

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, 02 AUGUST 2026

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

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torontoparish.org

www.vianneymorisset.org

BAPTISMS & SACRAMENTS

Booking via Parish Website

Baptisms celebrated most Sundays.

UPCOMING MASS TIMES:

Sat 01 Aug

Mass 5:00pm Cooranbong

Mass 5:30pm Booragul

Sun 02 Aug

Mass 8:30am Toronto

Mass 9:00am Warners Bay

Mass 10:00am Morisset

Mass 6:00pm Warners Bay

Tue 04 Aug

Mass 9:30am Morisset

Wed 05 Aug

Mass 9:00am Booragul

Thu 06 Aug

Mass 9:30am Warners Bay

Fri 07 Aug

Mass 9:30am Toronto

Dear Parish Family,

"...give them something to eat yourselves...."

Over these past three weeks, we have listened to a series of parables that reveal what the Kingdom of God—or the Kingdom of Heaven - is like when God is truly in charge: a kingdom of love, forgiveness, mercy, and where no one goes hungry. Today's Gospel begins with Jesus receiving heartbreaking news: the death of his cousin, John the Baptist. Naturally, he seeks some time alone to grieve. Yet once again, the crowds find him. Even in the midst of his own sorrow, Jesus looks upon them with this gut-wrenching compassion.

I have always loved the dialogue between Jesus and his disciples in the story of the feeding of the five thousand with the women and children, it may have doubled the size of the crowd. The disciples' solution is simple: "Send the people away so they can buy food for themselves." In other words: It's not my problem. But that solution only creates other problems - how could the nearby villages possibly feed such a vast crowd? And even if food were available, those with money could eat while those without would go hungry. For the disciples, the answer to hunger is business and personal responsibility.

Jesus rejects their solution. Instead, he tells them, "Give them something to eat yourselves." The answer to hunger is not simply found in money, but in generous hearts willing to share what they have, however little it may seem. Five loaves and two fish become enough when they are placed into Jesus' hands. Blessed, broken and shared, they become a feast with an abundance left over. In this miracle, the parables over these past weeks come to their fulfilment. The Kingdom of God is no longer just described - it is happening now.

As we pray in this weekend's psalm: "The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs." What are those needs? The hunger we are called to satisfy is often much broader than physical hunger. It may be the hunger for companionship, for hope, for kindness, or simply for someone to care. We feed that hunger whenever we distribute bread, visit the sick, spend time with those who are grieving, care for a child, give parents a much-needed break, help someone who is isolated, or simply sit and listen. These ordinary acts of generosity become extraordinary signs of God's Kingdom.

I am always reminded of the words of Fr Pedro Arrupe, once a former Superior General of the Jesuits who said: "The Eucharist will never be complete so long as people still go hungry in the world." Maybe we could add today, nor will it be complete while people continue to hunger for friendship, belonging, compassion and love. During this coming week, may we reflect on the many forms of hunger that exist around us. May we recognise them with the eyes of Christ and respond as he commanded us: "Give them something to eat yourselves."

This weekend we welcome Bishop Michael to St Mary's Warners Bay as we celebrate the thirty-six young people who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We congratulate each of them as they take this important step in their journey of faith. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit strengthen and guide them throughout their lives. And may they always know the wonderful promise we hear from St Paul in this Sunday's second reading: *that nothing can ever separate us from the love of Christ.*

Stay well and warm everyone

Fr Darryl Mackie

Parish Priest

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Sunday 02 Aug 2026

First Reading (Isaiah 55:1-3)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat
and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 144:8-9, 15-18. R. v.16)

**(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.**

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

Second Reading (Romans 8:35, 37-39)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if
we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking
food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These
are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him
who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no
prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any
power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever
come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ
Jesus our Lord.



Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 4:4)

Alleluia, alleluia!

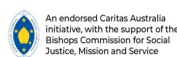
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 14:13-21)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he
withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by
themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the
towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw
a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This
is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the
people away, and they can go to the villages to buy
themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for
them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they
answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.'
'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the
people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five
loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the
blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his
disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much
as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining,
twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five
thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.



SEASON OF CREATION GATHERING 2026

Listen • Reflect • Act

Event Details

3-4 September 2026

- Online
10 – 4:30 pm (AEST)
- Registration:
\$20 per person / \$100 per parish

www.caritas.org.au/soc-gathering

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.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for August 2026

For Evangelization In The City

Let us pray that in large cities,
often marked by anonymity and loneliness,
we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel,
discovering creative paths to build community.

