

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

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SUNDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2026

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

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torontoparish.org

www.vianneymorisset.org

BAPTISMS & SACRAMENTS

Booking via Parish Website

Baptisms celebrated most Sundays.

UPCOMING MASS TIMES:

Sat 19 Sept

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

Sun 20 Sept

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

Tue 22 Sept

Mass	9:30am	Morisset
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Wed 23 Sept

Mass	9:00am	Booragul
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Thu 24 Sept

Mass	9:30am	Warners Bay
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Fri 25 Sept

Mass	9:30am	Toronto
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Dear Parish Family,

"Why be envious because I am generous..."

Over these past weeks the Gospel of Matthew has been dealing with some of the "messy stuff" that happens in community – what must I do when someone does something wrong to me; last weekend's passage was about forgiveness; and now the problem about those who have joined later and having the same benefits to those who have been there from the beginning.

Have you ever heard the phrase the "Johnny come lately"? It refers to a late arrival or a recent newcomer or someone who starts an activity or job long after others. It often has a negative or disapproving tone especially if something has been successful and they come in and act as if they are the expert or deserve equal respect when they haven't put in the same amount of time.

That's what's happening in the community.... there was great resentment between those who were Jewish and now following Jesus and the newcomers, the non-Jews (Gentiles). The Jewish Christian saw that they had a long history of hardship when now there were these "Johnny's" who had in their opinion done nothing in comparison and yet God loved them just as much. Some wondered ...how can they receive the same blessing as us? We're the chosen people....

Jesus responds with a parable. But first, here's some background – September was the month when grapes were harvested. There was also another problem, it's also the month when the rainy season began. If the torrential rains came before the harvest, the entire crop could be destroyed. It often became a race against time - waiting to the last minute to harvest so that the grapes were riper and therefore taste better. The vineyard owner wakes up and sees that the sky has clouds, the torrential rains are about to begin. He rushes off to the marketplace to hire workers to pick his grapes. As the day progresses, he sees that the storm is gaining on his workers. Question - were they working hard enough? He goes back several more times (3rd hour (9am), 9th hour (3pm), 11th hour (5pm)) to hire more workers to pick these grapes before the storm begins.

Anyway, his efforts pay off, and he gets his grapes picked in time. He's so happy that all his grapes were picked, he decides to celebrate and to pay all his workers a full day's wage, one denarii (about \$120 in our day) even though some had only worked a few hours. So, when the workers complained, the vineyard owner said to them: "I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?... How would today's situation sit in an industrial relations court? If it were applied today there would definitely be an uproar.

Who were these full-time workers and these part-time workers Jesus spoke about? The part-time workers were the late comers who accepted Jesus' message. Took Jesus' preaching very seriously and changed their lives. The full-time workers were like the pharisees, who thought they were better. The key to the story is in the introduction*the Kingdom of Heaven is like....* God's love is far greater than we can imagine and that there is work to be done... God's ways are not always the way we think but how we should live... God's love is not a reward to be earned. It is a gift to be received, and it changes our lives.

Have a blessed week everyone!

Fr Darryl Mackie

PP / Administrator

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Sunday 20th Sept 2026

First Reading (Isaiah 55:6-9)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18, R. v.18)

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. (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. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading (Philippians 1:20-24, 27)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation (See Acts of the Apostles 16:14)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 20:1-16)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

Anointing Mass Thursday 15th October 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.



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



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.



(CNS photo/Vatican Media)



MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

Tuesday 3rd November 2026

Ticket Price: \$50.00 per person

Ticket Price includes:

**Glass of bubbles or punch
2 course meal with nibbles
(Main and Dessert)**

Can bring your own alcohol

**Large screen to watch the race
Raffle, Fashion, Sweeps
and Lucky Door Prizes**

Starting from 11.30am

St Mary's Church Hall Warners Bay

RSVP

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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.

Where: St Stephen's Church, Witt St, Tea Gardens

When: 24 September 2026

Time: 10.00 am to 11.30 am

Refreshments: Please bring a plate to share

Registration Link: <https://synod-doc-teagardens.eventbrite.com.au/>



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Australian Women's Canon Law Scholarship 2027

A new opportunity is emerging for women in the Australian Church!

A Collective of Australian Women Religious institutions are coming together to establish a Canon Law Scholarship designed to support the formation of women to serve in governance, leadership, and ministry contexts through the study of Canon Law.

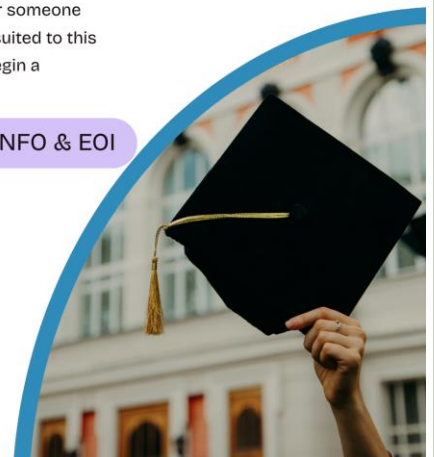
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If this sparks your interest, or someone comes to mind who may be suited to this pathway, we would love to begin a conversation!

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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

We live in a culture that values rationality, fairness and justice, weighing carefully on what we think we, or others, deserve. – Today's readings make it clear that God's ways are not our ways and show us another view of what a worthy life looks like and requires of us.

'Cuppa, Cake and Chat'

A Cuppa Cake and Chat will be held in the Callinan Centre (Behind the Morisset Church). this Sunday 20th September after the 10am Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend! It's a great opportunity to meet people, make new connections and learn more about the community. Everyone welcome!



Ministry Rosters

Thank you to the people who completed a Ministry 'Sign-Up' form. New rosters will now be organised. Formation and training for these ministries will be held in the coming weeks- (dates to be confirmed). This formation will be for new ministers, as well as those who are already exercising ministry. It is important that all ministers attend these sessions.

Parish Pastoral Team

As you know we have a Lakeside Regional Pastoral Council that works with Fr Darryl, to support the spiritual and pastoral life of the Lakeside Parishes. Uta, Joe and Humphry are our SJV elected representatives. It is now time to establish a Parish Pastoral Team. This Team, unlike the Pastoral Council, which is a consultative body, would work with Fr Darryl to implement day to day pastoral action in the SJV Parish. If you are interested in the Parish Pastoral Team, please contact the Parish Office.

Children's Liturgy

It is planned to re-start Children's Liturgy at Morisset at the 10am Sunday Mass. Children's Liturgy is a practice where children leave the congregation during Mass, to hear and reflect on the Sunday Gospel at their own age-appropriate level and aims to make the message of the Gospel more understandable and relatable for children. Are you interested in helping re-start this ministry? If you are please contact the Parish Office.

Liturgical Book Orders

Orders are now being taken for the following 2027 liturgical resources:

- **Break Open the Word 2027**
- **Ordo 2027**
- **God's Word 2027**
- **Daily Mass Book 2027**
- **The New Community Bible**

To place an order, please complete the online form at:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/RVmt8Pg79n> or collect an order form from the back of the church.

Orders close on Sunday, 11 October 2026.

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:

Remembrance:

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St Mary's Primary School K-6

2 Bayview Street, Warners Bay

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Principal: Nikki Norley

St John Vianney Primary School K-6

60-66 Yambo Street, Morisset

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Principal: Mark Konik

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Acting Principal: Anne-Maree Shipman

PARISH GROUPS

Finance Committee

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Pastoral Council Meeting

Monday 19th October - 6.30pm

St Michael's Booragul

Promotion of Safeguarding

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Parish Morisset

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