# Lakeside Pastoral Region Bulletin

***The Catholic Parishes of Boolaroo, Booragul, Toronto and Morisset***

*Our Lady Help of Christians - 84 Main Road, Speers Point*
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*St Michael the Archangel - 46 Ranclaud Street, Booragul*
*St Joseph's - 140 Wangi Road, Toronto*
*Sts Patrick & Brigid - 6 Martinsville Road, Cooranbong*
*St John Vianney - 60 Yambo Street, Morisset*

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**SUNDAY, 1st March 2026** **2nd SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A**

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## UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES:

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| Sat 28 Feb | 5:00pm | Cooranbong |
| | 5:30pm | Boolaroo |
| Sun 01 Mar | 9:00am | Warners Bay |
| | 9:00am | Toronto |
| | 9:30am | Morisset |
| | 6:00pm | Warners Bay |
| Tue 03 Mar | 9:00am | Booragul |
| | 9:30am | Morisset |
| Wed 04 Mar | 9:00am | Boolaroo |
| Thu 05 Mar | 9:30am | Warners Bay |
| Fri 06 Mar | 9:30am | Toronto |

## BAPTISMS & SACRAMENTS

Booking via Parish Website
Baptisms celebrated most Sundays.

Dear Parish Family,

*"do not be afraid....."*

On the Second Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always has the Transfiguration event which appears in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. Jesus having been baptised and given his identity; then faced the obstacles / temptations that we heard about last week and his identity is reaffirmed in this event - This is my Son" — He is God's Son; "the Beloved" — He is deeply loved; "with whom I am well pleased" — He has a mission before Him.

The Transfiguration in the three Gospel takes place after the same following events which makes it a significant event. In each of the three Gospels this is the format: Jesus has asked his disciples the question, *who do you say I am*? Then, Peter makes his confession of faith declaring that Jesus is the Messiah. Next, Jesus teaches about the difficulties in being a disciple that there is a cross involved. When Peter declares Jesus to be the Messiah, he and the others don't quite get it, and it will take some time to understand. Yet in the Transfiguration they are given the clearest indication of who Jesus really is. The core message is about the faith of the disciples, us!

The Transfiguration points to who Jesus is, his identity but it also points to our final goal of what life is going to be for us at the end of time – transformation into the glory of our Father. Jesus knew he would have to come down the hill and head to Jerusalem and the cross. For me, the Transfiguration always reminds us that if we ever feel lost or confused, Jesus points to our direction, you were made for this also. No matter how much we struggle or suffer coming down the "mountain" we are God's beloved children. For God we are as dazzling!

What has been your transfiguration moment or moments? Getting married or some saying being present for the birth of their child; being on a mountaintop with an amazing view; or just a special moment in our lives. After these amazing moments we always have to come down the "mountain" and face reality but holding on to these experiences that often give us strength to keep going, sometimes through life.

During our Lenten journey, we are invited to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to increase our love of God, self, and others. This week, I draw my reflection on prayer or listening from Pope Leo's Message for Lent 2026.

*I would first like to consider the importance of making room for the word through listening. The willingness to listen is the first way we demonstrate our desire to enter into relationship with someone. .....Our God is one who seeks to involve us. Even today he shares with us what is in his heart. Because of this, listening to the word in the liturgy teaches us to listen to the truth of reality. In the midst of the many voices present in our personal lives and in society, Sacred Scripture helps us to recognize and respond to the cry of those who are anguished and suffering. In order to foster this inner openness to listening, we must allow God to teach us how to listen as he does. In listening, we must recognize that "the condition of the poor is a cry that, throughout human history, constantly challenges our lives, societies, political and economic systems, and, not least, the Church."*

To listen in this way requires stillness. It requires space. As we draw closer to Easter, let us make time for prayer — time not only to speak, but to listen. I invite our communities, especially during Lent, to embrace a few moments of silence before our Masses begin. We will put a slide up on the screens to call us to silence. In that quiet, we prepare our hearts to hear the voice of the Beloved Son who calls each of us by name. May this Lent be a season of renewal, courage, and deeper love. May we learn to listen more closely to the One who calls us his beloved children. Happy Lent.

