

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, 19 JULY 2026

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

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torontoparish.org

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BAPTISMS & SACRAMENTS

Booking via Parish Website

Baptisms celebrated most Sundays.

UPCOMING MASS TIMES:

Sat 18 July

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

Sun 19 July

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

Tue 21 July

Mass	9:30am	Morisset
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Wed 22 Jul

Mass	9:00am	Booragul
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Thu 23 Jul

Mass	9:30am	Warners Bay
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Fri 24 Jul

Mass	9:30am	Toronto
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Dear Parish Family,

"The Kingdom of God may be compared to...."

At the heart of Jesus' preaching, as you know, is this Kingdom of God. It is the very essence of what Jesus spoke about. A simple way of describing the Kingdom is this: whenever people love one another, forgive one another, ease someone's burdens, work for justice and peace, care for those in need, and serve their neighbour, then the Kingdom of God is already present. Jesus showed us what it could look like in everyday life, but it has not yet reached its fullness. That's where we come in!

This weekend there are three parables, but we will only use the shorter version which has the parable about the weeds growing amongst the wheat. Again, Jesus takes an ordinary farming experience where an enemy secretly sows weeds, probably darnel, among the wheat. What is Darnel? It was a grass that early on, its growth looks almost identical to wheat. As both grow their roots become intertwined, making it almost impossible to pull out the weeds without damaging the wheat as well. The Kingdom then is a field where saints and sinners grow side by side.

How often have we asked the question or heard others ask: "If God is so loving, why do bad things happen to good people? Why, do innocent people get sick? Why, don't my children come to Mass anymore? Why are we having these wars? Why do people hurt one another?" We come face to face with the mystery of things not so good in our world. There are no easy answers. When Jesus told this parable, and when Matthew later shared it with his community, these are probably the same kinds of questions people were asking. Some were probably scandalised that some not so good people belonged to the Christian community. They believed the Church should consist only of the good and the holy. Jesus disagreed. Everyone has the potential to grow and change.

So, what is Jesus teaching us in this parable? The hint comes in our first reading from the Book of Wisdom and today's Psalm. Every one of us has a mixture of strengths and weaknesses, virtues and failures. We all can make mistakes and are in need of God's mercy. God is described as being lenient, clement and kind. God's power is demonstrated not by payback but as *"merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in kindness"*. So then, we are called to do and be the same. The final judgement is up to God. The Kingdom grows quietly, patiently and often in ways we cannot see. So perhaps the question isn't simply, "Why is there evil in the world?" but more importantly "How will I respond to it?" Jesus' answer is clear. Not with hatred, but with love. Not with condemning, but with mercy. Not with impatience, but with hope. God's Kingdom begins in small ways, grows by God's power, and triumphs not through force, but through patient, transforming love.

Many thanks for your support to the Seafarer's Mission especially at short notice. Across the region over \$1080 was collected. Ray Collins spoke glowingly of how hospitable and responsive all the communities were to him and his wife. Thanks!

Lastly, it's hard to believe but school holidays are almost over. As we welcome back our teachers, staff and students, I hope it has been a rest filled and re-created time for everyone. May the coming term be filled with opportunities to continue building God's Kingdom in the ordinary moments of school life – through kindness, forgiveness, service and hope.

Stay warm and well everyone!

Fr Darryl Mackie

Parish Priest

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Sunday 19 Jul 2026

First Reading (Wisdom 12:13.16-19)

A reading from the book of Wisdom

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5)

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **(R.)**
2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **(R.)**
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **(R.)**

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



Second Reading (Romans 8:26-27)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation (See Matthew 11:25)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 13:24-30)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

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 July 2026**

For Respect For Human Life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of
human life in all its stages,
recognizing it as a gift from God.



WALKING WITH MARY IN
Hope and Wonder

A Zoom Novena in Preparation for the
Feast Day of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop

DAILY FROM
JULY 30 - AUGUST 7 | 7:30PM - 8:00PM AEST

You're invited to join Mary MacKillop Place for a Zoom novena of prayer and reflection.

Over nine days, we will explore hope and wonder through the life Mary MacKillop as we journey towards celebrating her Feast Day on Saturday 8 August.

