

# 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, 1st March 2026**

**2nd SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A**

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Mon - Fri 9:00am - 2:00pm

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[torontoparish.org](http://torontoparish.org)

[www.vianneymorisset.org](http://www.vianneymorisset.org)

### UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES:

Sat 28 Feb	5:00pm	Cooranbong
	5:30pm	Boolaroo
Sun 01 Mar	9:00am	Warners Bay
	9:00am	Toronto
	9:30am	Morisset
	6:00pm	Warners Bay
Tue 03 Mar	9:00am	Booragul
	9:30am	Morisset
Wed 04 Mar	9:00am	Boolaroo
Thu 05 Mar	9:30am	Warners Bay
Fri 06 Mar	9:30am	Toronto

### BAPTISMS & SACRAMENTS

Booking via Parish Website  
Baptisms celebrated most Sundays.

Dear Parish Family,

*“do not be afraid....”*

On the Second Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always has the Transfiguration event which appears in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. Jesus having been baptised and given his identity; then faced the obstacles / temptations that we heard about last week and his identity is reaffirmed in this event - This is my Son” — He is God’s Son; “the Beloved” — He is deeply loved; “with whom I am well pleased” — He has a mission before Him.

The Transfiguration in the three Gospel takes place after the same following events which makes it a significant event. In each of the three Gospels this is the format: Jesus has asked his disciples the question, *who do you say I am?* Then, Peter makes his confession of faith declaring that Jesus is the Messiah. Next, Jesus teaches about the difficulties in being a disciple that there is a cross involved. When Peter declares Jesus to be the Messiah, he and the others don’t quite get it, and it will take some time to understand. Yet in the Transfiguration they are given the clearest indication of who Jesus really is. The core message is about the faith of the disciples, us!

The Transfiguration points to who Jesus is, his identity but it also points to our final goal of what life is going to be for us at the end of time – transformation into the glory of our Father. Jesus knew he would have to come down the hill and head to Jerusalem and the cross. For me, the Transfiguration always reminds us that if we ever feel lost or confused, Jesus points to our direction, you were made for this also. No matter how much we struggle or suffer coming down the “mountain” we are God’s beloved children. For God we are as dazzling!

What has been your transfiguration moment or moments? Getting married or some saying being present for the birth of their child; being on a mountaintop with an amazing view; or just a special moment in our lives. After these amazing moments we always have to come down the “mountain” and face reality but holding on to these experiences that often give us strength to keep going, sometimes through life.

During our Lenten journey, we are invited to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to increase our love of God, self, and others. This week, I draw my reflection on prayer or listening from [Pope Leo’s Message for Lent 2026](#).

*I would first like to consider the importance of making room for the word through listening. The willingness to listen is the first way we demonstrate our desire to enter into relationship with someone. ....Our God is one who seeks to involve us. Even today he shares with us what is in his heart. Because of this, listening to the word in the liturgy teaches us to listen to the truth of reality. In the midst of the many voices present in our personal lives and in society, Sacred Scripture helps us to recognize and respond to the cry of those who are anguished and suffering. In order to foster this inner openness to listening, we must allow God to teach us how to listen as he does. In listening, we must recognize that "the condition of the poor is a cry that, throughout human history, constantly challenges our lives, societies, political and economic systems, and, not least, the Church."*

To listen in this way requires stillness. It requires space. As we draw closer to Easter, let us make time for prayer — time not only to speak, but to listen. I invite our communities, especially during Lent, to embrace a few moments of silence before our Masses begin. We will put a slide up on the screens to call us to silence. In that quiet, we prepare our hearts to hear the voice of the Beloved Son who calls each of us by name. May this Lent be a season of renewal, courage, and deeper love. May we learn to listen more closely to the One who calls us his beloved children. Happy Lent.

**Fr Darryl Mackie**  
Parish Priest

**Second Sunday of Lent Year A**  
**Sunday 01 Mar 2026**

**First Reading (Genesis 12:1-4)**

A reading from the book of Genesis  
The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:  
I will curse those who slight you.  
All the tribes of the earth  
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**(Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22)**

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

**Second Reading (2 Timothy 1:8-10)**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

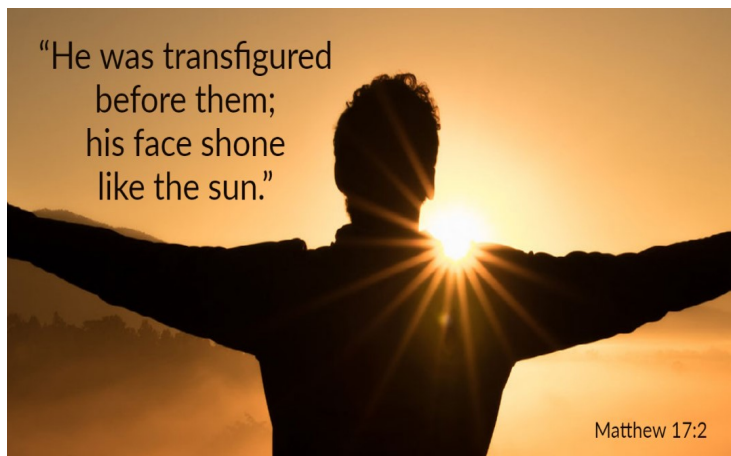
**Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 17:5)**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel (Matthew 17:1-9)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



**Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for March 2026**

**For Disarmament and Peace**

Let us pray that nations move to effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



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# PLACES TO CALL IF YOU NEED HELP

## LIFELINE

13 11 14

## BEYOND BLUE

1300 22 4636

## 1800 RESPECT

1800 737 732

## HEADSPACE

1800 650 890

## MINDSPOT

1800 61 44 34

## KIDS HELPLINE

1800 55 1800

## NATIONAL DEBT HELPLINE

1800 007 007

## NATIONAL CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE

1800 020 080

### Called & Gifted Discernment Process 2026 Expressions of Interest Now Open!

After the success of the 2025 trial, Mission & Evangelisation is working with the Catherine of Siena Institute to offer the Called & Gifted Discernment Process this year. We will again offer this life-changing discernment process, inviting you to discover your God-given charisms. Commencing in May, step forward in faith and help our parishes thrive through use of your gifts. Express your interest at the link below.

Link: [Called and Gifted Discernment Process- Expression of Interest 2026 Form](#)

**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

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am

St John Vianney Church Morisset

60 Yambo St Morisset

*An anointing with the "Oil of the Sick" for those who are sick, frail, elderly or in need of healing.*



## Second Sunday of Lent

28 February – 1 March 2026

**Sisilia** is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dream of one day becoming a pilot.



**Please donate today.**

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: [www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate)

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

### 2026 Chrism Mass

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday 31 March, 6.30pm (for 7pm)  
Sacred Heart Cathedral with Bishop Michael Kennedy



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**"Real Women" is back for 2026**  
**The next REAL WOMEN CAFE NIGHT**

**Monday, 23 March 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 28 February 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

## 54th International Eucharistic Congress

In 2028, Australia will host the 54th International Eucharistic Congress. The purpose of a Eucharistic Congress is to deepen our understanding of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. As preparations begin for the Eucharistic Congress, we will have fifteen minutes of Eucharistic Adoration at the conclusion of 9.30am Mass this Sunday 1 March in the Morisset Church, before the scheduled Baptism.

## Rostered Ministries - February - Formation

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the ministry formation during the month of February.

**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 the first two Sundays in March, will operate before the new roster commences. People rostered for early March have been notified. A 'catch-up' roster is posted in the noticeboard at each church.

## Lenten Groups

Lenten Groups will be held on Wednesdays during Lent in the Callinan Centre @ 10.30am and at 7pm.

## Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held next Friday 6th March 7pm in the Morisset Church. All welcome.

## RCIA - The Rite of Election

Last Sunday Amy Hipkins from our parish, was one of thirty-six catechumens who made the journey to Newcastle and presented for the Rite of Election at the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

They signed their names in commitment, expressing their desire to be fully initiated into the Church at Easter.

As a community, we welcome Amy with prayer and gratitude and encourage her, as she continues her journey toward new life in Christ.

## World Day of Prayer

This year the World Day of Prayer will be hosted by The Seventh Day Adventist Church Cooranbong, this coming Friday 6th March at 10am. (1- University Drive Cooranbong)

## With a Light Heart

At Sunday school, a teacher told their students about the commandment to honour your father and mother. Then they asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" An eager student answered: "Thou shall not kill."

***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:  
Remembrance:***

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

### St Mary's Primary School K-6

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**Principal:** Liz Starling

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**W:** www.kilabenbay.catholic.edu.au

**Principal:** Nikki Norley

### St John Vianney Primary School K-6

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**Principal:** Mark Konik

### St Paul's Catholic College 7-12

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**W:** www.booragul.catholic.edu.au

**Principal:** Nick Wickham

## PARISH GROUPS

### Finance Committee

Thursday 16 April 2026 - 6:00pm

St Michael's Booragul

### Pastoral Council Meeting

Monday 27 April 2026 - 6:30pm

St Michael's Booragul

### Promotion of Safeguarding

Please contact the office

## Mass Collection - Thank you

### First Collection supports our priests:

BSB: 066 739

Account Number: 100004062

Account Name: Morisset Parish

Presbytery

Reference: *Your Surname.*

### Second Collection supports our parish:

BSB:066 739

Account Number: 100004064

Account Name: Morisset Parish Church

Reference: PG# + *Surname or Surname*

Donations to support our parish can also be made via the EFTPOS machines



**St John  
Vianney**  
Parish Morisset

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