Lakeside Pastoral Region Bulletin

The Catholic Parishes of Booragul Warners Bay, Toronto and Morisset

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SUNDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2026 **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

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BAPTISMS & SACRAMENTS

Booking via Parish Website
Baptisms celebrated most Sundays.

UPCOMING MASS TIMES:

Sat 26 Sept		
Mass	5:00pm	Cooranbong
Mass	5:30pm	Booragul
Sun 27 Sept		
Mass	8:30am	Toronto
Mass	9:00am	Warners Bay
Mass	10:00am	Morisset
Mass	6:00pm	Warners Bay
Tue 29 Sept		
Mass	9:30am	Morisset
Wed 30 Sept		
Mass	9:00am	Booragul
Thu 01 Oct		
Mass	9:30am	Warners Bay
Fri 02 Oct		
Mass	9:30am	Toronto

Dear Parish Family,

"What is your opinion?"

As we have been journeying through the Gospel of Matthew over the past weeks, we have been dealing with some of the issues that were arising in the early Christian communities. One of those issues, which we touched on last weekend, concerned those who were non-Jewish and had come into the community much later. That issue comes up again this weekend.

But things have intensified. So, let's set the scene. Sometimes our lectionary skips a few passages, so a great deal has happened in the story. Jesus is now in Jerusalem. Having driven out all the money lenders from the Temple he is now in conflict with the established religious authorities, forcing them to exercise judgment upon themselves.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus often criticises the religious leaders because they can become so concerned with the letter of the law that they lose sight of the spirit, especially in its call to mercy and compassion. Jesus is seeking the opinion of the chief priests and elders on a hypothetical situation (this is a common way of debating a point of law in the Jewish tradition). He describes two sons, each asked by their father to go and work in the family vineyard. Again, we have an owner of a vineyard but this time instead of the workers he sends his two sons. As we heard last week when harvest time comes along, the grapes must be picked fast before the rains. Every hand was needed. The first says 'No' but later does his father's bidding. The second says 'Yes' but doesn't follow through on his commitment.

Which groups are those depicted by the sons? The first son represents the tax collectors and sinners. These were regarded by the religious authorities as beyond redemption. Yet Jesus holds them up! They may have initially said "no" to God by their poor choices but by saying "yes" to the message of Jesus their lives were changed. Now that would have cheesed the leaders off! And the second son, represents the religious leaders who with their words always said "yes" to God, but they never showed it in their actions. Theirs became a "no"! They could abide by all the religious laws, but not their care for others. What ultimately counts are not the promises made, but the actions taken.

This Sunday the Church calls us to heart felt action as we celebrate World Day of Migrants and Refugees. This annual event sets aside a time to express concern, pray for vulnerable people on the move, and raise awareness about the challenges and opportunities surrounding migration. The 2026 theme is "Even just one of these children". It recognises that we often think of adults but asks us to consider the impact that finding a new homeland can have on children. We have a duty to welcome and protect vulnerable displaced children, refugees and migrants. When we look around the Churches this Sunday let's give thanks to all who make up our community; for all who have travelled to this land for a better life and better opportunities and enrich our communities.

Finally, Fr Paul will be heading off on a few weeks of annual leave. We wish him a wonderful break, some well-earned rest, and we look forward to welcoming him back refreshed

Have a blessed week everyone!

Fr Darryl Mackie
PP / Administrator

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Sunday 27th Sept 2026

irst Reading (Ezekiel 18:25-28)

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6)

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
   Lord, teach me your paths.
   Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
   for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
   and the love you have shown from of old.
   Do not remember the sins of my youth.
   In your love remember me,
   because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright.
   He shows the path to those who stray,
   he guides the humble in the right path;
   he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading (Philippians 2:1-11)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

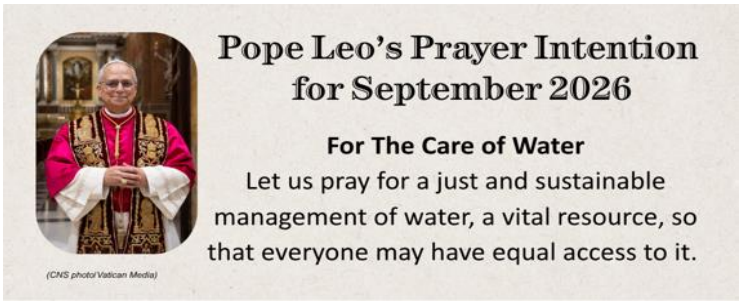
Gospel Acclamation (John 10:27)

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 21:28-32)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'