Zoom Link to join the Novena:
<https://zoom.us/j/92816949299>

For more information about Feast Day 2026 visit us at:
<https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/>




OUT OF THE
Ordinary

Thankyou from Stella Maris

Thank you for your generosity and contribution to Stella Maris, SEA SUNDAY Appeal last Sunday 12th July 2026. Every donation helps Stella Maris chaplains and volunteers be there, on ships, in ports, and in hospitals. Offering care, friendship, and hope to people who would otherwise be alone. Join us at our next Mass on Thursday 30 July, 5.30pm, 96 Hannell Street Wickham.

Conversion Testimony & Bible Study with Charbel Raish

Kurri Kurri Holy Spirit Parish Hall - Be inspired by Parousia Media Founder, Charbel Raish's captivating testimony on Friday night and return on Saturday for 4 sessions of The Bible in a Day.

Testimony: "How Islam led me back to Christ"- (14 AUG, 6:15pm - 9pm)

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 Muhamed. But God wasn't done with him yet.

Bible in A Day (4 sessions) - (15 AUG, 9:30am - 4pm)

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.

More Details: [KURRI KURRI CHURCH PRESENTS Conversion Testimony & Bible Study with Charbel Raish - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)



The Synodal Way: A journey into what the Global Synod now asks of us.

The Synod on Synodality has been one of the most significant events in the life of the Catholic Church since Vatican II. For the first time, lay women and men joined bishops in the Synod Assembly with equal voting rights. Shortly afterwards, Pope Francis adopted the Final Document as part of the ordinary teaching of the Church.

What does this mean for us and for the future of our Diocese? Join us as we explore the key themes of the Final Document, the implementation phase now underway, and opportunities to become involved in local Synodal Teams. Please bring a plate to share and register your attendance.

WARNER'S BAY Mon 20 July 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Register at Link : [Warners Bay](#) or QR Code



August Events in the Diocesan Resource Centre

Formation Films, Saturday 1 August from 11am. Screening the movie, *The Public: A David vs Goliath situation* in a United States public library that asks us to examine our ethics and morals in the space of social justice issues. Register here: [Formation Films: "THE PUBLIC" - 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](#)



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placing value on
womanhood

Placing Value on Womanhood

The next REAL WOMEN CAFE NIGHT

**Monday, 10 August 2026
7.30 pm - 9.15 pm**

St Mary's Catholic Church Hall

Booking will open at St Mary's Hall, Warners Bay
on Saturday 11 July 2026 10am to 12pm

Donation of \$15 per person

If you would like to do a direct deposit
please contact Sue or Marie.

Bookings may also be made by phone
Phone: Sue - 0417 091 255 or
Marie - 0429 191 245



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

Sick List: 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:

Anniversaries:

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

DEAR LIVING PRAYER FAMILY

Please find below our prayer intentions for the upcoming month.

Often we seek only comfort from the spirit of God, but we must also accept disturbance and disruption as part of the unfolding of God's will in our lives. We pray that:

- * We may never lose faith. Jesus is with us in all our struggles, journeying through them with us and ready to act at the right time to bring us peace and comfort.
- * We remember Jesus' invitation... 'Come to me all who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest.'
- * We may grow in the healing love of Christ so that we too become convincing signs of his presence in the world.
- * We may be graced with strength and wisdom to accept the truth even when it is painful. May we be graced with perseverance in our mission in the face of hostility.

This is what the Lord asks of you: Act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God.

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: Nikki Norley

St John Vianney Primary School K-6

60-66 Yambo Street, Morisset

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Principal: Mark Konik

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Principal: Nick Wickham

PARISH GROUPS

Finance Committee

Thursday 20th August—6.00pm

St Michael's Booragul

Pastoral Council Meeting

Monday 20th July 2026 - 6.30pm

St Mary's Warners Bay

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

Starts 6pm | Finish approx 10pm | FREE ENTRY

Soup and damper provided • Easy to learn fun card game

• No experience needed • BYO drinks

• Transport can be arranged

Parish Community Centre

All Welcome

For catering purposes, please r.s.v.p. by Sunday 2nd August

Email: dcgwynne000@gmail.com OR

add you name to the list at the back of the church.

July Lottery Winners

Our winners for July 2026 Lottery were:

1st prize – Kathryn Leslie

2nd prize – Anonymous who has kindly donated their prize towards the AV System

Fathers Day Raffle

We are currently organising prizes for an upcoming Fathers Day Raffle to be drawn on Sunday 6th September.

If you have any item(s) you would like to donate as a prize, please see Mary Ryan or Marielle Santer.

Any such donation will be needed by Sunday 26th July,

Tickets will go on sale shortly. Thanks in anticipation for your support.



St Joseph's PARISH OF TORONTO
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