

# 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, 10th MAY 2026**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A**

### **PARISH TEAM**

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#### **Parish Priest**

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**Fr Peter Njau CSSp**

**Fr John Purnell**

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

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[www.boolaroocatholicchurch.com](http://www.boolaroocatholicchurch.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 09 May**

**Mass** 5:30pm Boolaroo  
5:00pm Cooranbong

#### **Sun 10 May**

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

#### **Tue 12 May**

**Mass** 9:00am Booragul  
**Mass** 9:30am Morisset

#### **Wed 13 May**

**Mass** 9:00am Boolaroo

#### **Thu 14 May**

**Mass** 9:30am Warners Bay

#### **Fri 15 May**

**Mass** 9:30am Toronto

Dear Parish Family,

*I shall ask the Father .... he will give you another Advocate....*

As we draw closer to the Ascension next weekend and Pentecost the following week, the Gospel once again places us in the upper room. It may seem like it was a very long meal! Jesus speaks about going home. He knew his disciples well - he understood their fears and uncertainties, especially with the knowledge that he would no longer be physically present among them. They would face challenges in living out his commandment to love, and the witness to that love would come at a cost.

So how would they find the courage and strength for what lay ahead? Jesus speaks of the coming of the Spirit, the Advocate. An advocate is one who helps, supports, and intercedes. Why another Advocate? Because Jesus himself was the first - guiding, teaching, and forming them. This second Advocate will remain with us and within us during this time as we await Christ's return. As Jesus assures them, *"I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you."*

The Spirit that strengthens, comforts, guides, and inspires us. Life in the Spirit calls us to live according to God's commandments - not in a legalistic or restrictive way, but out of love. A love that overflows into the lives of others, revealing God's presence in our world.

This weekend, we also recognise a special group of people who reveal God's love to us - our mothers and mother-like figures. Often, they go about their daily lives without seeking attention, quietly expressing love in simple but powerful ways: through a caring touch, a warm hug, gentle guidance, and even the challenges that teach us how to love, forgive, and respect one another.

Mothers embody a giving and sacrificial love, often setting aside their own needs so that their children may flourish. In recent weeks, we've seen many reminders to buy a "gift for Mum." Yet the greatest gift we can offer is simple: our time, our gratitude, a hug, or a kind word. These cost nothing, yet they are priceless.

So, to all our mothers and mother-like figures this weekend—thank you. 😊

You may or may not be aware that over recent months, Fr Peter has been experiencing ill health. With his permission, I share this with you. The demands of ministry across our region - visiting schools, serving parishes, caring for the sick, and celebrating Mass - keeps us very busy.

After consultation with his religious congregation, the Spiritans, and the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, it has been decided that Fr Peter will be leaving us, effective Sunday 31 May 2026. After this, he will return to his home country for a period of rest and recovery before eventually returning to Australia for a new appointment.

In the coming weeks, Fr Peter will begin saying his farewells to our communities. His final Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's Toronto on Sunday 31 May 2026, where we will gather as a Pastoral Region to give thanks for his ministry, and to pray for his continued healing and restoration and continued blessings for the years ahead. Further details will be shared in the weeks ahead.

Have a good week everyone....

**Fr Darryl Mackie**

Parish Priest

**Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A**  
**Sunday 10 May 2026**

**First Reading**

**(Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8. 14-17)**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**(Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1)**

**(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **(R.)**

2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. **(R.)**

3. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. **(R.)**

4. Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. **(R.)**

**Second Reading (1 Peter 3:15-18)**

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

**Gospel Acclamation (John 14:23)**

Alleluia, alleluia!

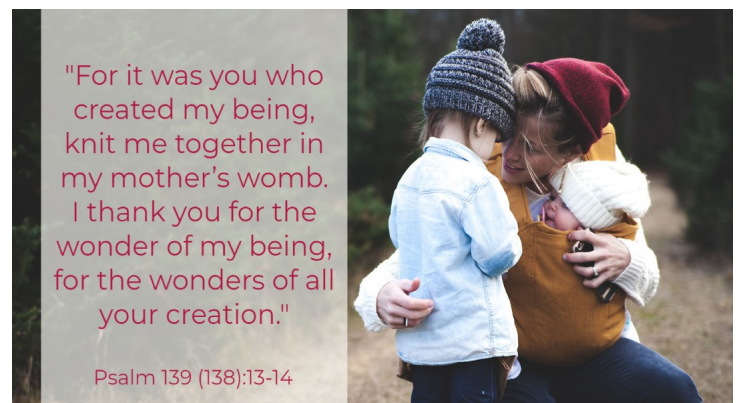
All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

**Gospel (John 14:15-21)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'





## THE LATEST FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS 10 MAY 2026

The post-Royal Commission findings on protecting the young and vulnerable adults have led to the widespread use of the term 'safeguarding' in our society; however, it was a 1924 'safeguarding' initiative which led to our current celebration of Mother's Day in Australia. It was initiated by Sydney woman, Janet Heyden, to bring gift-giving cheer to lonely, elderly mothers at Newington State Hospital who had lost sons or husbands in WWI. This tradition of gifting has become a widespread annual celebration on the second Sunday in May. It is a significant cultural day focusing on family gatherings, gifts, and giving mothers a break from chores.

