Lakeside Pastoral Region Bulletin

The Catholic Parishes of Booragul Warners Bay, Toronto and Morisset

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SUNDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2026 **TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

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BAPTISMS & SACRAMENTS

Booking via Parish Website
Baptisms celebrated most Sundays.

UPCOMING MASS TIMES:

Sat 10 Oct		
Mass	5:00pm	Cooranbong
Mass	5:30pm	Booragul
Sun 11 Oct		
Mass	8:30am	Toronto
Mass	9:00am	Warners Bay
Mass	10:00am	Morisset
Mass	6:00pm	Warners Bay
Tue 13 Oct		
Liturgy	9:30am	Morisset
Wed 14 Oct		
Liturgy	9:00am	Booragul
Thu 15 Oct		
Mass	9:30am	Warners Bay
Fri 16 Oct		
Liturgy	9:30am	Toronto

Dear Parish Family,

"And the man was silent..."

This weekend we hear the last of a series of parables that began in the vineyard. Those vineyard parables dealt with jealousy, entitlement and, most importantly, God's extraordinary generosity. This weekend that same generosity takes us from the vineyard to the banquet table. This theme of inclusiveness continues in this parable which has a parable within the parable but more about that later. With all those grapes that have been picked we now have to have a banquet. Isaiah in our first reading has the people of Israel in exile. He begins to talk about what life will be like at the end of times. Living in Israel with its harsh temperature and pending wars sometimes food was very scarce. To talk about a rich banquet where there was food that was plentiful would have been a source of great hope. Have you thought about what you might like on your menu in heaven? Mine would have to involve chocolate and mangoes at least!

In Jesus' time, who you ate with who mattered. Sharing a table said something about your status and your place in society. So, in the Gospel, the king initially invites all the "right" people to his son's wedding feast. Yet they refuse the invitation. They are too busy with other things. There is something here for us. Sometimes we can become so preoccupied with getting our priorities right, meeting our responsibilities or simply keeping our heads above water that we fail to notice what God is offering us.

In the parable, the king represents God, while the first invited guests point towards those among the people of Israel, particularly the religious leaders, who became so focused on their observance of the Law that they failed to recognise the gift standing before them: life in God's Kingdom. The king then does something extraordinary. He sends his servants out onto the streets and invites everyone they can find, good and bad alike. The people who would never have imagined themselves worthy of such a banquet suddenly find themselves welcomed to the table. It echoes one of the criticisms levelled at Jesus: *"He eats with tax collectors and sinners!"* And therein lies one of the strongest messages of the Gospel: God's invitation is for everyone. Rich and poor, respectable and outcast, saint and sinner. The doors of the Kingdom are thrown open. All are welcome.

Have you ever been to a party (or a wedding reception) where you just weren't feeling it or you just didn't want to be there! This brings us into this parable within the parable that speaks of someone not wearing a wedding garment. What do you think was going on? The guest it says was silent. I just didn't have any money, or I came from work and didn't have time to change, but we are told the guest was silent. Were they tongue tied because they had been caught out not feeling it or wanting to be there? In other words, they weren't there in the spirit of the occasion. It's a reminder to us that God freely invites us to be part of this kingdom, but we must join in and not just sit back and relax.

Just a reminder that this week the clergy of the Diocese will be on retreat. Please keep us all in your prayers during this important time of reflection, renewal and fellowship. As a result, some Masses have been cancelled, while others have been replaced by Communion Services. Please check the bulletin carefully for details of this week's arrangements.

Finally, I will be taking annual leave from Friday 23rd October, returning on Friday 20th November. While I am away, Fr Paul, Fr Patrick, Fr John and the Parish Hub will be taking care of things. I am very grateful to them and know that the parishes will be in good hands. Thank you, as always, for your prayers and support. I look forward to returning refreshed and ready for the busy weeks leading into Advent and Christmas.

Have a blessed week everyone.

Fr Darryl Mackie

PP/Administrator

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Sunday 11 Oct 2026

First Reading (Isaiah 25:6-10)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 22. R. v.6)

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**

2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**



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.

