

# 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, 12TH APRIL 2026**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A**

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[www.boolarocatholicchurch.com](http://www.boolarocatholicchurch.com)

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

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

### BAPTISMS & SACRAMENTS

Booking via Parish Website

Baptisms celebrated most Sundays.

### UPCOMING MASS TIMES:

#### Sat 11 April

**Mass** 5:30pm Boolaroo

**Mass** 5:00pm Morisset

#### Sun 12 April

**Mass** 9:00am Warners Bay

**Mass** 9:00am Toronto

**Mass** 9:30am Morisset

#### Tue 14 April

**Mass** 9:00am Booragul

**Mass** 9:30am Morisset

#### Wed 15 April

**Mass** 9:00am Boolaroo

#### Thu 16 April

**Mass** 9:30am Warners Bay

#### Fri 17 April

**Mass** 9:30am Toronto

Dear Parish Family,

*Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe!*

How has your week been in the light of the Resurrection? From last Sunday and throughout the next fifty days toward Pentecost, we listen to how the early communities came to understand their identity, and how they taught those new members who joined them at Easter. It is always a reminder that we live in the light of Easter, yet at the same time we walk by faith amid the challenges of daily life.

Each Sunday, when we hear the readings, there are always three communities present: the original community of disciples with Jesus; the community for whom the Gospel and Acts were written; and our own communities today, here in the twenty-first century in the Lakeside Region. This Sunday, we see those communities living in harmony but also wrestling with doubt.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we are given a snapshot of the post-Easter community. They share a common teaching (the Apostles' instruction which will become the scriptures), a common concern for others (charity), and a common experience of gathering for a meal (the breaking of the bread). These pillars gave the early Church its identity, and through them many were drawn to join their way of life.

In the Gospel from the Gospel of John, the disciples are gathered behind locked doors, afraid and uncertain. Into that fear, Jesus comes with His message: "*Peace be with you.*" He shows them His wounds – once signs of suffering, now signs of victory.

How often do we also live behind "locked doors"? Doors of doubt, fear, grief, or disappointment. Yet the risen Christ does not wait for us to be perfect or fearless – He comes to us as we are. His first gift is peace.

Then comes Thomas, like so many of us (me included) – honest, searching, unwilling to pretend. He wants to see and to touch. And when Jesus meets him, He does not reject his doubt but enters into it. Thomas' doubt becomes the doorway to the deepest confession of faith: "My Lord and my God!"

This Sunday, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday, reminds us that God's love meets us especially in our weakness. The wounds of Christ are not erased in the Resurrection – they remain, glorified, as channels of mercy.

This Sunday we are reminded that faith, then, is not the absence of doubt, but the courage to trust even when we cannot see. Jesus' final words are spoken for us: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

I must admit; this is a prayer I often find myself saying:

Lord Jesus,

You come into the closed spaces of my life and speak peace.

Help me to trust in Your mercy, even when I struggle to believe.

Like Thomas, lead me to say with all my heart:

My Lord and my God. Amen

Welcome to Amy, Claire, Craig and Steve who joined our communities over Easter. Many thanks to all those who made the Holy Week liturgies so special and enriching for us all. To all the ministries, to those who prepared our Churches; the muso's; a special mention to Deni and Heather who helped with the sound system at Toronto; our admin teams and to all who participated....thank you! Alleluia!

Happy Easter, everyone.

**Fr Darryl Mackie**

Parish Priest

**Second Sunday of Easter Year A**  
**Sunday 12 Apr 2026**

**First Reading (Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47)**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**(Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1)**

**(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. **(R.)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**

**Second Reading (1 Peter 1:3-9)**

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

**Gospel Acclamation (John 20:29)**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

**Gospel (John 20:19-31)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

**Anointing Mass**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 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.*





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### Listen to the Heart: Moving Forward Team

Saturday 02 May 2026, 8:30am – 12:30pm,  
Therry Centre - East Maitland

Join Fr Darryl Mackie and Aunty Wanda Smith in an informative morning to increase our knowledge and understanding of the deep spirituality of First Nations people, connection to Country and relationships with Faith. Register on the [Diocesan Website](#).



### MEN'S Breakfast

Join us for a BBQ breakfast and a short presentation. Informal, social and occasionally entertaining, this day is all about connection.

Saturday, 18th April.  
8am to 10am.

