

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, 18 January 2026

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES:

Sat 17 Jan 5:00pm Cooranbong
5:30pm Boolaroo

Sun 18 Jan 9:00am Warners Bay
9:30am Toronto
9:30am Morisset
6:00pm Warners Bay

Tue 20 Jan 9:00am Booragul
9:30am Morisset

Wed 21 Jan 9:00am Boolaroo

Thu 22 Jan 9:30am Warners Bay

Fri 23 Jan 9:30am Toronto

BAPTISMS & SACRAMENTS

Booking via Parish Website

Baptisms celebrated most Sundays.

Dear Parish Family,

...hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times.

These words from today's Opening Prayer of the Mass feel especially appropriate when we consider what is happening in our world: the continuing wars in Ukraine; Israel and Gaza; civil unrest in the USA; and tensions and threats of invasion in various parts of the globe. The world needs peace now more than ever — and for this we pray.

You will notice that we have returned to the colour green, which indicates that we are now in **Ordinary Time**. Ordinary Time is the longest of the five liturgical seasons (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time) and covers most of the year. It begins with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and concludes with the Feast of Christ the King. Of course, it will be interrupted in a few weeks when we begin our Lenten journey, which leads us into the joy of Easter. Why the colour green? Green symbolises new life, growth, and hope — life restored, as we see in the plants and grass after the rain this past week. So Ordinary Time is anything but "ordinary" — it is extraordinary.

Last Sunday, as we celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, we were reminded of our own baptism: that we are God's sons and daughters; that we are loved; and that God's favour rests upon us. Throughout Ordinary Time, we will unpack the meaning of this more deeply by getting to know Jesus better — this year through Matthew's Gospel — and at the same time growing in our understanding of what it means to live out our baptismal call in the world.

Like last Sunday, today's Gospel again features John the Baptist. However, this weekend we sidestep Matthew's Gospel and hear from John, who presents John the Baptist in a different way. There is no mention of his clothing or his diet, nor does he confront the religious leaders. Instead, John the Baptist speaks about who Jesus is and reveals him to others. Why the difference? At the time of Jesus' baptism, there were two groups: followers of John the Baptist and followers of Jesus. Some of John's followers believed he was the Messiah, since Jesus was baptised by him, which seemed to place John in a position of greater importance. In this Gospel account, John the Baptist makes it very clear who Jesus truly is: "He existed before me," and "it was to reveal him to Israel that I came."

What is revealed to us here is that baptism challenges us to lead others to Jesus — by what we say and by what we do.

As I mentioned briefly last week, there will be some changes to our administration team in the coming weeks. Both Bridget and Vimal, who joined the Admin Hub team in late 2024, will be finishing up this week. We thank them sincerely for their contribution to the Hub and to our parishes, and we wish them every blessing wherever life takes them next.

As you are aware, expenses have increased significantly over the past year, particularly with insurance costs and the maintenance of ageing buildings. Therefore, I've had to make the decision that from mid-February, the Morisset office will only be open on Wednesdays and Fridays. I understand that this may be an inconvenience for some, but this decision has not been made lightly. From mid-2026, I hope to publish a parish budget and begin reporting more regularly on our financial position, so that everyone has a clearer picture of our parish finances — and I will make sure our Finance Committee keeps me to it! As Parish Priest, I must ensure the future viability of all our parishes and that we have an administration team that supports both parish life and our ministry now and into the future.

Have a good week everyone.

Fr Darryl Mackie

Parish Priest

Sunday 18 January 2026
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First Reading (Isaiah 49: 3. 5-6)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified';

I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 39: 2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8.9)

(R.) Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **(R.)**

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. **(R.)**

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. **(R.)**

4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 1: 1-3)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation (John 1: 14. 12)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel (John 1: 29-34)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'



LAKESIDE PASTORAL REGION

AUSTRALIA DAY MASSES

MONDAY 26TH JANUARY 2026

ST MARY'S WARNERS BAY 9.30AM

ST JOHN VIANNEY MORISSET 9.30AM





LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS 18 JANUARY 2026

The Promoters of Safeguarding continue to endorse a culture of safeguarding within the Parish.

In attempting to cool down during the summer season, children need **safeguarding from scalding by hot water in garden hoses.**

Parents and carers will be **aware** of scalding and burns from jugs, fires, hot water taps, matches, cooking oil and motorcycle exhausts. Many may be **unaware** that one of the most common causes of child burns leading to a trip to a hospital emergency department in summer is scalding by water from a garden hose exposed to direct sunlight. The sun can heat the water inside the hose (not flowing) to 60 °C, which can cause burns, especially to children. At 60 °C, it takes one second for hot water to produce 3rd degree burns. At 55 °C, it takes 10 seconds, and at 50 °C it takes 5 minutes. Before spraying someone with a garden hose in summer, the water needs to run for a minute.

