

Lakeside Pastoral Region Bulletin

The Catholic Parishes of Booragul Warners Bay, Toronto and Morisset

St Michael the Archangel - 46 Ranclaud Street, Booragul

St Mary's - 2 Bayview Street, Warners Bay

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, 05 JULY 2026

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

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BAPTISMS & SACRAMENTS

Booking via Parish Website

Baptisms celebrated most Sundays.

UPCOMING MASS TIMES:

Sat 04 July

Mass	5:00pm	Cooranbong
Mass	5:30pm	Booragul

Sun 05 July

Mass	8:30am	Toronto
Mass	9:00am	Warners Bay
Mass	10:00am	Morisset
Mass	6:00pm	Warners Bay

Tue 07 July

Mass	9:30am	Morisset
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Wed 08 Jul

Mass	9:00am	Booragul
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Thu 09 Jul

Mass	9:30am	Warners Bay
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Fri 10 Jul

Mass	9:30am	Toronto
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Dear Parish Family,

"I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children."

Over these past weeks, Jesus has spoken often about discipleship, about the opposition we may encounter, and about facing our fears. One of the greatest fears in our world today is the fear created by those who seek to control others. (Think of some of the world leaders). We see this in many places - in politics, in society, even Church and for some in personal relationships - playing into our underlying fears and insecurities, uncertainty is sometimes used to generate anxiety, and fear becomes a means of promising security or control.

Today's Gospel offers a very different way. Jesus thanks the Father for revealing the mysteries of the Kingdom, not to those who consider themselves learned and clever, but to "mere children." Jesus is not dismissing learning or knowledge. Rather, he points to the qualities of a child: openness, trust, honesty and a sense of wonder. It was often the poor, the ordinary and those on the margins who recognised Jesus for who he was because they were open to God's presence and aware of their need for him.

Jesus also challenges those who seek to control others when he invites us to "take my yoke upon you." A yoke was used to join two oxen together so that they could share the work of pulling a load. In his day, many people experienced religion as a heavy burden because of the countless rules and expectations. The Law given to the Jewish people had grown from ten commandments to over 613. Each had the same level of importance and because of this many people who were unable to live up to these laws became outcasts. For them, faith had become a burden rather than a source of life. *My yoke* - Jesus offers something radically different. He reminds us that our relationship with God is founded not on fear or legalism, but on love - love of God expressed in love for one another. His yoke is an image of discipleship. Christ walks beside us, sharing our burdens, and calls us to walk beside one another, supporting each other through life's joys and burdens. Faith is not a journey we make alone.

At the beginning of NAIDOC Week, the Church celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. This year is special as it marks forty years since Pope St John Paul II visited Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in the Northern Territory. On that occasion he challenged the Church in Australia with these memorable words. *"You are part of Australia and Australia is part of you. And the Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others."* Have we seen this come true, yet?

This together with this year's NAIDOC theme invites us to honour the strength, faith and enduring contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Their deep connection to Country, community and Creator reminds us that God continues to reveal himself through people, culture and the stories that have been handed down through generations. As disciples of Christ, we are called to walk together with respect, reconciliation and hope, recognising the dignity and gifts of Australia's First Peoples.

May we approach God with the trusting hearts of children. May we gladly take upon ourselves the gentle yoke of Christ, walking humbly beside him and beside one another. And during NAIDOC week, and throughout the year, may we continue the journey of justice, compassion and peace, revealing God's love to everyone we meet.

Stay warm and well!

Fr Darryl Mackie

Parish Priest

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Sunday 05 Jul 2026

First Reading (Zechariah 9:9-10)

A reading from the prophet Zechariah
The Lord says this:

‘Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.’

Responsorial Psalm

(Psalm 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14 R. v.1)

**(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king
and my God.**

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **(R.)**
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **(R.)**

Second Reading (Romans 8:9.11-13)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Gospel Acclamation (See Matthew 11:25)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 11:25-30)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus exclaimed, ‘I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.’

**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



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This year marks the 40th Anniversary of St Pope John Paul II's address to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Alice Springs. The address was a pivotal moment because it spoke not only to us, but to the whole of the Church in Australia.

It is timely that we look back at what has been achieved in the past 40 years, but also be honest about what has not progressed.



— Shirley Quaresimin, NATSICC Chairperson, 2026



(CNS photo/Vatican Media)

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

For Respect For Human Life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of
human life in all its stages,
recognizing it as a gift from God.

Planned Giving

At the beginning of the last financial year, you may recall a notice in the bulletin regarding legislative changes affecting the Diocese's Trust Fund, of which parish accounts were a part.

For many years, parishes were able to pay school expenses from the Trust Fund, allowing contributors to claim a partial tax deduction through the Planned Giving program. However, due to changes in government legislation, tax deductibility now applies only to organisations classified as Public Benevolent Institutions. Within our Diocese, the only entity that meets this classification is Catholic Care.

Following advice from both finance and legal advisors, the Diocese was required to close all parish Trust Fund accounts. Any remaining funds were transferred to Catholic Care in compliance with the new regulations.

What does this mean for you?