Second Reading (Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

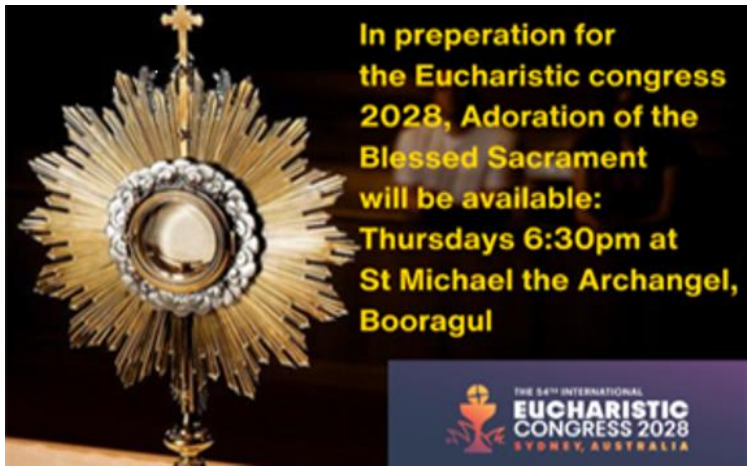
Gospel Acclamation (See Ephesians 1:17-18)

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 22:1-14)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'



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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

Anointing Mass

Thursday 15th October at 9.30am
St Mary's Church 2 Bayview St
Warners Bay

An anointing with the "Oil of the Sick" for those who are sick, frail, elderly or in need of healing.



EXPLORING THE NEW TESTAMENT

with Gerard Mowbray

Following on from the four Introduction to the New Testament sessions, everyone is warmly invited to join a series of five weekly Two-hour sessions exploring the riches of the New Testament.
Whether you attended the introductory sessions or are joining us for the first time, you are most welcome.
The sessions will offer a range of resources for your deeper reflection and will especially emphasise studying passages of the four gospels, Acts of the Apostles and Paul's letters.

Key Areas of Study

- **Understanding the first-century world of Jesus**
- **How the New Testament came into being and its relationship with the Old Testament**
- **Reading and understanding Scripture**
- **The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and John**
- **The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles**
- **St Paul and his Letters**



Sessions will held on the following Wednesdays : 21 October, 4 November, 11 November, 18 November, and 25 November
Session Times are: 10.00am or 6.00pm at St Michael the Archangel's Parish Hall
46 Ranclaud Street, Booragul
All resources and Bibles will be provided.
To assist with resource planning, registration is needed.

Register at:
https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/i3dfhhvAKF
or the forms at the back of the Church.

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REAL women
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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

Commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Peace held in Assisi on 27th October 1986

The 27th October marks the 40th anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Peace in Assisi. In 1986, Pope John Paul II invited world religious leaders to come to Assisi to fast and pray for peace.
This was a milestone in interreligious dialogue that communicated a powerful symbolic message to the world – the spirit of prayer and non-violence. Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Jains, Sikhs, Zoroastrians, leaders of African and American Traditional Religions and of Shinto took part in this event.
His Eminence, George Jacob Cardinal Koovakad, prefect for the Dicastery for Inter-religious Dialogue, remarked that the 27 October 1986 was a turning point in the history of inter-religious dialogue, becoming a lasting symbol of the Church's commitment to promoting social justice, moral well-being, peace and freedom for the benefit of all.
His Eminence acknowledged that the anniversary will be commemorated in Assisi on 27 October 2026 in the presence of the Holy Father.

Invitation - Mission and Evangelisation in partnership with MacKillop Parish invite you to a Parish Mission

With special participation from the Little Nuns and Little Friars of Jesus and Mary
02 to 12 November 2026

The Little Friars and Little Nuns of Jesus and Mary are coming to the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle for a ten-day mission of faith, prayer and renewal. Known for their distinctive habits, joyful spirit and dedicated commitment to Christ, their lives are centred on prayer, community, service and helping others discover the joy of faith. Their witness is both refreshing and challenging, raising important questions about purpose, happiness, and what truly matters. Come for one event or many. Bring your questions and an open heart. You never know where God might lead.

