

# 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, 14 JUNE 2026**

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

## PARISH TEAM

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[www.boolaroocatholicchurch.com](http://www.boolaroocatholicchurch.com)  
[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 13 June

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

### Sun 14 June

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

### Tue 16 Jun

**Mass** 9:30am Morisset

### Wed 17 Jun

**Mass** 9:00am Booragul

### Thu 18 Jun

**Mass** 9:30am Warners Bay

### Fri 19 Jun

**Mass** 9:30am Toronto

Dear Parish Family,

*Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them....!*

We are back in green, our Ordinary Time – this liturgical time is always a time of growth, growth in Christ and we do this through Matthew's Gospel, our Gospel of the year. Written around 70–80 AD for a mixed community largely made up of converts from Judaism, Matthew presents Jesus as the new Moses: a teacher whose proclamation of the Kingdom of God is revealed through healing, freedom from structures etc that hold us back, and the restoration of hope – often by challenging the status quo.

This Sunday's readings connect well with last weekend's Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, where we reflected on the connection between bread and companionship – those with whom we share bread. In the Eucharist, we are not only nourished but also invited to become attentive to the needs of the world. It is to these needs that Jesus now calls his disciples.

We are told in the Gospel, from the very start, that Jesus saw the crowds and felt sorry for them.... well, it's a bit more than sorry. Empathy is the ability to understand, share and experience the emotions of another person. The Greek term that Matthew uses in this passage is ἐσπλαγχνίζομαι (esplanchnisthe) which actually means something more like: "his guts were in a knot". In other words, Jesus found this stomach-churning stuff that he knew he had to do something about, and that he couldn't do it alone!

So, he calls the disciples and sends them out. This mirrors our own call. We, too, are God's special people. To us has been entrusted the good news to proclaim to others and as the saying often attributed to St Francis of Assisi reminds us: "Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words." (Something to think about!) We are called to be the healing presence of Christ in our world – to comfort those who mourn, to bring hope to those who feel lost, to welcome those pushed to the margins, and to drive out anger, fear, and hatred.

So, when you feel that stirring within – when your "stomach is in a knot" – don't ignore it. That may be the Spirit prompting you to act. Let's respond. Let's make a difference.

With so much happening in the region, a few people have asked me for some updates on what's been happening – closure of the Our Lady Help of Christians Church, multicultural Mass at Morisset, farewell to Fr Peter and welcome to Fr Patrick ...we are working on an additional newsletter and hope to have out in the parish in the coming week or two....stay tuned!

Stay warm....

**Fr Darryl Mackie**  
Parish Priest

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**  
**Sunday 14 Jun 2026**

**First Reading (Exodus 19:2-6)**

A reading from the book of Exodus

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."

**Responsorial Psalm (Ps 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3)**

**(R.) We are his people:  
the sheep of his flock.**

1. Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy. **(R.)**
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R.)**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. **(R.)**

**Second Reading (Romans 5:6-11)**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.



**Pope Leo's Prayer Intention  
for June 2026**

**For the values of sports.**

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

**Gospel Acclamation (Mark 1:15)**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The kingdom of God is near;  
repent and believe the Good News!  
Alleluia!

**Gospel (Matthew 9:36 – 10:8)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest."

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

**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**



**Anointing Mass**

**Tuesday 16th June 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.**



## NAIDOC Week 2026 – Civic Flag Raising Ceremony & Community Festival

Monday 6 July 2026, 8:45am, Civic Park, Newcastle

Join us for the NAIDOC Week Flag Raising Ceremony as we celebrate this year's theme, "50 Years of Deadly"—marking five decades of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander excellence, strength, culture, and leadership. Following the ceremony, a community procession will make its way to Foreshore Park for the Awabakal Newcastle NAIDOC Community Festival. The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is proud to support this important event and invites all to come together to celebrate, listen, learn, and walk alongside First Nations peoples in the spirit of reconciliation. Show your support!

**Register here:** [NAIDOC Week Flag Raising Ceremony, MONDAY 6 July 2025, 8:45 am at Civic Park, Newcastle – Fill out form](#)

## July Events in the Diocesan Resource Centre

Join us this July for two special events at the Diocesan Resource Centre.

*Saturday 4 July at 11am*, gather for a screening and discussion of *Mary Magdalene* (2018), reflecting on the life and witness of one of the Church's most faithful disciples ahead of her feast day and the 2026 Magdalene Awards. Morning tea and lunch provided. Then,

*From Wednesday 8 to Friday 24 July (10am–2pm)*, browse our Pre-Loved Book Sale, featuring religious and general-interest books, with most titles just \$5. All proceeds support the outreach work of CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning.

**Register:** [Formation Films - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)

## SRE GATHERING with Bishop Michael

*Friday 17 July 2026, 9:30am – 1pm at St. Stephens Parish Myall Coast*

You are invited to a special gathering for all SRE teachers—and those considering joining this ministry. Come spend a day with Bishop Michael Kennedy and fellow volunteers as we celebrate, reflect, and grow in our shared mission. Come listen, learn, and be inspired by the experience and dedication of others who serve with faith and love.

