

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, 16 AUGUST 2026

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

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BAPTISMS & SACRAMENTS

Booking via Parish Website

Baptisms celebrated most Sundays.

UPCOMING MASS TIMES:

Sat 15 Aug

Mass	8.30am	Toronto
Mass	9.00am	Warners Bay
Mass	10.00am	Morisset
Mass	5.00pm	Cooranbong
Mass	5.30pm	Booragul

Sun 16 Aug

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

Tue 18 Aug

Mass	9:30am	Morisset
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Wed 19 Aug

Mass	9:00am	Booragul
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Thu 20 Aug

Mass	9:30am	Warners Bay
Mass	11.00am	Toronto

Fri 21 Aug

Mass	9:30am	Toronto
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Dear Parish Family,

"It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the housedogs."

Was Jesus being a bit of a snob in today's Gospel? Just in case you don't know what a snob is, a snob is someone who looks down on others, believing they are better than other people because of their social class, wealth, education - and, in this case, perhaps their religion. Remember where we left off in the Gospel last weekend. The disciples had crossed the lake and travelled to the region of Tyre and Sidon - an area that today is part of modern-day Lebanon. By going there, Jesus was probably taking a break as there were very few Jewish people among these Gentiles. It is there that Jesus has this encounter. She comes to Jesus asking for help. But initially, she seems to be an interruption, a nuisance. Jesus is abrupt with her. And there is a history behind this encounter. The Canaanites were the ancient enemies of the Jewish people. There was a deep hostility. So, when Jesus uses the language of calling her a "dog", we can hear just how strong those divisions were. So, let's say there was certainly some Jewish snobbery going on! But it wasn't always the case.

We see that in our first reading from the prophet Isaiah. The people of Israel had returned from many years of exile in Babylon. During that time, they had encountered people who were not Jewish, yet who had shown them kindness. Some had even come to believe in the God of Israel. And so, Isaiah makes something very clear: belonging is not simply about where you come from. It is about observing the Sabbath and clinging to the Covenant. The house of God is to be "a house of prayer for all peoples."

And then we meet this Canaanite woman. She is not welcomed - but she is persistent. "Lord, help me." I love the dialogue that follows between this woman and Jesus. She recognises who Jesus is when, at times, his own people fail to recognise him. Jesus says that he has come first to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel." These are the children who have been called to the Master's table - the people to whom God made his promise long ago. But this woman will not give up. She responds with those remarkable words: "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." And Jesus is taken by her response. Her persistence, her faith and her trust break through the boundaries that seem to separate them. This Canaanite woman - a foreigner, someone who was considered an outsider - claims her rightful place!

It is a powerful dialogue, and I think it is one of the turning points in Matthew's Gospel. The Kingdom of God is not going to be contained within one people, one race, one culture or one religious group. The Kingdom belongs for all who seek God with a sincere heart. And perhaps that is the challenge for us today. The Church is called to be a home where all people can encounter God's mercy and love. Yet sometimes we can become like the disciples. We can think that some people are more deserving of God's love than others. We can create our own boundaries and decide who belongs and who doesn't.

The readings today are clear: the Kingdom of God is for all. It is not limited to a chosen few. And this Canaanite woman teaches us something else as well: Don't give up. There are times when we pray and God seems silent. There are times when we ask for help and nothing seems to happen. So perhaps the Canaanite woman gives us the faith to keep knocking, keep praying and keep trusting. "Lord, help me." And perhaps that is a prayer all of us can make. There is no one who is beyond the reach of God's love and there is always room at God's table.

Stay well and warm everyone

Fr Darryl Mackie

Parish Priest

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
Sunday 16 Aug 2026**

First Reading (Isaiah 56:1-7)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4)

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

Second Reading (Romans 11:13-15. 29-32)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.



Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 4:23)

Alleluia, alleluia!

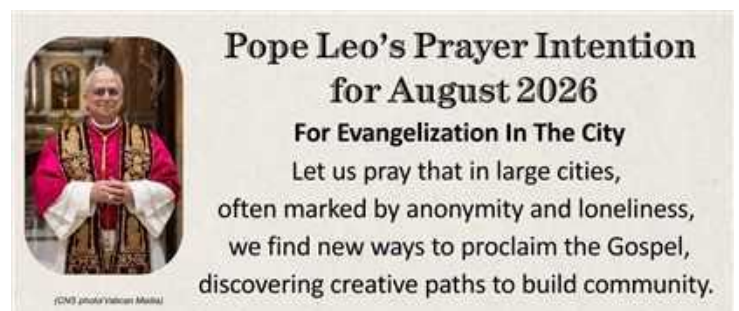
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 15:21-28)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.



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



Renewed & Sent - Parish Renewal Summit

Campbelltown, Thursday 1 October – Saturday 3 October

30 parishioners are already joining us! There is still room for you! Hosted by the Diocese of Wollongong and Divine Renovation, the gathering exists to equip everyone to lead parish renewal, helping communities move from maintenance into mission. Together, we can transform our parishes into vibrant places of encounter and transformation. Registration is \$225. Hotel accommodation costs being completely covered by Mission & Evangelisation.

Find out more here: [Renewed & Sent - Parish Renewal Summit - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)



Get Involved in Decorate Your Space!

Our Parish communities are invited to decorate a space that uniquely reflects their commitment to children's safety and wellbeing in line with the theme of National Child Protection Week 'Every Conversation Matters, Shifting Conversation to Action', for the chance to win some fantastic prizes.

