

# 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, 28 JUNE 2026**

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

## PARISH TEAM

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[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 27 June

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

### Sun 28 June

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

### Tue 30 Jun

**Mass** 9:30am Morisset

### Wed 01 Jul

**Mass** 9:00am Booragul

### Thu 02 Jul

**Mass** 9:30am Warners Bay

### Fri 03 Jul

**Mass** 9:30am Toronto

Dear Parish Family,

*Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me!*

Over these past weeks, the theme in our readings have been about the spreading of the Kingdom and the call to discipleship. Last weekend and again this weekend, Jesus reminds us that following Him is not always easy and we reminded that there will be opposition along the way. Even from those closest to us. This means we will be asked to make difficult choices.

The Gospel of Matthew, written around the year 80, reflects a time of turmoil. After the fall of the Temple, Judaism was in upheaval and there was strong opposition to the Christian message. Families were divided, converts were excluded from synagogues, and even family members turned against one another. Many were forced to choose – family, faith, even religion.

When you think about life is full of choices. We choose where we live, what we like to drink – tea or coffee - what sport we follow, and which team we support. We make a choice about whom we marry, to marry or not. We probably made choices even today: “Will I go to Mass, or stay home where it’s warmer?” Can I say you made a good choice if you’re here tonight or this morning 😊 !

But our deepest choice – as St Paul reminds us – is shaped by our Baptism. Baptism changes us. At our Baptism, or through our families, a choice was made: a choice for life, a choice to be children of God, a choice to follow Christ.

In following Christ today, our readings challenge us with three key aspects of discipleship.

First, we are called to embrace the Cross. It requires a loving gift of ourselves so that others may have life. Second, we are called to be prophets of our own time, in a world that can often come across as hopeless. Third, we are called to be welcoming and supportive and in doing so, recognising the presence of God in others and supporting one another in faith. The woman of Shunem in the First Reading reminds us of the importance of hospitality and recognising the sacred in others.

Are we, as a community of disciples, welcoming? In our homes, in our church, in our parish – do we welcome those who are different, those who may not meet our expectations?

In the end, discipleship is about choices - choosing Christ and living that choice every day....not just on Sunday!

Stay warm and well!

**Fr Darryl Mackie**

Parish Priest

# Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Sunday 28 Jun 2026

## First Reading (2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16)

A reading from the second book of the Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

## Responsorial Psalm (Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2)

### (R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;  
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,  
who find their joy every day in your name,  
who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R.)
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;  
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:  
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;  
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

## Second Reading (Romans 6:3-4. 8-11)

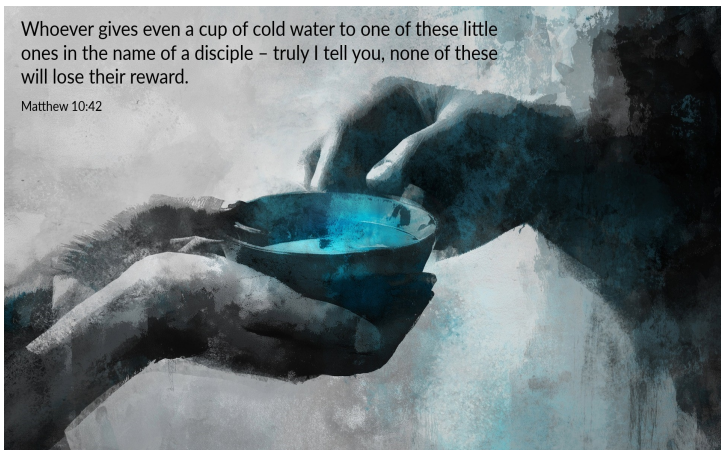
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.

Matthew 10:42



## Gospel Acclamation (1 Peter 2:9)

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

## Gospel (Matthew 10:37-42)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

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, Booragui



## Communion

Catholics who have made the proper spiritual and sacramental preparation may come forward in the procession to receive Holy Communion.

