

Lakeside Pastoral Region Bulletin

The Catholic Parishes of Booragul Warners Bay, Toronto and Morisset

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Sts Patrick & Brigid - 6 Martinsville Road, Cooranbong

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SUNDAY, 12 JULY 2026

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

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BAPTISMS & SACRAMENTS

Booking via Parish Website

Baptisms celebrated most Sundays.

UPCOMING MASS TIMES:

Sat 11 July

Mass 5:00pm Cooranbong

Mass 5:30pm Booragul

Sun 12 July

Mass 8:30am Toronto

Mass 9:00am Warners Bay

Mass 10:00am Morisset

Mass 6:00pm Warners Bay

Tue 14 July

Mass 9:30am Morisset

Wed 15 Jul

Mass 9:00am Booragul

Thu 16 Jul

Mass 9:30am Warners Bay

Fri 17 Jul

Mass 9:30am Toronto

Dear Parish Family,

"...he told them many things in parables."

Again, surrounded by many who are sick, lonely and feeling hopeless Jesus begins to speak about the Kingdom of God or as I like to say it, if God was in charge! Over the next three weeks, Jesus will speak in parables to help us understand the Kingdom. What is a parable? A parable is a short story that teaches a moral, spiritual or practical lesson. They are usually brief, making them easy to remember. They draw on everyday experiences - such as farming, fishing, or building - and they have a deeper meaning beyond the literal story. In some ways, they are like children's movies: there is often a deeper message beneath the surface, inviting us to reflect.

Jesus always used the Jewish world of the first century. For the listeners they would have understood agriculture; it was the reality of their daily lives. He often used vineyards, wheatfields, or building houses which drew on people's lived experience.

As we heard in the First Reading from Isaiah, God's word goes out and does not return empty handed without carrying out God's will. The parable of the Sower is such an example. It can be read or heard as a literal story about sowing seed and the lesson one might take from it is to be careful where you throw the seed when sowing. As one who does not have a green thumb at all, I still know that in order to grow, a seed must be placed inside the earth so that its roots may take hold as its stem reaches for the sun above the surface. But Jesus is inviting us to look much more deeply.

"...some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up." Some receive God's Word but immediately hear other voices calling them to a life of comfort and pleasure, or an easier path. *"Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, ...but as soon as the sun came up, they were scorched."* Some people begin to answer God's call, but find it costly, and soon throw the towel in, and return to old ways. They cannot find a solid foundation. *"Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them."* Others genuinely want to answer the call, but they have so many other pressing things to worry about. *"Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop."* These are the people who receive God's word with open and receptive hearts, allowing it to take root and bear fruit in their lives.

The question Jesus leaves with each of us is simple: "What kind of soil am I?" God continually calls us to a richer and fuller life. Yet, as we have heard in recent Sundays, following Christ comes at a cost. Jesus says, "Take up your cross and follow me." Are our hearts receptive enough to hear God's voice? Do we have eyes to see where God is at work in the world around us? What is this parable saying to me - here and now? May the seed (God's word) begin to grow within us. May we nurture it, so that when it blossoms it may enrich not just our lives but the lives of all those around us.

This Sunday we celebrate Seafarers Sunday. Did you know that there are over 1.8 million mariners who sustain global trade. Over 90% of the goods we rely on arrive by sea, carried by people who often spend months away from their families and loved ones, from their homes, facing isolation and challenging conditions. Our Diocese supports the lives of seafarers through our Port Chaplain Mark Spencer. If you would like to know more about this important ministry, and support where you can. [Mission to Seafarers Newcastle – Caring for Seafarers in Newcastle since 1875.](http://www.mtsnewcastle.org.au) Over the next two weekends Ray Collins from the Seafarers will be joining us to speak about the ministry and to ask for our support. Let us remember all seafarers in our prayers, giving thanks for their service and asking God to keep them safe wherever they may be.

Finally, as our young people prepare in their faith journey for the sacrament of confirmation let's remember them in prayer. This year we have 33 candidates at Warners Bay, 9 at Toronto and 2 at Morisset (celebrating at Toronto). We pray...come Holy Spirit come!

Stay warm and well everyone!

Fr Darryl Mackie

Parish Priest

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday 12 Jul 2026

First Reading (Isaiah 55:10-11)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 64:10-14 R. Lk 8:8)

(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. **(R.)**
2. And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. **(R.)**
3. You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **(R.)**
4. The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **(R.)**

Second Reading (Romans 8:18-23)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia!

