

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, 25 OCTOBER 2026

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

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BAPTISMS & SACRAMENTS

Booking via Parish Website

Baptisms celebrated most Sundays.

UPCOMING MASS TIMES:

Sat 24 Oct

Mass

5:00pm

Cooranbong

Mass

5:30pm

Booragul

Sun 25 Oct

Mass

8:30am

Toronto

Mass

9:00am

Warners Bay

Mass

10:00am

Morisset

Mass

6:00pm

Warners Bay

Tue 27 Oct

Mass

9:30am

Morisset

Wed 28 Oct

Mass

9:00am

Booragul

Thu 29 Oct

Mass

9:30am

Warners Bay

Fri 30 Oct

Mass

9:30am

Toronto

Dear Parish Family,

"Love the Lord your God with all your being and love your neighbour as yourself."

As you recall from last week's Gospel Jesus was arguing with the Pharisees and the Herodians about taxes...this weekend that comes to a conclusion with a further clash with the Pharisees. They were stumped, they couldn't find anything wrong with Jesus' teachings and that frightened them because he showed they had different standards to what God wants of them and of us. So, they turn to the Law, something they knew so well, in an attempt to maybe show Jesus' lack of professional knowledge of the Law. Which of the commandments is the greatest?

We sometimes make life more complex or sometimes just don't get it! There was originally only one commandment to start with - *do not eat of the tree of life?* All Adam and Eve were asked to do but it didn't work! Then Moses was given the ten commandments to guide the people on how to relate to God and with one another - that didn't work either! By the time of Jesus, they had developed 613 laws covering every aspect of life: how you washed your hands, how to eat, how to prepare food and much more. All equal, no greater, no lesser each to be observed with equal seriousness.

Jesus sums up all the commandments into just two. The first part comes from the Book of Deuteronomy, the *Shema* which is central to the Jewish faith and is still professed each day. The love of God is to be above all things. The second commandment is like the first: You must love your neighbour as yourself...comes from the Book of Leviticus. The whole of the will of God is summed up in, the double command of love. What God wills is love. What makes Jesus different from any of their other teachers - is that he places the love of God and the love of neighbour together. It is impossible to love God and hate your neighbour, as your neighbour is the image of God, and equally impossible to give yourself in love to your neighbour, and claim that you have no love of God.

How do we remember this love? Easy Jesus shows us in the shape of the cross - the love of God (vertical) and love of neighbour (horizontal) and in the centre is us!

My apologies that we should have celebrated World Mission Sunday last weekend. In this centenary year, the theme is "One in Christ, United in Mission". World Mission Sunday reminds us of the Gospel this weekend of love and unity calling us to see one another as sisters and brothers, working together to bring the Good News to life in every corner of the world. In a world often marked by division and isolation, mission invites us to build bridges of compassion, solidarity, and hope. This year we are asked to support Malawi through prayer and financial assistance. Envelopes will be in the churches, or QR code are in your bulletin. Thanks, if you can help!

While I am away on annual leave, a number of important events are taking place across our parishes. Firstly, we remember in our prayers all our young people who are currently sitting their Higher School Certificate (HSC) examinations. We wish them every blessing and success during this important time. We have also begun celebrating First Holy Communion with some of our young people across the parishes. Congratulations to each of them on taking this significant step in their faith journey. Through the reception of the Eucharist, they are now fully initiated members of the Church.

On Friday, 30 October 2026, we congratulate the young people of Sugarloaf Parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. In the weeks that follow, they will also celebrate their First Holy Communion. Let us keep these young people and their families in our prayers as they continue to grow in faith and deepen their relationship with Christ.

Lastly, as I sign off for a few weeks...I will be taking a break from writing the weekly reflections. During that time, we will use the reflection provided by Liturgyhelp alongside the Sunday readings from the same source. I look forward to sharing my weekly thoughts again on the readings when I return. See you in a few weeks 🙏

Have a blessed week.

Fr Darryl Mackie

PP/Administrator

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Sunday 25 Oct 2026

First Reading (Exodus 22:20-26)

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2)

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 1:5-10)

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

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation (John 14:23)

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 22:34-40)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Anointing Mass

Thursday 19th November 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.



In preparation for
the Eucharistic congress
2028, Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament
will be available:
Thursdays 6:30pm at
St Michael the Archangel,
Booragul



Prayers for Annual Chapter

The Dominican Sisters of Eastern Australia and the Solomon Islands will gather for their Tenth General Chapter at Baulkham Hills from October 24th until the 29th.

At this time of change and transition, weighty decisions will be taken and new pathways will emerge...a quite daunting task.

Therefore, we will greatly appreciate the prayers of the Diocese on our behalf.

Be assured that you too are daily in our prayer.



Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for October 2026

For Mental Health Ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



(CNS photo/Vatican Media)

Dear Parish Family,

Over the past few weeks, there have been several staffing changes within the Hub Office at Charlestown. With Lisa moving on and the Toronto/Morisset communities relocating back to the Morisset Office in the coming months, the Lakeside Pastoral Region have decided to withdraw from the Hub at the end of November.

