

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, 09 AUGUST 2026

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

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BAPTISMS & SACRAMENTS

Booking via Parish Website

Baptisms celebrated most Sundays.

UPCOMING MASS TIMES:

Sat 08 Aug

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

Sun 09 Aug

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

Tue 11 Aug

Mass	9:30am	Morisset
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Wed 12 Aug

Mass	9:00am	Booragul
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Thu 13 Aug

Mass	9:30am	Warners Bay
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Fri 14 Aug

Mass	9:30am	Toronto
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Dear Parish Family,

“Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid...”

Fear is the dominant theme in this weekend's readings - but more importantly, they show us how fear is overcome through faith. Fear will not have the final word because God is our strength. In our first reading, we meet the prophet Elijah, who is running for his life. To understand his fear, we need a little background. Elijah had just defeated the 450 prophets of the false god Baal on Mount Carmel. That dramatic contest revealed that the God of Israel alone is Lord of life and death. Although Elijah had won the battle, Queen Jezebel vowed to kill him. So, he flees into the wilderness and takes refuge in a cave, convinced that he was about to die. It is there, in that cave, that Elijah encounters God - not in the violent wind, not in the earthquake, not in the fire, but in the sound of a gentle breeze. God's strength is revealed not through power and spectacle, but through his quiet, reassuring presence.

In the Gospel, we have Matthew's account of Jesus walking on the water. Jesus had gone off alone to pray while the disciples crossed the lake. As they battled a fierce storm, Jesus came to them walking across the water. Peter, who had already heard Jesus' teaching and witnessed the miracle of the loaves and fishes, still had much to learn. Seeing Jesus, he asks to come to him across the water. What I love about this passage is that, like all of us, Jesus believes in Peter. He invites him to step out of the boat. As long as Peter keeps his eyes fixed on Jesus, he walks on the water. But the moment his attention shifts to the wind and the waves beneath him, fear takes over, and he begins to sink. Yet even then, Jesus immediately reaches out and takes hold of him. Once they are safely back in the boat, the disciples make one of the great professions of faith in Matthew's Gospel: “Truly, you are the Son of God.”

The image of the boat is significant and became the symbol of the early church. A symbol journeying through the troubled waters. In fact, the disciples began on the familiar Jewish side of the Sea of Galilee. On the other side was Gentile territory, otherwise unfamiliar ground. They are no longer at home. In the same way, we, as the Church and as disciples of Christ, are often called to leave what is familiar and venture into places that are uncertain, uncomfortable, and new. The challenge for the disciples - and for us - is never to lose sight of Jesus, especially in the storms. That's faith through all that life can throw at us!

This weekend we also celebrate the faith and courage of Australia's first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Mary's courage was born from her deep faith in God. It was expressed through compassion, perseverance, and an unwavering determination in the face of hardship. She is remembered not because her life was easy, but because she remained faithful through every trial. She endured personal suffering, misunderstanding, and opposition - even from within the Church - never losing sight of the mission God had entrusted to her. As she championed education for poor and disadvantaged children, especially those living in remote communities. Even when many insisted that her vision could not succeed, she persevered, trusting in God's providence. Mary teaches us that courage is not the absence of fear. Courage is trusting God enough to keep going despite fear. Like Peter, she kept her eyes fixed on Jesus. Like Elijah, she discovered God's strength in moments of quiet faith rather than dramatic displays of power. May the witness of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop inspire us to trust more deeply, to serve more generously, and to live more courageously. May we be guided by her words. “Never see a need without doing something about it.”

Stay well and warm everyone.

Fr Darryl Mackie

Parish Priest

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
Sunday 09 Aug 2026**

First Reading (1 Kings 19:9-11-13)

A reading from the first book of the Kings
When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8)

**(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

Second Reading (Romans 9:1-5)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.



Gospel Acclamation (Psalm 129:5)

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 14:22-33)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'



Anointing Mass

Thursday 20th August 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.



(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.

Feast of the Assumption (Sat 15 August)
Holy Day of Obligation

Fri - 5.30pm St Michael's Booragul
 Sat - 8.30am St Josephs Toronto
 Sat - 9.00am St Mary's Warners Bay
 Sat - 10.00am St John Vianney Morisset
 Fri - 5.00pm Our Lady of Good Counsel
 West Wallsend
 Sat - 9.00am Holy Cross Glendale



**Formation
Films**



Diocesan Resource Centre
 Saturday 5 September 2026
 11.00 am
 Morning Tea & Lunch Supplied

Book Here
 or call 0409033449



FREE ENTRY

VINEYARDS CATHOLIC PARISHES PRESENTS

TESTIMONY & BIBLE STUDY

with Charbel Raish

FRIDAY 14 AUGUST | 6:15pm - 9pm

"HOW ISLAM LED ME BACK TO CHRIST"

Charbel Raish was born into a Catholic home. But, in the last 6 years of school, he was influenced and challenged in his faith by Islamic friends. In his final year, he struggled to make a choice. He visited a mosque to give his life to Allah and Muhammad. But God wasn't done with him yet.

SATURDAY 15 AUGUST | 9:30am - 4pm

BIBLE IN A DAY

Bible in A Day reveals the "big picture" of Scripture by showing how the key narrative books tell the story of salvation from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church today.

Session 1: Foundations (Early World & Patriarchs)
 Session 2: Freedom (Exodus, Desert, Promised Land)
 Session 3: Kingdom (Kingsdoms, Exile, Return)
 Session 4: Fulfillment (Maccabees, Christ, Church)

Donations are welcomed to support the speaker.