**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



Gospel (Matthew 13:1-23)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,
see and see again, but not perceive.
For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,
their ears are dull of hearing,
and they have shut their eyes,
for fear they should see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their heart,
and be converted
and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'



(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.



The International Eucharistic Congress ('Eucharist28') is coming to Sydney in 2028!

Eucharist28's theme, 'This is My Body, Given For You', invites us to reflect on Christ's words as he instituted the Eucharistic Sacrifice. At each Mass, the priest repeats Jesus' words from the Last Supper, and the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. As we receive the Eucharist, we are called to carry His presence into our homes, workplaces, schools, parishes and communities. We're invited to allow Christ's presence to transform us as we share in the breaking of the bread. The journey begins now.

In late 2025 an extended series of 'listening sessions' was held, engaging faithful Catholics from across the country, asking them to share their hopes and dreams for Eucharist28.

Their responses were compiled and this report was produced and presented to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

Many people had brilliant ideas and all were fired with enthusiasm for a eucharistic renewal of our country.

You can read the report at : [Parishes | Report: The Voices of the Church in Australia on Eucharistic Renewal](#)

2026 Magdalene Awards

Sunday 26 July, 9:30am, Sacred Heart Cathedral

We warmly invite you to join us as we celebrate and recognise these remarkable women and their contribution to our diocesan community.

Register: [The 2026 Magdalene Award Celebration - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)



Diocesan Resource Centre Book Sale

Sale on now until Friday 24 July (10am-2pm), Diocesan Resource Centre

Someone's favourite book is waiting to become your new favourite book! At our pre-loved book sale, you'll find religious texts, non-religious reads, and a few hidden gems, all lovingly passed on and ready for a new home. All proceeds support the outreach work of CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning. Card sales only, most items \$5 or under.

For more information call Mary on 0409033449 or email domnlibrary@mn.catholic.org.au

Sea Sunday 12 July 2026

Sea Sunday is a time to pray for and support the men and women who work at sea, often far from home in difficult and isolating conditions. The 2026 theme is *Harbours of Hope: The Church Alongside Seafarers*. Through the Ministry of The Mission to Seafarers and Stella Maris, churches offer care, welcome, and hope to seafarers visiting our ports. In 2025 alone, more than 48,000 ship visits and 150,000 shore leave transports were provided.

Please consider supporting this vital ministry through prayer, hospitality, or a financial donation. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Account Name: The Apostleship of the Sea
BSB: 062 784 Account Number: 1000 12583

Anointing Mass

Thursday 16th July 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.



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



CHARLESTOWN Wed 15 July

6.00pm-8.00pm

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



Nourishment Day 2026: Refreshing the Hearts of Parish Musicians

Saturday 8 August, 10am-3pm, Sacred Heart Cathedral

Choir members, cantors, instrumentalists, coordinators, this one's for you. Step away from the weekly routine, renew your spirit, and connect with fellow musicians from across the Diocese as we explore music's vital role in the Church's prayer and mission. "Sing to the Lord a new song." Psalm 96

RSVP at: [Nourishment Day - Refreshing the Hearts of Parish Musicians - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)



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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



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased: John Miner

Anniversaries: James Parsons, Christian Hughes.

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: Jane, Jane Farrugia, Guillermo Gomez, Maria Angelica Ansoldo, Penny Lamb, Ali Ford, Steven, Jo Turner, Robyn Williams, Helen Sligar, Terry Clancy, Leslie Henry, Andrew Regan, Eileen Brooks, Vince Abdilla, J, Margaret Ryan, John Osborne, Andrew Garvie, 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, Cathy Quinlan and Robyn

Please contact the office if there are any changes.

Rosters

	Reading	Welcoming	Communion
Saturday 11 July 5:30pm	Therese Toshack Paula Graham Jane Bennett	Louise Stanbridge Judith Williams	June Fava Jane Bennett Marie Osbourne
Sunday 12 July 9:00am	Sue Withers Eileen Brooks John Doran	Kath Casey Carol Geyl	Stephen Bartlett Shirleen Singh Colin Cowan Lisa Des Forges
Sunday 12 July 6:00pm	Helen Beath Jo Turner Ian Ross-Gowan	Jane Barnett Stephen Barnett	Sue Campbell Shirley Ross-Gowan Steve Barnett

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Kirsten Soyers

Caritas Australia
Chief Executive Officer



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BAPTISMS

This weekend we will witness the baptism of

Albie Josef Harris

May the gift of baptism they will receive strengthen them

For their journey of life and faith they will share with us.

Please remember the Harris family in your prayers.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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Principal: Nick Wickham

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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

St Vincent de Paul

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