View the schedule here: Little Friars and Little Nuns of Jesus and Mary.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased: Paul Bohun, Nancy Tooney.

Anniversaries: Brother Andrew MC, Geoff Thomas, Bishop Tony Burgess.

We remember and pray for those who are ill at home and in hospital at this time, may they know the healing presence of Christ: Annette Morrow, Leila Grew, John Fava, Nola Batterham, Aaron Mol, Michael, Francis Parsons, Janet Garvie, Jane, Jane Farrugia, Guillermo Gomez, Maria Angelica Ansoldo, Ali Ford, Steven, Jo Turner, Robyn Williams, Helen Sligar, Terry Clancy, Leslie Henry, Andrew Regan, Eileen Brooks, Vince Abdilla, J, Margaret Ryan, John Osborne, Ariane Hampton, Bernadette Gill, Patricia Neilson, Peter O'Neil, Eoin O'Connor, Pat Casey, Ann Moore, Rianna MacKaway, Joan Bain, Eva Newton, Billy Eckersley, Andrew Carr, Lewis Carr, Leah Scott, Darren Heaton, Glenda Noble, Keely Heaton, Marie Ryan, Graham Taylor, Joy Dixon, Pat, Enid, Rebecca , Riley, Dot, Suzan Aslin, Michael, Patrick Grew, John, Adrian Van Bellan, Franis Parons, Kurt Heaton, Ross Redgrove, Craig Webber and Robyn.

Please contact the office if there are any changes.

Rosters			
	Reading	**Welcoming**	**Communion**
Saturday 10 Oct 5:30pm	Marie Osborne Therese Toshack Paula Graham	June Fava Maggie Hughes	Kathy Blair Maggie Hughes Therese Toshack
Sunday 11 Oct 9:00am	Colin Cowan Gerard Mowbray Kim Smith	Kath Casey Carol Geyl	Peta Landers John Doran Lesley McInerney Camilla Palamo
Sunday 11 Oct 6:00pm	Helen Beath Jo Turner Ian Ross-Gowan	Sue Campbell Lois Wilson	Yves Nzuzi Sue Campbell Shirley Ross Gowan

BAPTISMS

This weekend we will witness the baptism of

Capri Natalie Middleton

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 **Middleton** family in your prayers

This year marks 100 years of World Mission Day, a time in which the global Church celebrates God's mission through prayer and generosity.

Today, that mission continues in places like Malawi, where communities are rebuilding after devastating floods and families are striving to create a future for their children.

To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to https://www.catholicmission.org.au/united

Liturgical Book Orders

Orders are now being taken for the following 2027 liturgical resources:

- ***Break Open the Word 2027***
- ***Ordo 2027***
- ***God's Word 2027***
- ***Daily Mass Book 2027***
- ***The New Community Bible***

To place an order, please complete the online form at: **https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/RVmt8Pg79n** or collect an order form from the back of the church.

Orders close on Sunday, 11 October 2026.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St Mary's Primary School K-6
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E:admin@warnersbay.catholic.edu.au
W:www.warnersbay.catholic.edu.au/
Principal: Liz Starling

St Joseph's Primary School K-6
140 Wangi Road, Kilaben Bay
P: 02 4959 1355
E:admin@kilabenbay.catholic.edu.au
W: www.kilabenbay.catholic.edu.au
Principal: Nikki Norley

St John Vianney Primary School K-6
60-66 Yambo Street, Morisset
P: 02 4973 4073
E:admin@morisset.catholic.edu.au
W: www.morisset.catholic.edu.au
Principal: Mark Konik

St Paul's Catholic College 7-12
70 Primrose Street, Booragul
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W: www.booragul.catholic.edu.au
Acting Principal: Anne-Maree Shipman

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Finance Committee
TBA

Pastoral Council Meeting
Monday 19th October - 6.30pm
St Michael's Booragul

Promotion of Safeguarding
Please contact the office

St Vincent de Paul
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Booragul - Steve Barnett: 0409 917 995

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