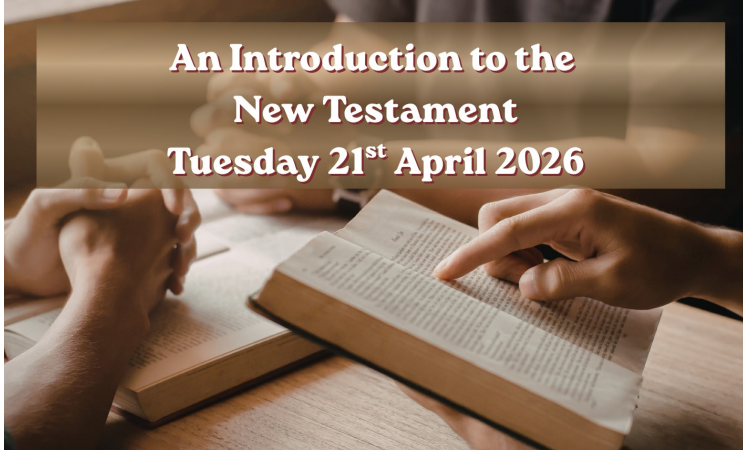
at the St Joseph's Community Centre  
140 Wangi Rd, Toronto

Mark the date in your calendar for another opportunity to enjoy a feed and friendship.

RSVP: Phil Adams 0418 686 104 or  
Colin Gwynne 0409 047 644



### An Introduction to the New Testament Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026



Now that Lent is over would you like to continue with learning more about the New Testament?

Gerard Mowbray who is a well experienced teacher and lecturer in scripture, as well as a parishioner of the Lakeside Pastoral Region" community is offering the following:

"An Introduction to the New Testament"

With particular focus on the development and understanding of the New Testament and Jesus in the four gospels.

Tuesday 21st April 2026

Morning Session: 10.00 to 11.30am Evening Session 6.00 to 7.30pm  
St Michael's Parish Hall, Ranclaud Street Booragul

For printing purposes etc please register with the QR code or at <https://forms.office.com/r/ppk1N6JCzj>



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**THANK YOU!**

Caritas Australia sincerely thanks you for your generous support of Project Compassion this Lent.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return it by next week at Mass. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps to bring hope and opportunity to people experiencing poverty and injustice.

Together, we are *Uniting Against Poverty* and walking alongside vulnerable communities as they build stronger, more sustainable futures.



**Please donate today.**

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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.



## Sacrament Information Evening

We are inviting families to an information evening to begin the next part of the sacramental journey

Tuesday 28th April 2026 - 6:00pm  
St Mary's Church Warners Bay  
Wednesday 29th April 2026 - 6:00pm  
St John Vianney Church Morisset  
Thursday 30th April 2026 - 6:00pm  
St Joseph's Church Toronto

**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



## Welcome

Welcome to all the visitors to our Parish of St John Vianney during the Easter season. The Parish of St John Vianney Morisset, was officially formed in 1947, however our Mass centre of St Patrick and St Brigid at Cooranbong, dates to the 1860's.

## Vinnies Commissioning

Members of Vinnies conference in Morisset will be formally commissioned during 9.30am Mass at Morisset on Sunday April 26th. These members work in the Hub in Yambo Street giving a "hand up" to those in need of things like food, medicines, support to find counselling etc. Vinnies Membership is a way to make a difference in our local community – it gives you a chance to be hands on in the stewardship of the Society.

An invitation is extended to all former members of Vinnies and members of SJV Mini Vinnies to attend this Mass.

We thank the members of SJV parish for your financial and prayer support. If you feel called to be part of this mission, please have a chat to one of our members after Mass.

## Project Compassion

Caritas Australia would like to thank you for supporting Project Compassion 2026. When you return your donation, please place it in the tub at the back of the Church near the holy water dispenser.

## Easter Thank you

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way, with all the Liturgies over the Easter period, starting with the Way of the Cross in the lead up to Easter, and concluding with Easter Sunday.

## With a Light Heart

Notice found in French church bulletin. Translation: It is possible that on entering this church, you may hear the Call of God. On the other hand, it is not likely that he will contact you by phone. Thank you for turning off your phone.

## NEW LIFE IN CHRIST



This weekend Harvey Wilcock, Lucas Wilcock, Flynn Wilcock and Claire Bias will receive a New Life in Christ through the gift of baptism may they bear witness to the joy of the Gospel and live their lives as children of God with us.

Please remember the Wilcock and Bias families 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:**

Carole Groenwoud, Dianne Whitten, Phillip Fenech, Daniel Oman, Jackie Purnell, Miriam English, Jennene Mallett, June Gillett, Bill Fenton, Zayne Peterson, Mary Maloney, Steve McKay, Nancy Overton, Ross Dickson, Mary Monaghan, Clare Wallington, Donna Hazzard, Pam Mullaly, Tintumol Thomas, and 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:** John Garrier.

**Remembrance:** Michael Ige, Anthonia Ige, John Tome and Peter Tome.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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

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Principal: Liz Starling

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

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### 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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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

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**St John  
Vianney**  
Parish Morisset

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