Location: Kurri Parish Hall, 102 Barton Street, KURRI MURRI

For more info, contact Yvonne - 0450323206

REGISTER HERE

Children's Liturgy of the Word

9am Mass
 Sunday 9th August
 St Mary's Church
 Warners Bay

Contact Bernadette Johnson
 Ph: 0451152909

St Carlo Acutis Major Relic Mission

As the Diocese journeys towards Eucharist28 with Pope Leo XIV we are proud to be hosting the first-class relics of a millennial Saint – Carlo Acutis (September 8-14). During his young life, Carlo created the Eucharistic Miracle Exhibition, which will also accompany the tour. See the schedule that covers the Reception of the Relic, Upper Hunter Encounter, Northern Region Encounter and the Newcastle City Basin Encounter. The pilgrimage has been drawing tens of thousands from across Australia and New Zealand these past months and we are looking forward to host.

Learn More: [St Carlo Acutis Relic Mission - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)

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 Church

Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

Called to Know More



Wednesday 26 August, 12pm – 1pm,
 Diocesan Resource Centre

Join us for *Morality 101: The Joy of Christian Living in a Morally Crazy World* with Fr Anthony Coloma, exploring moral choices through “encounter” with Jesus via Scripture, Eucharist, and prayer. Discover how hardship shapes faith, and God’s welcoming love for those who have drifted. Come listen, share, and enjoy hospitality afterward! All welcome. Learn More: [Morality 101: The Joy of Christian Living in a Morally Crazy World. - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)

Movie Night

Where: Lake Macquaire
 Cinema Boolaroo

When: Friday 14 August
 7:30pm

Price: \$12 - Cash only
 (eftpos machine
 unavailable)



**WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING
MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:**

Sick List: Phil O'Neill, Adriana Lenardon, Mary Aganovic, Alec Aganovic, Taylor Aganovic, Christopher Murray, Penny Jordan, Katherine McCarthy, Helen Martin, James Bennett, Silvi Bennett, Dakai Smith, Scott Massey, Peter Corcoran, Maya Kelly, Paul Whitelaw, Simon Morrice, Victor Andres Guerrero Luhing, Margaret Sheridan, Judy Blissett, Judy Fisher, Jenny Moles, Sarah Hill, Judith Kilburn, Kath Brooks, Brett Sulman, Richard Tooker, Roz Wood, Amanda Sevil, Ella Hammond, Theresa Shahinian, Dianna Close, and Monica LoCascio.

Recently Deceased: Sr Coral Hedley RSM

Anniversaries: Maurie Mather

Please contact the office if there are any changes.

DEAR LIVING PRAYER FAMILY

In this month dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary we focus on Mary's love of God, her virtues and her love for us.

We pray

*that with Mary's help we keep our eyes on Jesus our saviour, our protector, our help.

*that we might respond to God with joy as Mary did. "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour..."

*that with a compassionate heart like Mary we may love our neighbour and treat all we meet with dignity and kindness.

*that Mary will give us the courage to discern God's will for us as she did with complete selflessness and humility.

*that Mary will intercede for us as we offer up the prayers of this community.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Don't forget the Living Prayer box at the back of the church - place your intentions in the box and they will be taken up and placed at the altar during the Prayers of the Faithful.

On Sunday, 26 July 2026, at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle West, Bishop Michael presided over the 2026 Magdalene Awards. The Magdalene Award recognises a woman who embodies the courage, leadership and faithfulness of Mary Magdalene - the first witness to the Risen Christ and often referred to as "the Apostle to the Apostles."

As the Diocese writes: *The award affirms a woman living in and committed to the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle whose life and service reflect the Gospel values and the spirit of Mary Magdalene. The recipient receives the perpetual Magdalene statue for the year, together with an opportunity for spiritual nourishment, such as a retreat, faith formation experience or bookshop voucher.*

Our Diocese is blessed with many remarkable women whose generosity and faithful service make the selection process a difficult one each year. Every nominee is therefore recognised with a Certificate of Appreciation and a commemorative Magdalene pin. This year, one of our own parishioners, Debbie Gwynne, was nominated for this special honour. Debbie serves our parish with extraordinary generosity, often quietly and behind the scenes. She is deeply involved with the Liturgy Group, our musicians, the parish team, church decorations, and many other ministries. While Debbie was not selected as the diocesan award recipient, she is certainly our parish's Magdalene.

This Sunday, we look forward to acknowledging the invaluable ministry of the many women who enrich the life of our parish. In a special way, we thank Deb for her faithful, and tireless service. Congratulations, and thank you for the countless ways you help build our parish community. Your generosity, faith and commitment are an inspiration to us all.

BAPTISMS

This weekend we will witness the baptism of

**George Henry Pavitt
Flora Jane Davey
Mila Robyn Davey**

May the gift of baptism they will receive strengthen them for their journey of life and faith they will share with us.

Please remember the Pavitt and Davey families in your prayers.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St Mary's Primary School K-6

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Principal: Nick Wickham

PARISH GROUPS

Finance Committee

Thursday 20th August—6.00pm

St Michael's Booragul

Pastoral Council Meeting

Monday 24th August—6.30pm

St Michael's Booragul

Promotion of Safeguarding

Please contact the office

Mass Collection

First Collection supports our priests:

BSB: 066 739

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Second Collection supports our parish:

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Donations to support our parish can also be made via the EFTPOS machine at the back of the church