Mother's Day is a reminder of the need to safeguard mothers (and all women) by protecting them from harm, including domestic abuse, and supporting their role in ensuring child well-being. It reminds us of the need to empower women, preventing violence (physical, emotional, financial).

### Key Aspects of Safeguarding Mothers

- **Recognising Abuse:** Identifying coercive control, stalking, physical harm, and isolation.
- **Safety Planning:** Creating safer environments, including financial independence.
- **Social & Physical Protection:** Addressing threats to a mother's safety in her home, community, and in relationships where she is protecting her children.
- **Perpetrator Accountability:** Highlighting the abusive partner's criminal choices.



(CNS photo/Vatican Media)

### Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for May 2026

**That everyone might have food.**

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



### 2026 National Count of Attendance YOU ARE COUNTED ON

This May, the Australian Catholic Church participates in the National Count of Attendance.

Every Parish, every Mass, every body.

Help us accurately plan for the future.

## Anointing Mass

**Thursday 21st May 2026 at 11am  
St Joseph's Church  
140 Wangi Rd Toronto**

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



**SCAN QR CODE TO DONATE**

**ST MARY'S CHURCH WARNERS BAY**

**ALL WELCOME**

**Biggest Morning Tea**

**THURSDAY 4TH JUNE 2026  
9:30AM - 12:00PM**

**CONTACT FOR MORE INFO**  
MARIE OSBORNE - 0429 191 245  
SUE CAMPBELL - 0417 091 255

### Behold Your Mother: Explaining and Defending the 4 Marian Dogmas

Nationally known speaker Simon Carrington, from Fire Up Ministries, will lead us in looking at:

Mary, Mother Of God, The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mary's Perpetual Virginitly, Mary's Bodily Assumption.

Sessions will be at MacKillop Parish on Fridays commencing with Holy Rosary at 6:30pm and the Talk at 7:00pm: 8 May, 15 May, 22 May, 29 May

Each session is self-contained, so you can attend any number of sessions.

While not compulsory, a donation of \$20 per talk would be appreciated to help cover the donation to the presenter and refreshments.

Register at:

<https://fireup.kartra.com/page/MarianNewcastle>

### ALIVE Catholic Youth Launch

Pentecost Sunday | 24 May, 2-5pm | The Factory Theatre, Trinity College Adamstown

Witness how the Holy Spirit is moving in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle as we launch ALIVE - a dynamic and exciting event that will showcase a new diocesan identity for young people that seeks to draw them into a personal relationship with Christ they feel confident to share with others. Music will be led by a nationally acclaimed worship team and a number of exciting plans will be announced alongside some good news stories of where ALIVE is already taking shape in schools and parishes. Please visit the Diocesan events page to secure your free seat. All ages are welcome - **Events - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.**

**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**



**Invitation for members and visitors of the  
Lakeside Pastoral Region, as we gather in  
support and prayer on the closure of  
Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Boolaroo.**

**SATURDAY 16TH MAY - VIGIL MASS 5:30PM  
ASCENSION SUNDAY – FINAL SUNDAY MASS**

**TUESDAY 19TH MAY – LITURGY OF LAMENTATIONS 6:00PM  
AN OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER AND SHARE MEMORIES OF  
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS**

**WEDNESDAY 20TH MAY – WEEKDAY MASS 9:00AM  
FINAL MASS**

**SATURDAY 23RD MAY – CLOSURE LITURGY 3:00PM  
FINAL CELEBRATION AND FAREWELL IN THE CHURCH**

**SATURDAY 23RD MAY – PENTECOST MASS 5:30PM  
ST MICHAEL'S BOORAGUL**

Please advise the office if anyone requires transport from OLHC to St Michaels or are able to assist with transport on Saturday 23rd May.



From Fr Darryl and the  
OLHC Boolaroo Closure Committee

VOICATIONS

# Come and See RETREAT DAY

SATURDAY 16 MAY 2026

9AM - 3:30PM

HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE, SHORTLAND

**EXPLORE** God's call on your life through reflections on Scripture, personal vocation story, and panel discussions.

**LEARN** practical tools for discernment from a nationally recognised presenter.

**PRAY** and reflect in a peaceful natural setting, including celebrating Mass with Bishop Michael Kennedy.

**CONNECT** with a range of speakers from different vocational backgrounds.



RSVP TO: [mn.shor.tn/comeandseeday](http://mn.shor.tn/comeandseeday)



[mn.catholic.org.au](http://mn.catholic.org.au)

The Most Reverend Michael Kennedy  
and the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle cordially invites

The People of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

to the Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate of

**Mr. Christopher Voigt**

by

**Most Reverend Michael Kennedy**

on Saturday, 23 May 2026 at 10am  
in Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West

(Refreshments will be served in the Southern Cross Hall, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West following the Liturgy)

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP for catering purposes by 10th May.

