

# 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, 23 AUGUST 2026**

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

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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 22 Aug**

|             |        |            |
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| <b>Mass</b> | 5:00pm | Cooranbong |
| <b>Mass</b> | 5:30pm | Booragul   |

**Sun 23 Aug**

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| <b>Mass</b> | 8:30am  | Toronto     |
| <b>Mass</b> | 9:00am  | Warners Bay |
| <b>Mass</b> | 10:00am | Morisset    |
| <b>Mass</b> | 6:00pm  | Warners Bay |

**Tue 25 Aug**

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| <b>Mass</b> | 9:30am | Morisset |
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**Wed 26 Aug**

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| <b>Mass</b> | 9:00am | Booragul |
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**Thu 27 Aug**

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| <b>Mass</b> | 9:30am  | Warners Bay |
| <b>Mass</b> | 11.00am | Toronto     |

**Fri 28 Aug**

|             |        |         |
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| <b>Mass</b> | 9:30am | Toronto |
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Dear Parish Family,

*"You are the Christ...the Son of the Living God."*

Last week we left Jesus and the disciples heading to the Gentile side of the lake. They are in Caesarea Philippi north of the Galilee and in modern day Golan Heights. They definitely no longer in Jewish territory, it was actually a significant Gentile centre, associated with Roman power and worship. The name of the city - Caesarea Philippi - has an interesting origin. Twenty years before the birth of Jesus, King Herod the Great built a large temple there to honour Caesar Augustus; and after his death, Herod's son Philip, renamed the city Caesarea Philippi after Caesar and himself. What is more intriguing is that Matthew chose this site, with all these competing voices, he chooses this location for such a significant proclamation of faith.

Looking back over the last few weeks, the disciples have witnessed many things. They had watched the healing and the ridding of unclean spirits; they would have witnessed many come to listen to Jesus speak; they saw the miracle of the five loaves and the two fishes feed over five thousand men (and that didn't include the women and children!); then they saw him walking on the water and calming the storm. Like all teachers know, the best way to understand how much someone has learnt is to set an exam. Firstly, he asks this question to the disciples: **"What are people saying about me?"** In other words, what's on the rumour mill.... probably today we would say what's on Facebook, Tik Tok or Instagram? Their response: **"One of the prophets."**

Jesus' next question goes more to the heart of the matter - **"Who do you say I am?"**. This is the real question. It is one thing to know what other people say about Jesus. It is another thing to make our own response. In typical fashion, when Jesus asks the disciples this question, it is Simon Peter who speaks up first and identifies Jesus as being the Son of the Living God.

Peter is one of the most fascinating characters in the Gospel because he is so human and probably very much like us. In the Gospels we see his ups and downs. Yet Jesus saw something in him from the beginning and called him because he saw potential in him. We all need someone who believes in us, sometimes even before we believe in ourselves. When Peter makes this declaration of faith, Jesus *praises him* and gives him further responsibility. However, the next part is interesting, it definitely shows that Jesus has a sense of humour because the name he gives Peter is like saying *"You are Rocky!"* In Greek petros means Peter and petra is rock.

Do you notice that Jesus speaks then about Peter saying, *"...I will build my Church"*. Not a Roman church or one that is fixed in time and place but one built by Christ, and we are called and challenged to be part of that church today and continuing its work. Every Sunday, as we hear the stories of Jesus. We hear what he said and what he did. We hear about his healing, his compassion, his teaching, his death and resurrection. It challenges us. But eventually the question comes back to us: **"Who do you say that I am?"** May our answer be more than words. May it shape the way we live, the way we treat others, the way we forgive, the way we serve and the way we love. And may we joyfully proclaim, not only with our lips but with our lives: **"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."**

May our lives, our communities and our Church bear witness to this always.

Stay well and warm everyone

**Fr Darryl Mackie**

Parish Priest

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Sunday 23 Aug 2026

### First Reading (Isaiah 22:19-23)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,  
I remove you from your post,  
and the same day I call on my servant  
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.  
I invest him with your robe,  
gird him with your sash,  
entrust him with your authority;  
and he shall be a father  
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and to the House of Judah.  
I place the key of the House of David  
on his shoulder;  
should he open, no one shall close,  
should he close, no one shall open.  
I drive him like a peg  
into a firm place;  
he will become a throne of glory  
for his father's house.

### Responsorial Psalm (Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8)

**(R.) Lord, your love is eternal;  
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

## Anointing Mass

**Tuesday 15th September at 9.30am**  
**St John Vianney Church Morisset**  
**60 Yambo St Morisset**

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



(CNS photo/Vatican Media)

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

**For Evangelization In The City**

Let us pray that in large cities,  
often marked by anonymity and loneliness,  
we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel,  
discovering creative paths to build community.