**Register:** SRE & Children's Ministry Reflection Day with Bishop Michael - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

## 1 in 7 Christians Worldwide Experiences Persecution

An estimated one in seven Christians worldwide experiences persecution or discrimination because of their faith. In countries including Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Pakistan and China, Christians can face imprisonment, violence, or pressure to abandon their faith simply because they follow Christ.

Yet despite persecution, countless Christians continue to gather for Mass and practise their faith with remarkable courage - even when doing so may place their freedom or lives at risk.

These Christians are not strangers to us. They are our brothers and sisters in Christ, and we are called to stand with them in prayer and solidarity.

Through Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), discover their stories and be inspired by the courage of Mathieu and Pauline, catechists from Burkina Faso who were kidnapped for their faith.

**Read their remarkable story at:** [aidtochurch.org/bulletin](http://aidtochurch.org/bulletin)

## Got Questions

Explore life, faith, and meaning.

Try Alpha.



**Event details:**  
Running every Wednesday for 10 weeks starting 22<sup>nd</sup> July 6:30pm  
**Address:**  
7 Milson St, Charlestown

Register via QR code or email  
[finn.todhunter@gmail.com](mailto:finn.todhunter@gmail.com)  
or call 0475 292 028

## Called to Know More: Ministry to Seafarers

*Thursday 9 July from 11.15am–1.30pm.*

Join us for the next *Called to Know More* gathering as Port Chaplain Mark Spencer shares stories of the lives of seafarers and the Church's ministry among them ahead of Sea Sunday on 12 July. More than 90% of the goods we rely on arrive by sea, carried by people who often spend months away from home facing isolation and challenging conditions. Enjoy a guided bus tour of Port Waratah, the Port of Newcastle, and the Stella Maris Centre at Wickham. Seats are limited, so bookings are essential: **Called to Know More - Stories from our Stella Maris Port Chaplain - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle**

## Young Adult Retreat 2026: To Be Human

*Friday 17 July to Sunday 19 July, Camp Elim - Forster*

The Young Adult Retreat returns this year, inviting young adults aged 18–35 to explore what it means *To Be Human* and fully alive in this life and for eternity. This retreat offers a unique opportunity to deepen your faith, build lasting friendships, and connect with other young adults from across the Diocese. Featuring expert speakers from around NSW and Australia, a dynamic and engaging program, praise and worship, and the sacraments, this promises to be a transformative weekend.

**Register:** <https://ALIVEYA26.eventbrite.com.au>

YOU'RE INVITED TO A

*Soup, Damper and Sing Along Night*

*Saturday  
4<sup>th</sup> July  
2026*

MUSIC BY JOHN COLLINS

HELD IN ST MARY'S HALL,  
2 BAYVIEW STREET WARNERS BAY  
ENTRY IS A DONATION. ALL WELCOME.  
RSVP BY PLACING YOUR NAME ON THE SHEETS AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH BY WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY 2026.

A CHANCE FOR NEW PARISHIONERS TO GET TO KNOW OTHER PARISHIONERS. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT SUE 0417 091 255 OR MARIE 0429 191 245



*Let's Celebrate Together*

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

**Sick List:** 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:** Marie "Lyn" Shields

**Anniversaries:** Christina Graf

*If you would like a loved one remembered in the Anniversaries, please let the Parish Office know by Thursday morning.*

**DEAR LIVING PRAYER FAMILY**

Our prayer for the month of June.

In the Old Testament, the Lord fed his people. In the Eucharist he feeds us with the food and drink for eternal life. We pray and are thankful for this great gift.

\* God instructs us with the same message Christ instructed the twelve - "Do not be afraid!" We pray for all the prayer requests taken to the Eucharistic altar each Sunday.

\* We pray that we are worthy witnesses of Christ.

\* For we Christians, there can be no "foreigners". By welcoming each other, we welcome Christ. We pray that the welcoming spirit of Christ envelopes us.

\* We pray for Father Peter and his continued healing and restoration and continued blessings for the years ahead.

During this time after Pentecost we are asked to regenerate our lives modelled on Christ under the direction of the spirit.

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.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

**St Mary's Primary School K-6**

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**Principal:** Nick Wickham

**PARISH GROUPS**

**Finance Committee**

Thursday 18 June 2026 - 6:00pm

St Michael's Booragul

**Pastoral Council Meeting**

Monday 22nd June 2026 - 6:30pm

St Michael's Booragul

**Promotion of Safeguarding**

Please contact the office

**Mass Collection**

**First Collection supports our priests:**

BSB: 066 739

Account Number: 100003439

Account Name: CBA

Reference: *Your Surname.*

**Second Collection supports our parish:**

BSB: 066 739

Account Number: 100003443

Account Name: CBA

Reference: *Your Surname.*

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

**Parish Soup and Cards Night**

**Friday 7th AUG**

Parish Community Centre

All Welcome

More information coming soon



**Clothing Bin**

We have been advised that the Vinnies donation bin at the school was no longer able to be serviced and has been removed from the premises.

This change is due to significant increases in operational costs arising from the ongoing situation in the Middle East, making it unsustainable for Vinnies to continue some services.

Vinnies are grateful for the community's generous support of this initiative over the years and apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.



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