From the start of this financial year, contributions made through Planned Giving are no longer tax-deductible. We understand this may be disappointing, as it was when first announced. However, we are obliged to comply with current legislation.

We sincerely hope you will continue your generous support, which is vital in maintaining our parish buildings, covering insurance, and sustaining the programs that keep our parish communities strong and vibrant.



NAIDOC Week 2026 Civic Flag Raising Ceremony & Community Festival

Monday 6 July 2026, 8:45am, Civic Park, Newcastle

Join us for the NAIDOC Week Flag Raising Ceremony as we celebrate this year's theme, "50 Years of Deadly"—marking five decades of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander excellence, strength, culture, and leadership. Following the ceremony, a community procession will make its way to Foreshore Park for the Awabakal Newcastle NAIDOC Community Festival. The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is proud to support this important event and invites all to come together to celebrate, listen, learn, and walk alongside First Nations peoples in the spirit of reconciliation. Show your support!

Register here: [NAIDOC Week Flag Raising Ceremony, MONDAY 6 July 2025, 8:45 am at Civic Park, Newcastle – Fill out form](#)

Anointing Mass

Thursday 16th July at 9.30am
St Mary's Church 2 Bayview St
Warners Bay

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



The Synodal Way: A journey into what the Global Synod now asks of us.

The Synod on Synodality has been one of the most significant events in the life of the Catholic Church since Vatican II. For the first time, lay women and men joined bishops in the Synod Assembly with equal voting rights. Shortly afterwards, Pope Francis adopted the Final Document as part of the ordinary teaching of the Church.

What does this mean for us and for the future of our Diocese? Join us as we explore the key themes of the Final Document, the implementation phase now underway, and opportunities to become involved in local Synodal Teams. Please bring a plate to share and register your attendance.

WARNER'S BAY Mon 20 July 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Register at Link : [Warners Bay](#) or QR Code



CHARLESTOWN Wed 15 July 6.00pm-8.00pm

Register at Link : [Charlestown](#) or QR Code



Nourishment Day 2026: Refreshing the Hearts of Parish Musicians

Saturday 8 August, 10am-3pm, Sacred Heart Cathedral

Choir members, cantors, instrumentalists, coordinators, this one's for you. Step away from the weekly routine, renew your spirit, and connect with fellow musicians from across the Diocese as we explore music's vital role in the Church's prayer and mission. "Sing to the Lord a new song." Psalm 96

RSVP at: [Nourishment Day - Refreshing the Hearts of Parish Musicians - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)



COME JOIN US FOR... Ladies Day Luncheon

**MONDAY
6 JULY 2026**

When: From 11:30 am
Where: Boolaroo Sports Club,
31 Eighth Street,
Speers Point
RSVP: June 0407 010 663
Gwen 4956 9596

ALL WELCOME



**REAL
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Placing Value on Womanhood

The next REAL WOMEN CAFE NIGHT

**Monday, 10 August 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 11 July 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**

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us, "My yoke is easy and my burden light." During his years he spent in Nazareth, Jesus lived among the ordinary people. Consequently, he felt for the ordinary people and wanted to lighten their burdens. His mere presence could bring peace to an anguished soul. A little sensitivity, a word of appreciation, being treated with kindness and respect, often helps to make a heavy burden light.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday in 2026

This Sunday we celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander *Sunday*. This year marks 40 years since St Pope John Paul II spoke to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Alice Springs, and we celebrate 50 years of NAIDOC Week.

The theme, Walking Together in Christ: 40 Years On! speaks to this moment. Today's Liturgy is an invitation to listen to, reflect, and to encounter Christ in one another.

Our local connection is the Yula-Punaal Aboriginal Education Centre, situated in our parish. It is a safe space, that honours a sacred place. It gives life through stories, dance, song, language and ceremony.

Join the Diocese Monday 6th July for the flag raising at 9am in Civic Park before walking with the community to Newcastle Foreshore for the festival of live music, traditional dance, food, stalls, and rides.



Eucharist28

Sydney, Australia, will host the 54th International Eucharistic Congress (Eucharist28) in September 2028

In preparation for this event, it is proposed to have an opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration in our parish. Like Mass, Adoration isn't necessarily about what *we* will get out of it.

The primary purpose of Adoration is right there in the name of the act: to adore the One present to us in the Eucharist.

With a Light Heart

The doctor says to his patient. "I can't determine the cause of your illness with certainty, but it would be best if you cut your alcohol consumption and we'll see if it improves." The old woman replies, "Can't I just increase it, and we'll see if it gets worse?"

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:

Maree Scully, Lynette Giri, David Ford, Michelle Weickhorst, Annette Boyd, Irene Purcell, Carole Groenwoud, 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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Principal: Nick Wickham

PARISH GROUPS

Finance Committee

TBA

St Michael's Booragul

Pastoral Council Meeting

Monday 20th July 2026 - 6.30pm

St Mary's Warners Bay

Promotion of Safeguarding

Please contact the office

Mass Collection - Thank you

First Collection supports our priests:

BSB: 066 739

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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*

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**St John
Vianney**
Parish Morisset

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