### Second Reading (Romans 11:33-36)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

### Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 16:18)

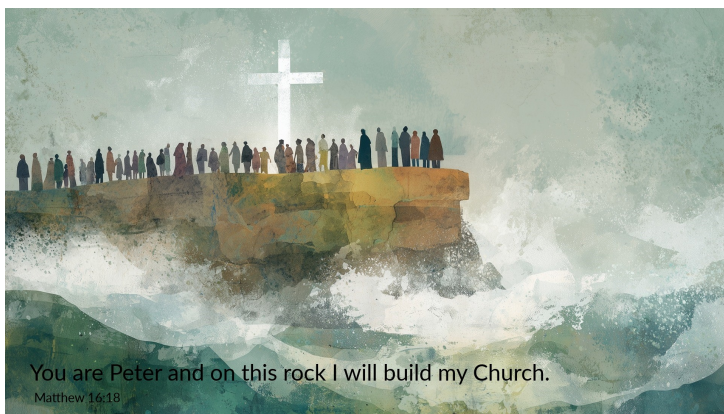
Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;  
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel (Matthew 16:13-20)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.



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





# Children's Liturgy of the Word

Helping children hear,  
understand and love  
God's Word



Held on the  
**SECOND SUNDAY  
OF THE MONTH**  
at the 9am Mass



For children  
Prep to Year 6  
All are welcome!

NEXT CHILDREN'S  
LITURGY WILL BE:

## SUNDAY 12th SEPTEMBER



Let the little children come to me,  
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.  
Mark 10:14

### Diocesan Events Page on the Website

There are many wonderful, inspiring and engaging things happening across our Parishes and in the Diocese. Keep up to date and share these in your communities using the link and QR Code below in your bulletins.

<https://mn.catholic.org.au/cdmn-news/events/>

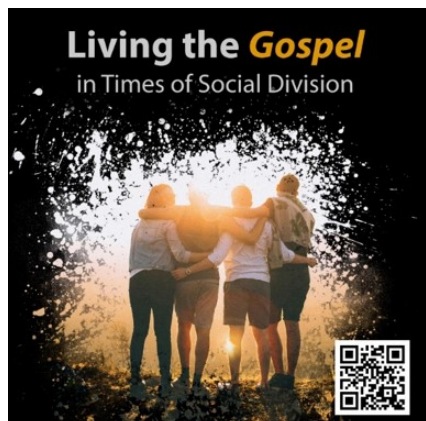


### Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division

Bishop Michael Kennedy reflects on the latest Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement and the Gospel call to be people of encounter and reconciliation.

Scan the QR code or visit <https://mn.catholic.org.au/news/living-the-gospel-in-times-of-social-division-a-message-from-bishop-michael-kennedy/>

Leading into Social Justice Sunday on **30 August**, parishes are encouraged to reflect on the 'culture of encounter' as part of our current season of listening assemblies and renewal.



### Calling for Expressions of Interest – Councils and Advisory Boards

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle warmly invites you to once again journey with us in faith, open dialogue and discernment as we continue to establish and strengthen our new Councils and Advisory Boards.

Following our initial Expressions of Interest process last year, we are now seeking to fill some vacancies on our Councils and Advisory Boards as we build on the strong foundation.

This next phase is an opportunity to broaden participation and ensure our governance reflects the diversity and rich gifts of our diocesan community.

Our renewed governance model honours both civil and Church law, and is grounded in the mission and teachings of the Church.

The Councils and Advisory Boards that have formed play an important role in shaping the future of our Diocese, contributing to decisions that support faithful, sustainable and mission-driven outcomes. Already our Pastoral Council has been discerning our call to mission. Read more here.

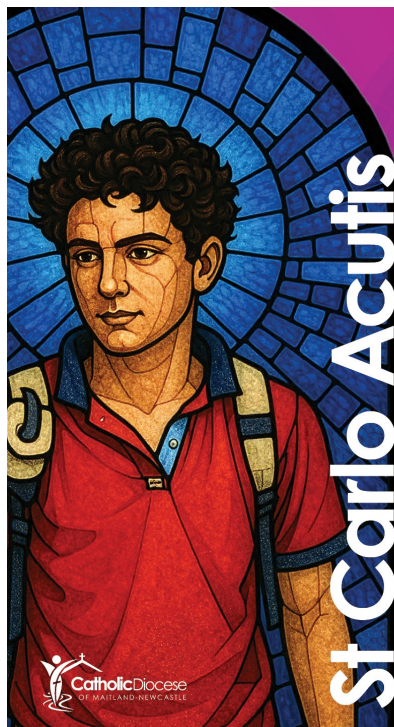
We invite people from across the Diocese who feel called to serve to submit an expression of interest via the Diocesan website and QR code. Link: <https://mn.catholic.org.au/governance-advisory-group-eoi/>

In particular, opportunities exist for those with backgrounds in Governance, Finance and Banking. We are also seeking new members for our Community and Wellbeing, CCF and Education boards.