Information on entry requirements and inspiration from last year is available at: [Decorate Your Space Returns in 2026 - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)

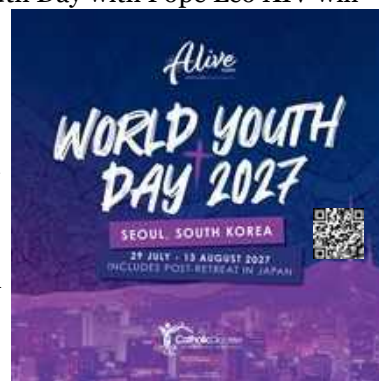
Entries close **12pm Monday 14 September**.

We can't wait to see your Decorated Space!



World Youth Day 2027

Bishop Michael Kennedy has announced the Diocesan pilgrimage to South Korea and Japan for young people aged 16-35 next year. World Youth Day with Pope Leo XIV will be an enriching experience of pilgrimage for young people which has a profound impact on their relationship with Jesus, their prayer life, their lived mission and their relationships with others. Join us for the Reception of the Relic of WYD Patron Saint Carlo Acutis on September 8 and a WYD Launch Event featuring early information about this exciting opportunity.



Learn More: <https://WYD27Launch.eventbrite.com.au>

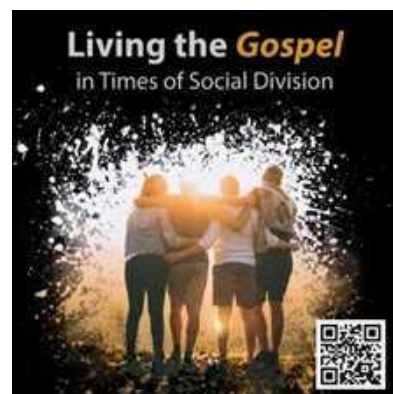
Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division

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.



St Carlo Acutis

Major Relic Mission

SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER	
5.30PM	RECEPTION OF RELIC Mass and Veneration Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle West
6.30PM	Hospitality
7PM	World Youth Day 27 Launch or Formation Film
WEDNESDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER	
UPPER HUNTER ENCOUNTER:	
10AM - 2PM	Event at St Joseph's Catholic College, Aberdeen
3 - 4PM	Exhibition at St Joseph's Catholic College, Aberdeen
4PM	Confession, Adoration at St Thomas Church, Aberdeen
	Mass at St Thomas Church, Aberdeen followed by Talk and Veneration
THURSDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER	
MORNING Hunter Correctional Centre	
NORTHERN REGION ENCOUNTER	
5.30PM	Mass at St Clare's Catholic College, Taree with Veneration, Prayer, Exhibition
FRIDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER	
10AM - 2PM	Event at St Clare's Catholic College, Taree
SATURDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER	
CITY BASIN ENCOUNTER	
10AM - 5PM	Exhibition at Our Lady of Victories Primary School, Shortland
Events at Our Lady of Victories Church, Shortland:	
10AM	Morning Tea
10.30AM	Talk - The Life of Carlo Acutis
11AM - 1PM	Veneration
3PM	Divine Mercy/Rosary
3.30PM	Adoration and Confession
5.30PM	Mass
6.30 - 7.30PM	Talk and Veneration
SUNDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER	
9AM - 5PM	Exhibition at Our Lady of Victories Primary School, Shortland
Events at Our Lady of Victories Church, Shortland:	
9.30AM	Talk - Five Steps to Holiness
10.30AM	Mass with Veneration
12PM	Community Lunch and Fellowship
3PM	Divine Mercy/Rosary
3.30PM	Adoration and Confession
5PM	Mass
6 - 7PM	Talk and Veneration



**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.



August Lottery Winners

Our winners for August 2026 Lottery were:

1st prize – James & Christine Caldon

2nd prize – Col & Deb Gwynne



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

**Help Rebuild the St Vincent de Paul Conference
in Toronto**

For several years, the **St Vincent de Paul Society Conference in Toronto has not been operational**. During that time, the level of need within the local community has continued to grow. We are now seeking parishioners, volunteers and community members who may be willing to help us **re-establish the Toronto Conference from the ground up**, so that a strong local Vinnies presence can once again provide practical assistance, compassion and support to people experiencing hardship.

This is an important opportunity to build something meaningful for the Toronto community.

No previous experience is required as full training and support will be provided. We are looking for people who have a desire to serve others, contribute their time and skills even for a couple of hours a month, and help shape a renewed Conference that responds to local need. To begin this renewal, parishioners and friends are warmly invited to join us for a special: **St Vincent de Paul Festival Mass Friday 28 August**

**9:30am- 10:15am – Mass, 10:30–11:20 – Reflection led by Nirmal,
11:20-11:40 break and refreshments, 11:40- 12:30 Reflection led by Nirmal,
12:30 – Lunch and conclusion**

The morning will provide an opportunity to come together in faith, learn more about the mission and spirituality of the St Vincent de Paul Society, and consider how a renewed Conference could serve the people of Toronto.

The need is real, and rebuilding the Conference will only be possible with the support of people willing to step forward.

Whether you are interested in becoming a Conference Member, volunteering your time, or simply learning more, we warmly encourage you to come along. Together, we can rebuild a local Vinnies presence and ensure that people experiencing hardship in Toronto have somewhere close to home to turn for support. **For more information or to express your interest, our Members will be available on Sunday 30th August after the 8:30am mass or contact: Sarah Kemp 02 4967 6277**

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St Mary's Primary School K-6

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St Joseph's Primary School K-6

140 Wangi Road, Kilaben Bay

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Principal: Nikki Norley

St John Vianney Primary School K-6

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Principal: Mark Konik

St Paul's Catholic College 7-12

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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

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priests:***

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

