Lakeside Pastoral Region Bulletin

The Catholic Parishes of Booragul Warners Bay, Toronto and Morisset

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SUNDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2026 **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

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BAPTISMS & SACRAMENTS

Booking via Parish Website
Baptisms celebrated most Sundays.

RECONCILLIATION

5:00-5:15pm
St Michael's Booragul

UPCOMING MASS TIMES:

Sat 14 Nov		
Mass	5:00pm	Cooranbong
Mass	5:30pm	Booragul
Sun 15 Nov		
Mass	8:30am	Toronto
Mass	9:00am	Warners Bay
Mass	10:00am	Morisset
Mass	6:00pm	Warners Bay
Tue 17 Nov		
Mass	9:30am	Morisset
Wed 18 Nov		
Mass	9:00am	Booragul
Thu 19 Nov		
Mass	9:30am	Warners Bay
Mass	11:00am	Toronto
Fri 20 Nov		
Mass	9:30am	Toronto

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Gospel Reflection

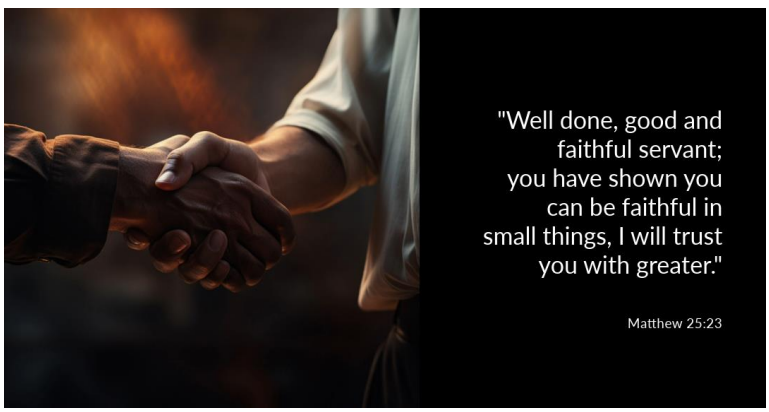
This week's gospel is a very familiar parable and one that is often used with students and young people. It is generally used as an encouragement to make the most of the gifts and skills that the listeners possess. It is rarely, however, placed in its context as part of the full Chapter 25 lesson about the time of waiting and preparation for the coming of the Lord and the Christian life.

Again, the story is presented as a parable of the Kingdom – a glimpse into the right order of things in the realised Kingdom. A very wealthy master entrusts his considerable assets to his servants to manage in his absence. The three servants were allocated money, 'each in proportion to his ability'. The emphasis of the parable is on what each servant did with the funds they were allotted. They were charged with managing the money in the place of their master; acting in their master's place to further develop his wealth.

Like all of Jesus' parables, this one has a sting in the tail. Although the third servant has done nothing illegal or corrupt, he is very harshly dealt with. His crime is laziness! He was given a great opportunity to demonstrate his abilities and yet he shied away and returned to his master exactly what had been entrusted to him, unimproved. The author of Matthew's gospel uses this parable to shock the audience out of complacency. They cannot rely solely on the promised return of the Lord, they must continue to act on Jesus' message and work to bring about the Kingdom in their own lives. Those who fail to act, leaving everything to the work of God, are as bad as the lazy servant who failed to grasp an extraordinary opportunity.

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Sunday 15 November 2026

First Reading (Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31)

A reading from the book of Proverbs

A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1)

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **(R.)**
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. **(R.)**

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6)

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

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation (John 15:4. 5)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 25:14-30)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'"



Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for November 2026

For The Proper Use Of Wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be at the service of the common good and in solidarity with those who have less.



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2027 Liturgical Books

The book orders have arrived payments can be made via Parish Bank Accounts using reference: BKS + Surname or Credit Card using the Diocese Payment Page or Cash in an Envelope with Books + Name of the front.
$33ea Break Open the Word 2027
$25ea Ordo 2027
$22ea God's Word 2027
$33ea Daily Mass Book 2027
$35ea The New Community Bible

SRE & Children's Ministry Reflection Day with Bishop Michael

Thursday 17 December, 9.30am-2pm, Tea Gardens

Join us for a special day of reflection, renewal, and community as we gather for the SRE & Children's Ministry Reflection Day with Bishop Michael Kennedy.