The average temperature of domestic hot water in NSW is 70 °C, which prevents bacteria and diseases from growing. A tempering valve mixes hot and cold water to deliver water at 50°C for all bathrooms and 45°C for childcare and elderly care facilities.

UPDATED EMAIL ADDRESS

As we are now known as Lakeside Pastoral Region, our email address for communication has changed to lakesideregion@mn.catholic.org.au

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



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Location Warners Bay

Anointing Mass

St Joseph's Church Toronto

140 Wangi Road, Toronto

Thursday 26 February 2026

11:00 am

An anointing with the 'Oil of the Sick' for the sick, frail, elderly or anyone in need of healing

You are invited to stay for some light refreshments after this special Mass.

Funeral & Bereavement Team

Across the pastoral region we hold several funerals a year.

To assist in the ongoing ministry of supporting in the planning of funerals together with the ongoing pastoral support to those who have lost loved ones.

I'm inviting anyone across the four parishes interested in this ministry to attend an information afternoon at the **St Joseph's Church Toronto on Thursday 22nd January at 2:00pm**.

Training will be provided.

If you are unable to attend, please email me.
Fr Darryl.

Parish Administrative Assistant Job Vacancy

St Mary of the Cross Parish Hub office at Charlestown is looking for a Casual Parish Administrative Assistant.

This role is the first point of contact for callers and visitors and involves a broad range of administrative, records, finance, and website support duties.

If you feel drawn to faith-based work, have relevant experience, or would value the opportunity to serve and bring hope to the community, we encourage you to apply.

Please follow the below link to apply for the role.
<https://www.seek.com.au/job/89634455>

AUSTRALIA DAY

On Monday 26th January, we celebrate Australia Day. As Christian Australians, we can both celebrate the good things we love about our nation, as well as recognise the wounds that need to be healed in the land and its people.

RITE OF ELECTION

On the First Sunday of Lent Sunday 22 February at 1.30pm will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West
We will have Catechumens from our parish participating.

ROSTERED MINISTRIES

It is again time to revisit our Rostered Ministries for 2026. If you have been involved in the various 2025 ministries, now is the time to indicate your willingness to continue, change your ministry, or have some time out. Now that the Saturday Vigil is at Cooranbong, ministries may need to change. Volunteer Forms are available at the back of the church, or you may complete the Form 'online' by clicking on the Sign-Up Check-in Form Button on our website homepage. You can also access the current roster by clicking its button on our website homepage.

Thank You to those who have already indicated their willingness to be involved in 2026.

LOOKING FORWARD

Ash Wednesday falls on the 18th February, Two Masses will be celebrated at Morisset: 9.30am.& 6.30pm.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026

The 2026 W.D of Prayer will be hosted by SDA Memorial Church Cooranbong, Friday 6th March 2026.-The Theme is ***I Will Give You Rest: Come***
Prepared by WDP Nigeria.

The WDP Nigerian committee has woven together their cultural wisdom with the universal need for rest. Through symbols they remind us how God meets us in our weariness. SJV Morisset will participate in this Day of Prayer. Together, let us become channels of God's rest in our troubled world.

WITH A LIGHT HEART

A bishop was astonished to hear little Mary say that a person must be very brave to go to church these days. "Why do you say that?" asked the bishop. "Well, I heard my uncle tell my aunt last Sunday that there was a canon in the pulpit, that the choir murdered the opening hymn and that the organist drowned the choir".

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

This Sunday **Noah Pinkerton** will receive a **New Life in Christ** through the gift of baptism may he bear witness to the joy of the Gospel and live his life as a child of God with us.

Please remember the Pinkerton family 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:

Jackie Purnell, Miriam English, Jennene Mallett, June Gillett, Bill Fenton, Jayden Sanders, Zayne Peterson, Mary Maloney, Maureen Luxford, Steve McKay, Nancy Overton, Ross Dickson, Mary Monaghan, Clare Wallington, Donna Hazzard, Pam Mullaly, Tintumol Thomas, 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: Bruce Gillett

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Principal: Nick Wickham

PARISH GROUPS

Finance Committee

TBA,

Parish Council Meeting

TBA

Promotion of Safeguarding

Please contact the office

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Presbytery

Reference: Your Surname.

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**St John
Vianney**
Parish Morisset