2026  
*Magdalene*  
AWARDS

NOMINATIONS  
NOW OPEN

**NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN**  
Nominations close Monday 8 June 2026  
Scan QR code for more info

Catholic Diocese  
OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE



**THE SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH  
LOCHINVAR  
INVITE YOU TO COME AND CELEBRATE WITH  
US  
THE LAUNCH OF...**

*Julian Tenison Woods, the Human Journey:  
Priest, Founder, Friend.  
by Sister Janice Tranter rsj...*

BY

**MOST REVEREND MICHAEL KENNEDY  
BISHOP OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE.**

ON

**SUNDAY, 31 MAY, AT 2.00PM**

IN  
**THE DIOCESAN RESOURCE CENTRE  
CNR. TUDOR & PARRY ST. NEWCASTLE WEST.**



RSVP: 25 MAY, 2026  
Ph. 49 484063  
Office@ssjl.org.au

## Diocesan Cursillo 3-day Course

Do you wonder how to be more fully alive?

If so, then you may like to consider attending our Cursillo 3-day course. The annual Diocese of Maitland- Newcastle 2025 Cursillo 3 days will be held from 11-14th June at Rathmines with the theme "Joy of the Lord is my strength". Cursillo is a short course which will enrich your faith for the rest of your life. It is Christ-centred, based on gospel values and will be asking each participant "How can I BE Christian in my many everyday environments?"

Learn More: [Diocesan Cursillo 3-Day Course - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)

If you are interested in joining the Cursillo Movement, enrolling for the Cursillo 3 days, or just wishing to learn more about Cursillo, please feel free to contact either of the following:

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**JOANNE STANDING:**  
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## New Weekend Mass Times

From Pentecost Weekend (23–24 May), our parish community will gather for Weekend Masses at the following times and locations:

**Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm – Cooranbong**

**Sunday: 10:00am – Morisset**

## Multicultural Mass

**When: Pentecost Sunday 10am 24<sup>th</sup> May Morisset.**

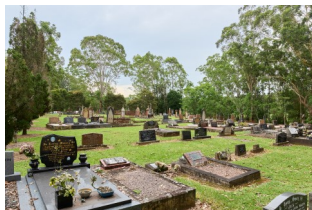
We have people from many different cultures that worship with us. Through the celebration of this Multicultural Mass we hope to bring people together in faith and fellowship. No matter where we come from, we belong here, at Morisset Parish. We are companions on the journey. This will be brought to life through traditional dress, prayers and afterwards traditional food in the Callinan Centre.

## Cooranbong Cemetery

Most parishioners are aware that our parish is blessed to have a Catholic Cemetery and Columbarium, located within the beautiful church grounds of St Patrick and St Brigid, Cooranbong.

Recently, the NSW Government introduced the Interment Industry Scheme under the Cemeteries and Crematoria Regulation 2022. This scheme establishes a licensing system for cemetery and crematorium operators across the state.

As a licensed cemetery operator, our parish is required to comply with the key licence conditions set out under this regulation. These requirements are designed to ensure appropriate governance, care, and dignity in the operation of Catholic cemeteries and burial facilities.



## With a Light Heart

Johnny had been misbehaving and was sent to his room. After a while, he came downstairs and informed his mother that he had thought it over and had then said a prayer. “Good” said his pleased mother, “If you ask God to help you not to misbehave, He will always help you”.

“Oh, I didn’t ask him to help me not misbehave” said Johnny, “I asked Him to help you to put up with me!”.

***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:***

Irene Purcell, Carole Groenwoud, Dianne Whitten, 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 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:*** Betty Smith, Leslie Fowler, Grace Lyons, Cornelius Lyons, Emily Williams, Carmel Brereton, Jason Wismer, Michael Ige, Anthonia Ige.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

### St Mary’s Primary School K-6

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### St Joseph’s Primary School K-6

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**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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**Principal:** Nick Wickham

## PARISH GROUPS

### Finance Committee

Thursday 18 June 2026 - 6:00pm

St Michael’s Booragul

### Pastoral Council Meeting

Monday 22nd June 2026 - 6:30pm

St Michael’s Booragul

### Promotion of Safeguarding

Please contact the office

## Mass Collection - Thank you

### ***First Collection supports our priests:***

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**St John  
Vianney**  
Parish Morisset

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