The sacred host must be consumed in the presence of the communion minister. Non-Catholic friends are invited to remain seated in silent prayer or may come forward to receive a blessing with arms crossed over the chest.

## Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for June 2026

For the values of sports.

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.



(CNS photo/Vatican Media)

## 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](#)

## Called to Know More: Ministry to Seafarers

Thursday 9 July from 11.15am–1.30pm.

Join us for the next *Called to Know More* gathering as Port Chaplain Mark Spencer shares stories of the lives of seafarers and the Church's ministry among them ahead of Sea Sunday on 12 July. More than 90% of the goods we rely on arrive by sea, carried by people who often spend months away from home facing isolation and challenging conditions. Enjoy a guided bus tour of Port Waratah, the Port of Newcastle, and the Stella Maris Centre at Wickham. Seats are limited, so bookings are essential: [Called to Know More - Stories from our Stella Maris Port Chaplain - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)

## 2026 Magdalene Awards

Sunday 26 July, 9:30am, Sacred Heart Cathedral

We warmly invite you to join us as we celebrate and recognise these remarkable women and their contribution to our diocesan community.

Register: [The 2026 Magdalene Award Celebration - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)

## Sea Sunday 12 July 2026

Sea Sunday is a time to pray for and support the men and women who work at sea, often far from home in difficult and isolating conditions. The 2026 theme is *Harbours of Hope: The Church Alongside Seafarers*. Through the Ministry of The Mission to Seafarers and Stella Maris, churches offer care, welcome, and hope to seafarers visiting our ports. In 2025 alone, more than 48,000 ship visits and 150,000 shore leave transports were provided.

Please consider supporting this vital ministry through prayer, hospitality, or a financial donation. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Account Name: The Apostleship of the Sea  
BSB: 062 784 Account Number: 1000 12583

## Anointing Mass

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 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



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## 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

## 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today, on this Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus gives us a simplified yet challenging version of his requirements for discipleship. Living as a Christian is not an unbiased reality. Have we ever considered that being Christian may cost us something? Perhaps we've never asked the question.

## Sunday Celebrations during July

### 1-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday in 2026

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday in 2026, is celebrated nationally on **Sunday, 5 July**. This day is a key fixture during NAIDOC Week, providing a time for Australian churches, schools, and communities to celebrate the contributions of First Nations peoples and reflect on shared relationships. In 2026, the theme for the event is "Walking Together in Christ: 40 Years On!" which commemorates the historic 1986 visit of Pope John Paul II to Alice Springs and marks 50 years of NAIDOC Week.

### 2-Sea Sunday-2026

Seafarers Sunday this year falls on **Sunday, July 12**. The global maritime event is dedicated to praying for and supporting the world's 1.9 million seafarers. The 2026 theme is, "Harbours of Hope: When we stand alongside those who feel forgotten, we remind them they are seen.

### 3- World Day of Grandparents and Elderly-

Pope Leo XIV has chosen "**I will never forget you**" (*Is 49:15*) as the theme for the Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. This year, the date coincides with the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, **Sunday, 26 July**.

## With a Light Heart

*On Sunday we celebrated the shortest day of the year.*

#-A man walks into a bar the day after the winter solstice and orders a triple vodka. The bartender asks, "Is everything alright?" The man sighs and says, "It's been a long night."

#-How do aliens stay warm? They use a space heater!

#-What did the blanket say to the bed? "I've got you covered!"

#-How do you stay warm in any room? Just go to the corner; it's always 90 degrees!

**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:**

Michelle Weickhorst, Annette Boyd, Irene Purcell, Carole Groenwoud, Dianne Whitten, Jackie Purnell, Miriam English, June Gillett, Bill Fenton, 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:** Anaiah Celine Anne Godlieb.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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

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**Principal:** Nick Wickham

## PARISH GROUPS

### Finance Committee

Thursday 02 July 2026 - 6:00pm

St Michael's Booragul

### Pastoral Council Meeting

TBA

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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