These groups work in a synodal way marked by collaboration, respectful listening and thoughtful conversation.

Join with us - this is a unique opportunity to share your gifts, deepen your engagement in the life of the Church and help shape the path ahead for our Diocese.





**St Carlo Acutis**

Major Relic Mission  
8 SEPTEMBER TO  
13 SEPTEMBER 2026

Scan for more information



**Tuesday, 18 August 2026**

**Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,**

Pope Leo XIV is inviting the young Church to join him at the next International World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea, in August 2027. As part of our ongoing commitment to building ALIVE Catholic Youth, I am delighted to announce that the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle will lead a pilgrimage to this global celebration of faith and onward to Japan.

World Youth Day offers young people a powerful experience of faith, pilgrimage and community. Through encounters with one another and with Christ, pilgrims are strengthened in their relationship with Jesus and inspired to live the Gospel with renewed purpose.

The theme for this World Youth Day comes from John 16:33: "Take courage! I have overcome the world." These words remind us that Christ has conquered fear, sin and death, calling us to live with hope and confidence in His presence.

I have appointed James Camden, Diocesan Director Mission & Evangelisation and Ryan Gato, Head Religious Education & Spirituality, to lead our team as joint Pilgrimage Co-ordinators. Both have extensive experience in preparing and leading faith-based overseas pilgrimages with young people. Their leadership alongside me ensures that after a ten-year hiatus Year 11 (2027) students of the Diocese will be invited to join our parishioners aged 16-35 for this World Youth Day.

Our itinerary will include visits to significant sites connected to the Korean martyrs and saints, offering pilgrims an opportunity to encounter the story of a Church shaped by faith, sacrifice and perseverance. Following World Youth Day, we will travel to Japan, including Nagasaki and Hiroshima, where pilgrims will gather for prayer, reflection and hope at sites of great historical significance.

I ask each parish and school community over the coming months to consider how they might identify and support two to three young pilgrims to attend WYD27.

**Potential pilgrims and their families are invited to attend the launch event with the team and I on Tuesday 8 September. We will welcome a first-class relic of Saint Carlo Acutis to the Diocese (a patron Saint of this World Youth Day) and then provide time for further information, Q&A and an overview of the itinerary from 5:30pm-8pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton and the Diocesan Resource Centre.**

I pray that our young people, and those who accompany them on this journey, will be transformed by the lives of Saint Andrew Kim Taegon, Saint Carlo Acutis and other WYD Patron Saints as we prepare for and make this pilgrimage.