(CNS photo/Vatican Media)

Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (Sat 8 August)

Sat – 9.00am Holy Cross Glendale
Sat – 9.30am St Mary's Warners Bay
Sat – 9.30am St Patrick & St Brigid
Cooranbong



Feast of the Assumption (Sat 15 August) Holy Day of Obligation

Fri -5.30pm St Michael's Booragul
Sat – 8.30am St Josephs Toronto
Sat – 9.00am St Mary's Warners Bay
Sat – 10.00am St John Vianney Morisset
Fri – 5.00pm Our Lady of Good Counsel
West Wallsend
Sat – 9.00am Holy Cross Glendale



HUNTER MENS CAMINO

*March the Streets of Newcastle for
Our Lord Jesus and Mother Mary*

Exaltation of the Cross

SEPTEMBER 12 AT 10.30AM
SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL
Hunter St, Hamilton Newcastle

Contact: Jason C
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St Mary's 2026 MUSICAL!
The Sound of US

WEDNESDAY 19TH AUGUST 2026

★ MATINEE PERFORMANCE – 11AM
★ EVENING PERFORMANCE – 6PM

TICKETS: \$35

★ DANCE MISS IT!
★ COME ALONG FOR
★ AMAZING SONGS!
★ LOTS OF LAUGHS!
★ AWESOME DANCING!
★ FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

AT THE CIVIC THEATRE NEWCASTLE

Movie Night

Where: Lake Macquaire
Cinema Boolaroo

When: Friday 14 August
7:30pm

Price: \$12 - Cash only
(efpos machine
unavailable)



St Anne's Nature Playgroup

Term 2 2026

Tuesday 28 July
Tuesday 11 August
Tuesday 25 August
Tuesday 8 September
Tuesday 22 September
9:30am to 11:30am

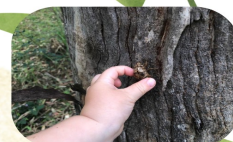
St Joseph's Community Centre
Kilaben Bay
Gold coin donation

Join us to spend time outdoors,
play games, share stories, enjoy
nature and people's company

What to bring

Hat, water bottle, sunscreen,
insect repellent, morning tea,
spare clothes, rain gear if needed

Call Parish office for
information 4943 4153



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](#)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased: Andrew Garvie

Anniversaries: Joe Panek, Marion Marin.

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: Francis Parsons, Janet Garvie, 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, 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 Parsons, Kurt Heaton, Ross Redgrove, Cathy Quinlan and Robyn.

Please contact the office if there are any changes.

Rosters

	Reading	Welcoming	Communion
Saturday 01 Aug 5:30pm	Jane Bennett Joan Wilson Maggie Hughes	June Fava Maggie Hughes	Louise Stanbridge Kathy Blair Maggie Hughes
Sunday 02 Aug 9:00am	Ryan Gato Stephen Bartlett	Kath Casey Carol Geyl	Lesley McInerney Camilla Palamo Matelena Palamo Les Brooks
Sunday 02 Aug 6:00pm	Mary Sacco Steve Barnett Lois Wilson	Sue Campbell Lois Wilson	Yves Nzuzi Sue Campbell Shirley Ross-Gowan

COME JOIN US FOR...

Ladies Day Luncheon

MONDAY

3 AUGUST 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



REAL
women

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**

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St Mary's Primary School K-6

2 Bayview Street, Warners Bay

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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

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Principal: Nikki Norley

St John Vianney Primary School K-6

60-66 Yambo Street, Morisset

P: 02 4973 4073

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Principal: Mark Konik

St Paul's Catholic College 7-12

70 Primrose Street, Booragul

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Principal: Nick Wickham

PARISH GROUPS

Finance Committee

Thursday 20th August—6.00pm

St Michael's Booragul

Pastoral Council Meeting

Monday 3rd August—6.30pm

St Michael's Booragul

Promotion of Safeguarding

Please contact the office

St Vincent de Paul

Membership enquiries

Warners Bay - Peter Deed: 0419 106 519

Booragul - Steve Barnett: 0409 917 995

Mass Collection - Thank you

First Collection supports our priests:

BSB: 066 739

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Reference: *Your Surname.*

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