parish, give thanks for the life and witness of our St Mary's site at Warners Bay over the past fifty years, and prayerfully acknowledge the closure of Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Boolaroo, with gratitude for its lasting legacy.

Parishioners past and present, along with family and friends, are warmly invited to attend.

We look forward to celebrating this meaningful milestone together.

On behalf of Fr Darryl Mackie
Parish Priest and the Centenary Organising Committee

Please register if you are able to attend by Sunday 1st March 2026
by visiting our QR Code.
For more information please visiting our QR Code.



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Rostered Ministries-February

Formation and training continues this week,

Wednesday 11th February for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. 10.30am & 7pm. Extraordinary Ministers of Communion who take Holy Communion to the housebound are also encouraged to attend this training.

Altar Servers- Friday 20th February-10.30am & 7pm.

Welcoming-Friday 27th February-10.30am & 7pm.

Children's Liturgy. - To be advised when date is confirmed with Dio.

Ministry Office.

Audio Visual & Offertory Gifts. -Date To be confirmed.

A 'carry over' roster for February will operate before the new roster commences.

Why Formation?

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion.

The correct title for the role of lay ministers who help distribute Holy Communion is Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The word extraordinary (meaning "outside the ordinary") is used because the ordinary ministers of Communion are bishops, priests and deacons. The extraordinary minister's function is to distribute Holy Communion, either within Mass or by taking it to a sick person, when an ordained minister (bishop, priest or deacon) is absent or impeded.

Prior to their designation to this ministry, the Extraordinary Ministers of Communion should be adequately prepared. This preparation should be spiritual and liturgical as well as practical.

Diary Dates

- # Wednesday- February 18-Ash Wednesday-Mass 9.30am.& 6.30pm Morisset.
- # First Sunday of Lent. - 22 February- Rite of Election. 1.30 pm - Sacred Heart Cathedral 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West
- # Friday- 6 March- World Day of Prayer 10am SDA Cooranbong.
- # Tuesday- 17 March- St Patrick's Day-Anointing Mass- 9.30am Morisset

Lenten Groups

Lent is a significant period in our Catholic Liturgical Calendar, serving as a 40-day season of spiritual preparation for Easter. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 18th February. To help us with the ordering of material, could you indicate you're interest in a Lenten Group, on the sheet outside the church door.

Parish Office Update

The Morisset Parish Secretary Rosanna, will be on Annual Leave for the next two weeks. On her return from leave mid-February, she will only be in the Morisset Office on Wednesdays and Fridays (9am-2pm).

WHS

In accordance with WHS Legislation, our Incident Report Forms are now at the back of the church. These forms are to be completed when somebody experiences an accident, incident, or near miss.

With a Light Heart

Three preachers sat discussing the best positions for prayer while a telephone repairman worked nearby.

"Kneeling is definitely best," claimed one.

"No," another contended. "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven.

"You're both wrong," the third insisted. "The most effective prayer position is lying prostrate, face down on the floor."

The repairman could contain himself no longer. "Hey, fellas," he interrupted, "the best praying' I ever did was hanging' upside down from a telephone pole."

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:

Donald, Xi, Susie, Vladimir, Charles, Jackie Purnell, Miriam English, Jennene Mallett, June Gillett, Bill Fenton, Jayden Sanders, Zayne Peterson, Mary Maloney, Maureen Luxford, Steve McKay, Nancy Overton, Ross Dickson, Mary Monaghan, Clare Wallington, Donna Hazzard, Pam Mullaly, Tintumol Thomas, Peter Martyn.

Please contact the office once a person is well again.

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

Recently Deceased: Margaret Mannile, Patricia Moller & Brad Fitsimmons .

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Principal: Nick Wickham

PARISH GROUPS

Finance Committee

TBA,

Parish Council Meeting

TBA

Promotion of Safeguarding

Please contact the office

Mass Collection - Thank you

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**St John
Vianney**
Parish Morisset

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