**Take courage! Come and join us.**



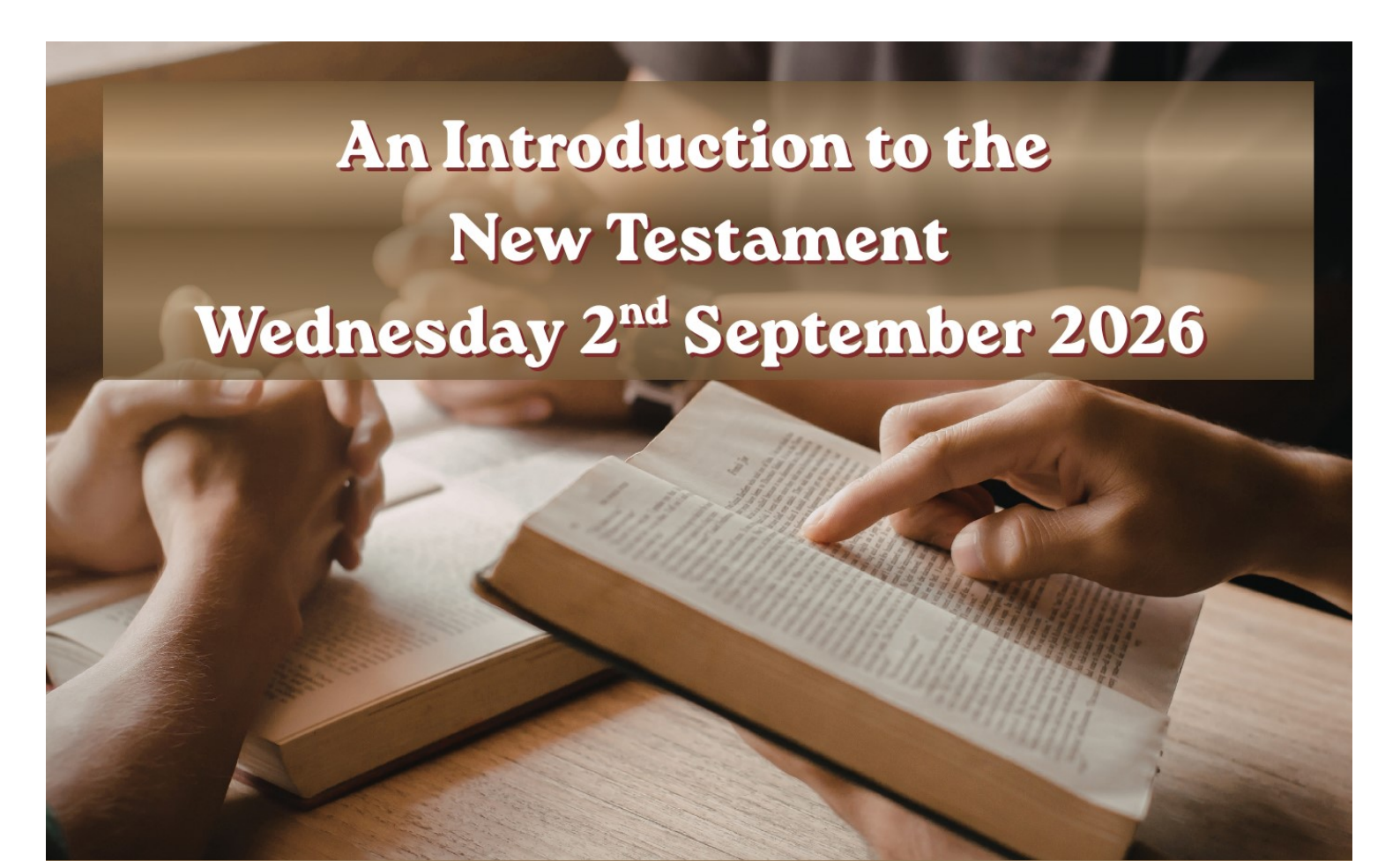
BISHOP MICHAEL KENNEDY

**WORLD YOUTH  
DAY 2027**

**SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA**

**29 JULY - 13 AUGUST 2027  
INCLUDES POST-RETREAT IN JAPAN**





# **An Introduction to the New Testament**

## **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026**

**Would you like to learn 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.**

**Wednesday 2nd September 2026**

**Morning Session: 10.30am to Noon 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.cloud.microsoft/r/LLfpj4KN3n>**



### Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel Jesus asks his disciples, 'And you, who do you say that I am?' The crucial question for each of us today is: 'Who is Jesus for us in 2026?'

### Prayer-Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Recently, we had the opportunity to join with our community for a time of quite prayer and reflection and just being present and alone with God in the Morisset Church. This was well received, and another opportunity is planned for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 9am-9.30am. (Before 10am Mass)

### Ministry Rosters

In September 2026, new ministry rosters will be prepared for the next 6 months. If you are currently exercising a ministry and would like a break, or wish to take up a ministry, please consider and let us know before the new roster is prepared.

'Sign Up' Forms are now available at the back of the Church for consideration or they can be completed 'on-line' by scanning the QR code or at: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/3hXRd4Dvn7>



### Multicultural Mass

On the Feast of Pentecost, we gathered as a parish to celebrate with a Mass and Multi Culture Lunch. This was a very joyous occasion, when parishioners from many cultures came together and shared what it means to be a Christian in 2026. To commence our Liturgical Year 2027, it is planned to have a similar function, with a Christmas Theme, on the First Sunday of Advent 29th November 2026. Please mark this date in your Calendar.

### Thankyou

Thank you for the prayers, good wishes and offers of help over these last few weeks. They are all very much appreciated. Mal and Pam Melvey.

### With a Light Heart Some Silly One Liners

- # A friend of mine did his pilot's exam just after a storm and flew through a rainbow. He passed with flying colours.
- # My friend got taken to hospital because he's convinced that he's turned into a vacuum cleaner. Just phoned to see how he is and they say he's picking up.
- # I was arguing with a friend at a pizza place the other day when my best mate came over, grabbed the garlic bread and coleslaw from our table, and ran off. I wish he would stop taking sides.
- # A friend of mine lost his job as a courier driver. He just wasn't delivering the goods.

***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:***

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:*** Andrea Emilia Bernabey

***Remembrance:*** The Cáceres, Rios, Alonso, and SantaCruz families.

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**Principal:** Nick Wickham

### PARISH GROUPS

#### Finance Committee

TBA

#### Pastoral Council Meeting

Monday 24th August—6.30pm

St Michael's Booragul

#### Promotion of Safeguarding

Please contact the office

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**St John  
Vianney**  
Parish Morisset

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