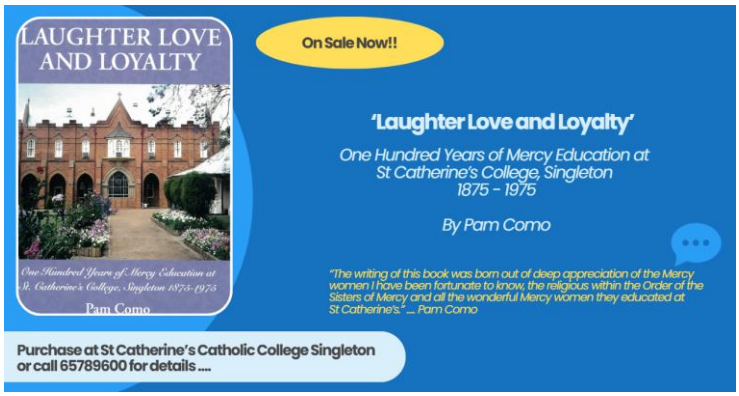
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World Youth Day 2027

World Youth Day is an international gathering of young people (aged 16-35) held every three years with the Pope. The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is leading a pilgrimage in July 2027 to the next one in South Korea with an extended retreat in Japan following. Serious expressions of interest have now opened and can be logged on our webpage. We expect bookings to open in November with an $800 deposit. Learn more - https://mn.catholic.org.au/church/world-youth-day-2027/

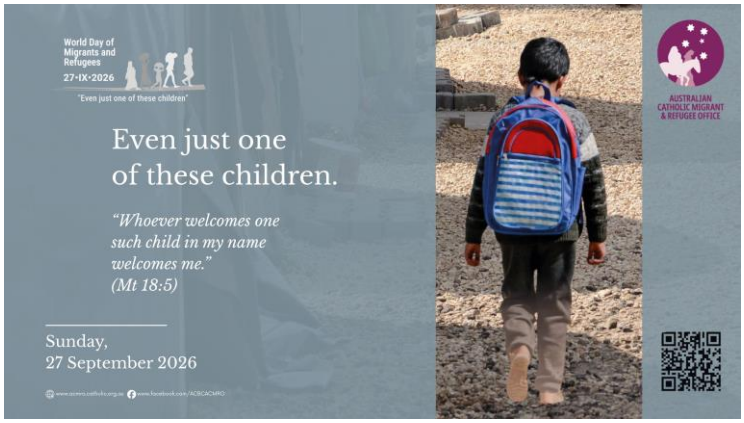


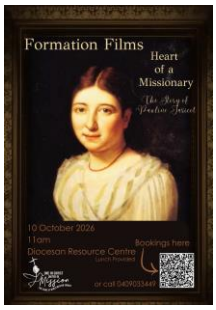
First Holy Communion Prayer Cards

As our First Holy Communion candidates prepare for this special step in their faith journey, we invite parishioners to take a prayer card from the basket at the sanctuary. Each card bears the name of one of our children preparing to receive First Holy Communion.

Please keep that child in your prayers and write a short message of encouragement, blessing, or good wishes in the card. Completed cards should be returned to the basket at the sanctuary by Sunday, 11 October.

Thank you for surrounding our children with the prayers and support of our Lakeside Pastoral Region family.





Formation Films – Heart of a Missionary: The Story of Pauline Jaricot

Saturday 10 October 2026, 11:00am – 1:00pm, Diocesan Resource Centre – Cnr Parry & Tudor St Newcastle

A documentary film about Pauline Marie Jaricot, foundress of The Society for the Propagation of Faith who, at just 18 years old, revolutionised the way our Church looks at the missions. Join us, in conjunction with Catholic Mission, to watch the film and share lunch and robust discussion. All are welcome! REGISTRATION (Essential): https://mn.catholic.org.au/event/formation-films-heart-of-a-missionary-the-story-of-pauline-jaricot/ or call Mary on 0409033449.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
Recently Deceased:
Anniversaries: Julie Doran, Tom Fuller, Alfred Cecil Shelley.

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: Leila Grew, John Fava, Nola Batterham, Aaron Mol, Michael, 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 Parons, Kurt Heaton, Ross Redgrove, Craig Webber and Robyn.
Please contact the office if there are any changes.

Rosters			
	Reading	**Welcoming**	**Communion**
Saturday 26 Sep 5:30pm	Paula Graham Jane Bennett Joan Wilson	Maggie Hughes Marie Osborne	Therese Toshack June Fava Jane Bennett
Sunday 27 Sep 9:00am	Camilla Palamo Sue Withers Eileen Brooks	Kath Casey Carol Geyl	Sr Kim Barnes Stephen Bartlett Shirleen Singh Colin Cowan
Sunday 27 Sep 6:00pm	Carman Zuhair Andrea Matulova Mary Sacco	Sue Campbell Lois Wilson	Ian Ross Gowan Jane Barnett Helen Beath



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.

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Pastoral Council Meeting
Monday 19th October - 6.30pm
St Michael's Booragul
Promotion of Safeguarding
Please contact the office

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