

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, 30 AUGUST 2026

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

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BAPTISMS & SACRAMENTS

Booking via Parish Website

Baptisms celebrated most Sundays.

UPCOMING MASS TIMES:

Sat 29 Aug

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

Sun 30 Aug

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

Tue 01 Sept

Mass	9:30am	Morisset
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Wed 02 Sept

Mass	9:00am	Booragul
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Thu 03 Sept

Mass	9:30am	Warners Bay
Mass	11.00am	Toronto

Fri 04 Sept

Mass	9:30am	Toronto
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Dear Parish Family,

*"If anyone wants to be a follower of mine,
let them renounce themselves and take up their cross and follow me."*

Last week, we were with Jesus and his disciples in Caesarea Philippi, a place of trade, commerce, Roman power and religious worship. It was the place where anything you wanted could be found. It was here amongst the distractions that Simon Peter is at the top of the class when Jesus asks the question, "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Today, however Peter puts his foot in it! As Jesus speaks about his impending trip to Jerusalem that will lead to his death, Peter is shocked by this and says out loud to Jesus why he would say something like that! Jesus responds with the confronting words, "get behind me Satan".

Matthew's Gospel has three predictions of Jesus' death...this is the first one! The people of Israel always had in their mind that when the Messiah came, they would overthrow whatever authorities were in charge at the time...in this case the Romans. If Peter has declared Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah then shouldn't Jesus be overthrowing the Romans and not talking about dying! And dying on a cross of all things and Jesus tells his disciples (and us) to do the same – take up your cross.

When you think of it, the words can be challenging. When you hear the word "cross," we can naturally think of suffering, pain and sacrifice. And sometimes Christianity can almost sound like an invitation to a life of misery: Come and join us, and we can promise you suffering, difficulties and a cross to carry! It doesn't sound attractive. In fact, its counter cultural - in a world that constantly tells us that happiness comes from having more, buying more and making life as comfortable as possible. We are surrounded by messages that say, "Buy this and you'll feel a million dollars." We are encouraged to avoid discomfort and to choose whatever makes life easier.

So, what does Jesus really mean when he says to us, "Take up your cross"? The cross is not simply about suffering. It's about choice. When you look at the cross....it has two pieces crossing one another. It reminds us of crossroads in our lives – a place where we must decide which direction we are going to take. Jeremiah experienced this in our first reading. He had reached his own crossroads. He had been faithful to proclaiming God's word, yet in return he was ridiculed, rejected and imprisoned. He became tired and wondered whether it was worth continuing. He discovered that being faithful to God did not necessarily make life easier.

Every day we come to our crossroads. We have choices about how we treat people. We choose whether to forgive or hold on to resentment. We choose whether to speak up or remain silent. We choose whether to put ourselves first or think about someone else. We choose whether to follow what is popular or what we know is right. This is where taking up our cross becomes real.

By now, my announcement regarding my stepping down from the parishes of Toronto and Morisset should have been communicated to you. When I spoke with the Bishop this week, he mentioned that he will be calling for expressions of interest for the parish around mid-September, with the hope of making appointments sometime in November. Depending on circumstances, some parish priests may commence either in December or January. In the meantime, however, it is very much "business as usual," and there is still plenty to be done.

Stay well and warm everyone

Fr Darryl Mackie

Parish Priest

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Sunday 30 Aug 2026

First Reading (Jeremiah 20:7-9)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2)

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**
4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **(R.)**

Second Reading (Romans 12:1-2)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation (See Ephesians 1:17-18)

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 16:21-27)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

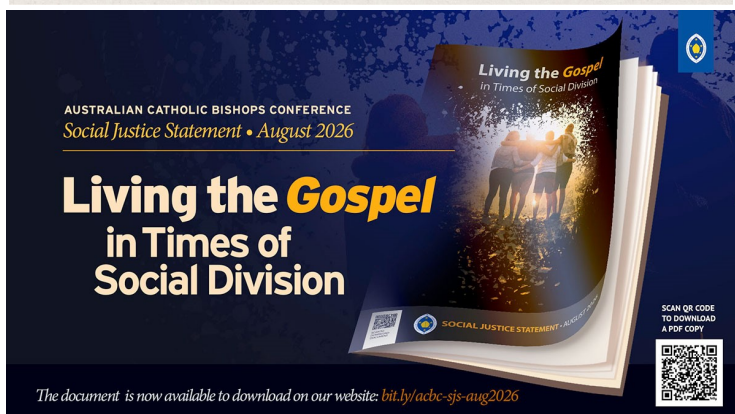


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Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for August 2026

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.





Children's Liturgy of the Word

Helping children hear,
understand and love
God's Word



Contact Bernadette Johnson Ph: 0451152909



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

An Introduction to the New Testament Wednesday 2nd 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, Rancelaud Street Booragul

For printing purposes etc please register with the QR code
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Ladies Day Luncheon

MONDAY
7TH SEPT 2026

When: From 11:30 am
Where: Boolaroo Sports Club,
31 Eighth Street,
Speers Point
RSVP: June 0407 010 663
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ALL WELCOME



WHAT IS THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH TODAY?

PANEL CONVERSATION WITH BRENDON MANNIX,
JENIFER FERNANDES & ADAM FROST

TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER
DIOCESAN RESOURCE CENTRE

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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.



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine take up your cross and follow me.' Our following of Christ can be in small steps. God is patient. Carrying our cross is in the sharing of our gifts and talents, our love and compassion.

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>



Prayer-Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sydney, Australia, will host the 54th International Eucharistic Congress (Eucharist28) in September 2028. We will have the opportunity to join with our community for a time of quiet prayer and reflection and just being present and alone with God in the Morisset Church Sunday 13th September 9am-9.30am. (Before 10am Mass) Eucharistic Adoration is less about "doing" and more about "being."



Prayer for Our Future Pastor



That the Holy Spirit be with our parish family in this time of waiting, leading us in faith, friendship, and caring service, and preparing the way for the priest God is calling to serve among us. We pray to the Lord.



Anointing Mass

The next Anointing Mass will be held Tuesday 15th September 9.30am in the Morisset Church.

With a Light Heart

I was standing at a bar when this small Chinese guy comes in. He stands right next to me and starts drinking beer. So, I asked him, "Do you know any of those martial arts things, like Kung-Fu, Karate, or Ju-Jitsu?" He says "No, why would you ask me that? Is it because I'm Chinese?" "No", I said, "It's because you're drinking my beer."

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:

Marrylyn 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: Andrea Emilia Bernabey
Remembrance:

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Pastoral Council Meeting

TBA

Promotion of Safeguarding

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Vianney**
Parish Morisset

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