

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, 24th MAY 2026

PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR A

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BAPTISMS & SACRAMENTS

Booking via Parish Website

Baptisms celebrated most Sundays.

UPCOMING MASS TIMES:

Sat 23 May

Liturgy	3:00pm	Boolaroo
Mass	5:30pm	Booragul
	5:00pm	Cooranbong

Sun 24 May

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

Tue 26 May

Mass	9:30am	Morisset
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Wed 27 May

Mass	9:00am	Booragul
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Thu 28 May

Mass	9:30am	Warners Bay
Anointing	11:00am	Toronto
Mass		

Fri 29 May

Mass	9:30am	Toronto
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Dear Parish Family,

Now you're speaking my language!

After the crucifixion of Jesus, both the Roman authorities and Jewish leaders hoped that the death of Jesus on the Cross would put an end to his followers. Instead, it did just the opposite. Christianity spread rapidly. Within thirty years it had become a powerful force even in faraway Rome — so powerful that the Emperor Nero launched an all-out persecution against it.

How did Christianity grow in just thirty short years from a tiny spark into a raging inferno?

For weeks after the death of Jesus, the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and unsure of what to do next. But with the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, a new Pentecost begins — a new covenant! The coming of the Holy Spirit empowers the disciples to proclaim the Good News to all nations, symbolised by their speaking in many different languages.

Over these past fifty days (“pente”), we have reflected on the early life of the Church and on our own lives in the light of the Resurrection. During these last three weeks especially, our reflection has focused on the mission entrusted to us — a mission we do not undertake alone but guided by the Spirit.

Pentecost concludes the Easter Season, and we are left with the words of the risen Jesus: “Peace be with you.” It is a peace that comes through forgiveness — forgiveness both received and given. Why is forgiveness so important? Because only through forgiveness can the air be cleared so that all may breathe in the peace for which we long. And doesn't our world still desperately need this gift? Just as the crowd at Pentecost were amazed to hear the apostles speaking their own language, so too are we called as disciples to speak the common language of love, peace, truth, and forgiveness. *Now you're speaking my language!*

How well do we speak this language in our homes, schools, workplaces, and communities?

As we prepare to farewell Fr Peter, who will celebrate his final Mass with us at Toronto next weekend (31 May), all parishioners of the Lakeside Pastoral Region are warmly invited to join the Toronto parish community in giving thanks for his ministry among us. I am also pleased to announce that Bishop Michael has advised that Fr Peter will be succeeded by Fr Patrick Swaray CSSp, who is currently residing in Brisbane. Fr Patrick, who comes from Sierra Leone, will reside in Morisset alongside Fr Paul. We look forward to welcoming Fr Patrick as he begins his ministry with us on 1 June 2026.

This weekend, there is certainly a great deal happening across the region. The Morisset community will celebrate a multicultural Mass, recognising that its local Church is made up of more than twenty different nationalities — and what a richness that diversity brings. A reminder also that both the Toronto and Morisset Mass times will change this weekend, and I thank both communities for their understanding. There will also be some poignant moments with the closure on Saturday of Our Lady Help of Christians Church (OLHC) at Boolaroo, while at the same time a new era begins with the return of the Vigil Mass at St Michael the Archangel Church, Booragul. I remember celebrating the Vigil Mass there thirty years ago as a newly ordained priest. Finally, on Sunday, with the closure of OLHC, the parishes of Boolaroo and Booragul will merge to form the new parish of Our Lady Help of Christians Booragul Warners Bay. A new chapter in the life of our community begins.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Fr Darryl Mackie

Parish Priest

Pentecost Sunday
Year A Sunday 24 May 2026

First Reading (Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm

(Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30)

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**

2. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**

3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13)

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

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of light, From the clear celestial height Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor, Come with treasures which endure; Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest, Dost refreshing peace bestow;

Thou in toil art comfort sweet; Pleasant coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine, Visit thou these hearts of thine, And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away, Nothing pure in man will stay; All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour thy dew; Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore Thee confess and thee adore, With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die; Give us life with thee on high; Give us joys that never end.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel (John 20:19-23)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'



(CNS photo/Vatican Media)

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

That everyone might have food.

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

The Shroud of Turin Exhibition

Holy Shroud of Turin Exhibition coming to Toukley

When: 7th-14th of June

Where: St Mary's Parish Centre, 458 Main Rd Toukley.

