

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, 06 SEPTEMBER 2026

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

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BAPTISMS & SACRAMENTS

Booking via Parish Website

Baptisms celebrated most Sundays.

UPCOMING MASS TIMES:

Sat 05 Sept

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

Sun 06 Sept

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

Tue 08 Sept

Liturgy	9:30am	Morisset
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Wed 09 Sept

Mass	9:00am	Booragul
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Thu 10 Sept

Mass	9:30am	Warners Bay
Mass	11.00am	Toronto

Fri 11 Sept

Mass	9:30am	Toronto
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Dear Parish Family,

"Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour"

Jesus' commandments challenge us to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and then to love our neighbour as ourselves. Is it easy to love our neighbour? Not always! Is it easy to love ourselves? I guess not! Does it need a balance, yes! How can we love God and love our neighbour if we don't love our selves. That means to know that we are loved and loveable.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Christian love is not always easy or comfortable. It appears there was some messy stuff happening among Jesus' followers and within Matthew's community. As the community grew and more people were being welcomed, not all were Jewish, and differences and conflicts inevitably arose. So, the question becomes:

If your brother or sister does something wrong, what do you do?

Jesus responds: *"Go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone."*

Privately – no gossip, no public criticism, no revenge. Instead, have the courage to speak directly, honestly, and with love. The purpose is not to win an argument or make someone feel bad, but to restore the relationship and bring healing. This requires humility on both sides. We need humility to approach someone with kindness rather than anger, and we need humility to listen when someone points out something in our own lives that needs to change. None of us is perfect – not the Church, our families, our communities, our schools, or our workplaces. Sometimes God uses another person to help us see what we cannot see in ourselves.

As St Paul reminds us, *"love does no wrong to a neighbour."* Love is therefore at the heart of every Christian relationship. Jesus concludes with a beautiful promise: *"Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."* Christ is especially present when we gather to forgive, reconcile, listen, and begin again. Perhaps this week we can ask ourselves: Is there someone with whom I need to make peace? Is there someone I need to forgive? Is there a difficult conversation I have been avoiding?

Today, as we celebrate Father's Day, we remember our fathers and those who have been like father figures to us. They share in the responsibility of giving and receiving love – encouraging us when we do well and guiding us when we do not get things right. In the Baptism ritual, we remind parents that they are the first and best teachers of their children in faith and in life. The gift of fatherhood is to be a role model, a carer, a teacher and, most importantly, a model of love – love for God and love for neighbour. Fathers and father figures may not always get it right, but they give it a go. They learn, they grow, they forgive, and they begin again. So today, we pause and simply say: Thank you!

By now you would have heard or seen the news regarding the restructuring of our Catholic Schools. Although we are told that the majority of staff will not be impacted, knowing that some positions will change or no longer exist inevitably creates questions and concern. Changing needs in education, priorities and the long-term viability of our schools reminds us, that organisations sometimes need to make difficult decisions in order to respond to changing circumstances. However, recognising the reasons for change does not necessarily make the process easier for those experiencing this. As we wait for further communication in the coming weeks, it is important to remain patient, respectful and supportive of one another. These times can be challenging, but it can also remind us of the importance of our support for each other.

Stay well and have a blessed week!

Fr Darryl Mackie

Parish Priest

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
Sunday 06 Sept 2026**

First Reading (Ezekiel 33:7-9)

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8)

**(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

Second Reading (Romans 13:8-10)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation (2 Corinthians 5:19)

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to
us.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 18:15-20)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'



(CNS photo/Vatican Media)

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

For The Care of Water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable
management of water, a vital resource, so
that everyone may have equal access to it.



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER

Ezekiel 47:9, 12



**In preparation for
the Eucharistic congress
2028, Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament
will be available:
Thursdays 6:30pm at
St Michael the Archangel,
Booragul**



THE 54TH INTERNATIONAL
**EUCCHARISTIC
CONGRESS 2028**
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

Anointing Mass

**Tuesday 15th September 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.**



Calling for Expressions of Interest – Councils and Advisory Boards

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle warmly invites you to once again journey with us in faith, open dialogue and discernment as we continue to establish and strengthen our new Councils and Advisory Boards.

Following our initial Expressions of Interest process last year, we are now seeking to fill some vacancies on our Councils and Advisory Boards as we build on the strong foundation.

This next phase is an opportunity to broaden participation and ensure our governance reflects the diversity and rich gifts of our diocesan community.

Our renewed governance model honours both civil and Church law, and is grounded in the mission and teachings of the Church.

The Councils and Advisory Boards that have formed play an important role in shaping the future of our Diocese, contributing to decisions that support faithful, sustainable and mission-driven outcomes. Already our Pastoral Council has been discerning our call to mission. Read more here.

We invite people from across the Diocese who feel called to serve to submit an expression of interest via the Diocesan website and QR code. Link: <https://mn.catholic.org.au/governance-advisory-group-eoi/>

In particular, opportunities exist for those with backgrounds in Governance, Finance and Banking. We are also seeking new members for our Community and Wellbeing, CCF and Education boards.