During this period of transition, and until a new staff member is appointed at MacKillop, Maryanne will begin working from the Sugarloaf Parish Office at Holy Cross, Glendale.

If you require keys or access to the Hub, please contact Maryanne on 4943 4153 to arrange collection.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your patience, understanding, and cooperation during this transition.

Regards

Darryl



COME JOIN US FOR...

Ladies Day Luncheon

MONDAY
2ND NOV 2026

When: From 11:30 am
Where: Boolaroo Sports Club,
31 Eighth Street,
Speers Point
RSVP: June 0407 010 663
Gwen 4956 9596

ALL WELCOME

Nourishment Day for Sacristans and Servers – Newcastle

Saturday 14 November, 10am-3pm, Toohey Room
A Day of Prayer, Formation, Fellowship and Renewal.
Sacristans and Servers are warmly invited to a special day of spiritual nourishment and community. Activities include Formation Session, Practical Workshop, Fellowship & Sharing, Lunch and Refreshments. "Taste and see that the Lord is good." Psalm 34:8. Learn More: [Nourishment Day for Sacristans and Servers - Newcastle West - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)



ALL SAINTS PARISH BLACKBUTT SOUTH
Please join us

JUBILEE NOVENA

A time of prayer, renewal and hope

Each evening will be hosted at one of our three Mass Centres from 29 - 31 October

Day 1 – Thursday, 29 October at St Columba's Church, Adamstown	Day 2 – Friday, 30 October at St Kevin's Church, Cardiff	Day 3 – Saturday, 31 October at St Philip's Church, Kotara
 St Columba's Church 355A Lockyer Street Adamstown NSW 2288	 St Kevin's Church 218 Main Road Cardiff NSW 2246	 St Philip's Church 31 Yola Parade Kotara NSW 2216

The programme for each evening will be:

 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Personal Adoration	 5.45 pm Benediction	 6.00 pm Holy Rosary	 6.30 pm Evening Mass
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Sunday, 1 November 2026, at 10:00AM
JUBILEE MASS
at St Philip's Church, Kotara by Bishop Michael Kennedy

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace." Romans 15:13
For catering purposes, please...



MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

Tuesday 3rd November 2026

Ticket Price: \$50.00 per person

Ticket Price includes:

Glass of bubbles or punch
2 course meal with nibbles
(Main and Dessert)
Can bring your own alcohol

Large screen to watch the race
Raffle, Fashion, Sweeps
and Lucky Door Prizes

Starting from 11.30am

St Mary's Church Hall Warners Bay

RSVP

SUE CAMPBELL
MARIE OSBORNE
JOAN WILSON
ROBYN SPINKS



Thank you for your generous support of the Church in Malawi and the communities it serves.

Because of your kindness, children like Yamikani* will have greater access to education, nourishment, and the opportunity to build a hopeful future.

And if you chose to become a Mission Partner with a monthly gift - thank you so much for your ongoing commitment.

To learn more about the work of Catholic Mission in Malawi and around the world, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work.

Thank you again for your compassion, and please keep this impactful work in your prayers.

*Name changed for privacy



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Placing Value on Womanhood

The next REAL WOMEN CAFE NIGHT

Monday, 16 November 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 17 October 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: Virginia Wise, 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:

Anniversaries: Peter LoCascio, Ruth Fahey.

Please contact the office if there are any changes.



Piety Café

Time to restock

- Biscuits
- Long Life Full Cream Milk

Donations can be dropped off at the Piety Café.

Thank you for your support

St Joseph's Ministry Rosters

The next roster for 1st November to 28th February 2027 has been distributed. If you have not received yours via email, please contact Deb on dcgwynne000@gmail.com

There are a few hardcopies available on the back table of the church for those that may not be able to print them out.

Thank you all for your continuing commitment to our parish community.

Thanks

Deb Gwynne

**St Joseph's
MASS OF
REMEMBRANCE**

**Friday
6th November | 7.00 pm
2026**



Blank cards are available at the back of the church for you to write the names of your deceased loved one(s) on and place in the bowl prior to the Remembrance Mass.

During the Remembrance Mass, the bowl will be carried in and placed at the foot of our Remembrance Cross which will remain in the church for the month of November.

You are invited to stay for a cuppa after the Mass.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Volunteers needed.

We have a number of roles to be filled for this occasion - AV operator, bus driver, Communion minister, candle and funeral book carriers, readers, Piety Café and welcomers.

If you are planning on attending the annual Mass of Remembrance and would like to volunteer, could you please add your name to the list at the back of the church.



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

P: 02 4959 1355

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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

St Paul's Catholic College 7-12

70 Primrose Street, Booragul

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Acting Principal: Anne-Maree Shipman

PARISH GROUPS

Finance Committee

Tuesday 20th October – 6pm

St Michael's Booragul

Pastoral Council Meeting

Monday 19th October - 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



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