The Holy Shroud of Turin Exhibition will be held at St Mary's Parish Centre, from 7-14 June. This is a rare opportunity to encounter a life-size replica of the Holy Shroud and explore the mystery and significance of one of the world's most studied relics.

The exhibition week includes special presentations such as *Decoding the Shroud* with Francine Pirola at 3pm on the 8th of June and *Devotion to the Shroud* with Charbel Raish at the St Joseph's Men's BBQ on Friday 12 June for men aged 18+.

Register for Francine's talk by going to : www.trybooking.com/DLPJA

Opening times occur after every mass throughout the week, including weekend and evening sessions, making it easy for parishioners and visitors to attend. The Holy Shroud

Exhibition is presented courtesy of Aid to the Church in Need.

RECONCILIATION WEEK

Our Gospel speaks of peace, forgiveness and healing, this coming week we observe National Sorry Day — the National Day of Healing — commemorating the Stolen Generations. It forms part of the ongoing journey towards reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

This is followed by National Reconciliation Week, celebrated between two significant milestones in Australian history: May 27, the anniversary of the 1967 Referendum which allowed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to be counted in the census; and June 3, the anniversary of the 1992 Mabo Decision.

This week invites all Australians to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures as we continue the path towards reconciliation. As Pope Saint John Paul II said in 1986:

"The Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others."

Anointing Mass

Thursday 28th May 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.



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Biggest Morning Tea



THURSDAY
4TH JUNE 2026
10:30AM - 12:30PM

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National Count



Over the month of May parishes throughout the country have been counting those who attend Masses. Why this year? They do it to align with the National Census. In this last weekend, you will be asked which age group do you belong to. This data is important to assist not just parishes but the Diocese with future planning of parishes, Diocesan services and pastoral planning for the future.

Pentecost – Our 'Gifting Sunday'

As we approach the celebration of Pentecost, we recall the Holy Spirit filling the Church with courage and gifts for mission. In that same spirit, we invite parishioners to consider sharing their gifts in two key children's ministries:

- Special Religious Education (SRE)
- Children's Liturgy of the Word

These ministries help young people grow in faith. Training and support are provided; only a willing heart is needed.

Contact **Mission & Evangelisation:** mission@mn.catholic.org.au to learn more.

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

Something appeared to them like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts of the Apostles 2:3-4

**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: Barbara Poor,

Anniversaries: James (Jim) Cadden Martin, Maureen Duncan Patricia Poynton

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

DEAR LIVING PRAYER FAMILY

In the current geo/political crisis, as the world waits with bated breath and Christian's pray for peace, we applaud the courage and strength of The Vicar of Christ who has called out those that "turn a blind eye to the killing and devastation".

In his first address as Pope, Leo stated "We are disciples of Christ. Christ goes before us. The world needs his light. Humanity needs him as the bridge to be reached by God and his love.....help each other to build bridges, with dialogue, with encounters, uniting us all to be one people, always at peace".

How proud are Catholics world-wide that our Pastor does not merely offer opinion on theology but is preaching the Gospel of Christ, and the peace of the risen Christ, a "disarming and humble and preserving peace".

We pray for Our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV.

BAPTISMS



This weekend we will witness the baptism of

Matilda Irene Doris Jane Edwards

May the gift of baptism she will receive strengthen her for her journey of life and faith she will share with us.

Please remember the Edwards family in your prayers.

Farewell to Father Peter

Father Peter will be celebrating his final Mass at St Joseph's Toronto on Sunday 31 May 2026, where we will gather to give thanks for his ministry, and to pray for his continued healing and restoration and continued blessings for the years ahead.

After this Mass we will be holding a special morning tea and making a presentation.

If you would like to make a financial donation to his farewell thank you present, a collection will be taken up after Mass this Sunday 24th

Diocesan Cursillo 3-day Course



Do you wonder how to be more fully alive?

If so, then you may like to consider attending our Cursillo 3-day course.

The annual Diocese of Maitland- Newcastle 2025 Cursillo 3 days will be held from 11-14th June at Rathmines with the theme "Joy of the Lord is my strength". Cursillo is a short course which will enrich your faith for the rest of your life. It is Christ-centred, based on gospel values and will be asking each participant "How can I BE Christian in my many everyday environments?"

If you are interested in joining the Cursillo Movement, enrolling for the Cursillo 3 days, or just wishing to learn more about Cursillo, please feel free to contact either of the following:

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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

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