These groups work in a synodal way marked by collaboration, respectful listening and thoughtful conversation.

Join with us - this is a unique opportunity to share your gifts, deepen your engagement in the life of the Church and help shape the path ahead for our Diocese.



Hunter Men's Rosary Crusade 2026

Men from across the Diocese and beyond are invited to gather in faith, fellowship, and prayer for the Hunter Men's Rosary Crusade on Saturday 12 September 2026.

Beginning at 10.30 am at Sacred Heart Cathedral, participants will unite in praying the Rosary while making a pilgrimage through our local communities. Pilgrims may choose between two walking options, offering an opportunity to pray, reflect, and witness publicly to the power of faith and devotion to Our Lady.

Option 1: Walk from the Cathedral to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and return to the Cathedral.

Option 2: Continue from Tighes Hill back to the Cathedral, then on to St Joseph's Church before returning to the Cathedral.

Whether you are a regular participant or joining for the first time, this day provides a chance to deepen your relationship with Christ through the intercession of Mary, connect with other Catholic men, and be strengthened in your faith journey.

Registration closes 7 September 2026.

Learn more: [Hunter Men's Rosary Crusade 2026 - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](https://mn.catholic.org.au/hunter-mens-rosary-crusade-2026)



Martha Kodela Talk – Part 2

Join us at 2.00pm on Saturday 12 September
at Warners Bay Hall

Martha will continue sharing her journey of coming to Australia after World War II.

Please add your name to the sheet at the back of the church if you would like to attend. Afternoon tea will be available. All are welcome.



Vocations Ministry: Turning Dreams into Action

A meeting to organise a club to promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood, the permanent diaconate, and the consecrated (religious) life in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

Would you like to play a part in actively encouraging and supporting vocations? If so, I invite you to a meeting to consider establishing a Serra Club in our diocese. This local club would be a member of Serra International, a world-wide organisation, affirmed by the Holy See, which is committed to vocations ministry. This initiative has the support of our Bishop, Michael Kennedy. To learn more, please take a flyer at the church entrance.

The meeting will be on Thursday, 24 September, at 7pm, in the Function Room of St Mary of the Cross Parish Hub, 7 Milson Street, Charlestown.

**To RSVP and for further information, please contact the Director of Vocations:
Fr Anthony Potts M: 0466 140 066
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A poster for the St Carlo Acutis Major Relic Mission. It features a stylized illustration of St Carlo Acutis, a young man with curly hair, wearing a red shirt and a backpack, set against a blue and gold background. The text "St Carlo Acutis" is written vertically in large white letters. Below it, "Major Relic Mission" is written in smaller white letters. At the bottom, the dates "8 SEPTEMBER TO 13 SEPTEMBER 2026" are listed. In the top right corner, there is a QR code and the text "Scan for more information". The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle logo is in the bottom left corner.

Happy Father's Day-Sunday - September 6th

The first Sunday of September is celebrated as Father's Day in Australia. It is a day to say thanks and show appreciation for fathers and father figures who inspire and support a child with guidance and kindness.

Ministry Rosters

Thank you to the 26 people who have completed a Ministry 'Check-in / Sign-Up' form. If you are currently involved or wish to be and haven't already done so, could you please complete one ASAP.

'Check-in / Sign-Up' 'Sign Up' Forms are now available at the back of the Church for consideration, or they can be completed 'on-line.' by scanning the QR code or at: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/3hXRd4Dvn7>



Prayer-Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We have many things to pray for. Our world and our Church need prayer warriors now more than ever. Next Sunday 13th September, we will have an opportunity to join, as a community for Eucharistic Adoration, spending unhurried prayerful time in the presence of Jesus in the Morisset Church.

9am until 9.30am. (Before the 10am Mass)

Eucharistic Adoration is less about "doing" and more about "being."

Perpetual Day of Remembrance

In the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, the Perpetual Day of Remembrance Sunday 2026 will be observed on Sunday, September 13. Decreed as a permanent fixture in the diocesan liturgical calendar in 2020 by Bishop Bill Wright. This day is traditionally celebrated on the Sunday on or before September 15 each year.

'Cuppa, Cake and Chat'

The next Cuppa Cake and Chat will be held in the Callinan Centre on Sunday 20th September after the 10am Mass at Morisset.



Anointing Mass

The next Anointing Mass will be held Tuesday 15th September 9.30am in the Morisset Church.

Prayer for Our Future Pastor

That the Holy Spirit be with our parish family in this time of waiting, leading us in faith, friendship, and caring service, and preparing the way for the priest God is calling to serve among us. We pray to the Lord.



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: Andrea Emilia Bernabey
Remembrance:

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St Mary's Primary School K-6

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St Joseph'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

60-66 Yambo Street, Morisset

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Principal: Mark Konik

St Paul's Catholic College 7-12

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Principal: Anne-Marie Shipman (Acting)

PARISH GROUPS

Finance Committee

TBA

Pastoral Council Meeting

TBA

Promotion of Safeguarding

Please contact the office

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Presbytery

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BSB: 066 739

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Account Name: Morisset Parish Church

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St John Vianney
Parish Morisset

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