Learn More: [SRE & Children's Ministry Reflection Day with Bishop Michael - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle]



Join Mission and Evangelisation on the Front Line

STELLA MARIS
SUPPORTING SEAFARERS AND FISHERS AROUND THE WORLD

Make a difference in where it is needed most; we are seeking a part-time Stella Maris Port Chaplain to provide pastoral care, support and hospitality to seafarers visiting the Port of Newcastle.

If you are passionate about supporting others, this might be the role for you. Applications close Mon 16 November, with interviews scheduled later that week. Learn more about the role here:

https://cdmn.elmotalent.com.au/careers/dio/job/view/6859

or email: James.camden@mn.catholic.org.au

Anointing Mass

Thursday 19th November 2026 at 11am
St Joseph's Church
140 Wangi Rd Toronto

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



FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH, LOCHINVAR

This is a four day per week position, working with the Congregation Leader and Team to manage the financial and material resources of the Sisters. The position is based at the Congregational Administration Centre, Warners Bay.

Responsibilities include:

- Banking, budgeting, accounting
- Payroll, managing staff, property and resources
- Oversight of all IT operations & services
- Liaising with external agencies
- Building & maintaining positive relationships with Sisters.

Qualifications/Experience:

- An understanding of and commitment to Catholic ethos and values
- Financial & employee management
- Good organisational, analytical and communication skills
- Experience in MYOB, Microsoft Office Professional software.
- Sensitivity, discretion and sound judgment
- An ability to coordinate & collaborate with others easily.

Further details and a full statement of duties are available from louise.gilchrist @ssjl.org.au; ph. 02 49 484063.

Contact details of two referees + a valid Working With Children Check and a current Police Check are required.

Closing date: COB, 30 November 2026.

Send all relevant documentation to:

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Warners Bay. NSW. 2282.
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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we approach the end of the church year, it is an opportunity to do some deep reflection. With Advent and Christmas approaching, it may be a good time to take a deep breath, step back, and think about what really matters. If we bury our lives in idle pursuits, and our heads in the sand, we could wind up like the third servant in today's Gospel: trapped in the darkness.

Multicultural Mass - First Sunday of Advent

When: First Sunday of Advent, 10am November 29th at Morisset.
Followed by Hospitality.
Parishioners from Eighteen different nationalities, have indicated that they will bring food for the hospitality, from their country of origin.

'Cuppa, Cake and Chat'

Cuppa Cake and Chat will be held in the Callinan Centre (Behind the Morisset Church). this Sunday 15th November 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!

November-Month of the Holy Souls.

We began the month of November with the feasts of All Saints and All Souls. To help us remember our departed relatives and friends, we have our 'Remembrance Tree' in both churches. Please place a leaf on the tree if you haven't already done so.

Christmas 2026

As in the past Christmas Eve Mass will be held at the Morisset Showground to allow for the expected larger than normal crowd, and availability of parking.
Christmas Eve Mass @ 6pm Morisset Showground Ourimbah St.
Christmas Day Mass @ 10am SJV Church Morisset 60 Yambo St.

Vinnies Christmas non perishable food donations

There are many people in our community who rely on our assistance particularly at this time of year. On the weekends of November 21st/22nd and 28th/29th, a basket will be placed in each church to receive your donations of non-perishable food items to assist us with making up hampers for these needy families . We will not be asking for gifts to be donated this year.
Thank you for support with both prayers and goods.
Our Cash Appeal will be on the weekend of December 5th/6th.

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:
Damien Peterson, Suzanne Boshma, Marylyn Sloman, Maree Scully, David Ford, Michelle Weickhorst, Annette Boyd, Irene Purcell, Dianne Whitten, Jackie Purnell, Miriam English, June Gillett, 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: Grace Lyons, Emily Williams, Leslie Fowler, Cornelius Lyons, Carmel Brereton Betty Smith

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St Mary's Primary School K-6
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Acting Principal: Anne-Maree Shipman

PARISH GROUPS

Finance Committee
TBA
St Michael's Booragul

Pastoral Council Meeting
Monday 23rd November- 6.30pm
St Michael's Booragul

Promotion of Safeguarding
Please contact the office

Mass Collections - Thankyou

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