*Fr Darryl Mackie*
Parish Priest

## Second Sunday of Lent Year A
## Sunday 01 Mar 2026

### First Reading (Genesis 12:1-4)

A reading from the book of Genesis
The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

> 'I will bless those who bless you:
> I will curse those who slight you.
> All the tribes of the earth
> shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

### Responsorial Psalm
### (Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22)

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

### Second Reading (2 Timothy 1:8-10)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

### Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 17:5)

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Gospel (Matthew 17:1-9)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

### Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for March 2026

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**For Disarmament and Peace**

Let us pray that nations move to effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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| **LIFELINE** | **BEYOND BLUE** |
| 13 11 14 | 1300 22 4636 |
| **1800 RESPECT** | **HEADSPACE** |
| 1800 737 732 | 1800 650 890 |
| **MINDSPOT** | **KIDS HELPLINE** |
| 1800 61 44 34 | 1800 55 1800 |
| **NATIONAL DEBT HELPLINE** | **NATIONAL CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE** |
| 1800 007 007 | 1800 020 080 |

**Called & Gifted Discernment Process 2026**
**Expressions of Interest Now Open!**

After the success of the 2025 trial, Mission & Evangelisation is working with the Catherine of Siena Institute to offer the Called & Gifted Discernment Process this year. We will again offer this life-changing discernment process, inviting you to discover your God-given charisms. Commencing in May, step forward in faith and help our parishes thrive through use of your gifts. Express your interest at the link below.
Link: Called and Gifted Discernment Process- Expression of Interest 2026 Form

Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. – Mt 11:28

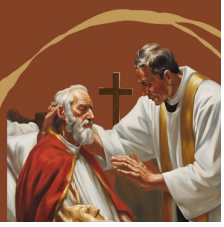
Come and join us for prayer, reflection, and adoration.

When: Thursdays, 6:30pm
Where: St Michael the Archangel, Booragul

# Anointing Mass

Tuesday 17th March at 9.30am
St John Vianney Church Morisset
60 Yambo St Morisset

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



Caritas AUSTRALIA | PROJECT COMPASSION

## Second Sunday of Lent
28 February – 1 March 2026

**Sisilia** is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dream of one day becoming a pilot.

**Please donate today**.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.
**Or online at**: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate
**Or by calling:** 1800 024 413
Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.

**2026 Chrism Mass**

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday 31 March, 6.30pm (for 7pm)
Sacred Heart Cathedral with Bishop Michael Kennedy

REAL women
Placing Value on Womanhood

placing value on womanhood

"Real Women" is back for 2026
The next REAL WOMEN CAFE NIGHT
Monday, 23 March 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 28 February 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:** Diane Nichols
**Anniversaries:** Eileen Gleeson
***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:*** Ali Ford, Steven, Jo Turner, Robyn Williams, Helen Sligar, Terry Clancy, Leslie Henry, Andrew Regan, Eileen Brooks, Vince Abdilla, J, Margaret Ryan, Mark Saesar, John Osborne, Yvonne Selby, Andrew Garvie, Ariane Hampton, Bernadette Gill, Patricia Neilson, Peter O'Neil, Eoin O'Connor, Brian Coogans, 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, Nancy Tooney, Joy Dixon, Pat, Enid, Rebecca , Riley, Dot, Suzan Aslin, Michael, Patrick Grew, John, Adrian Van Bellan, Franis Parons, Kurt Heaton, Ross Redgrove, Cathy Quinlan

**Please contact the office once a person is well again.**

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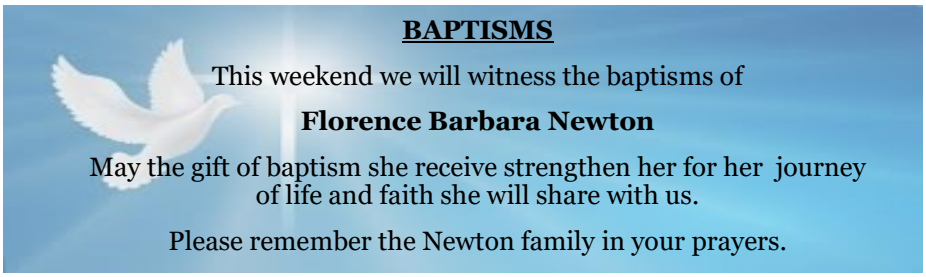
| | **Reading** | **Welcoming** | **Communion** |
| Saturday 28 February 5:30pm | Joan Wilson<br>Maggie Hughes<br>Sallyanne Stanbridge | Louise Stanbridge<br>Judith Williams | Therese Toshack<br>June Fava<br>Jane Bennett |
| Sunday 01 March 9:00am | Family Mass | Family Mass | Family Mass |
| Sunday 01 March 6:00pm | Mary Sacco<br>Steve Barnett<br>Lois Wilson | Sue Campbell<br>Lois Wilson | Ralph Asquith<br>Melissa Wood<br>Colin Sacco |

### Children's Liturgy of the Word — Begins Sunday 8 March

St Mary's, Warners Bay — 9.00am Mass
We are delighted to be re-launching Children's Liturgy of the Word at St Mary's, beginning Sunday 8 March. This is a beautiful opportunity for our young parishioners to hear God's Word in a way that is joyful, engaging, and made especially for them.
Parents — we warmly invite you to bring your children along. Children's Liturgy helps them grow in faith, feel at home in the Mass, and connect with Scripture in a way that speaks to their hearts.
To make this ministry possible, we are also seeking kind, patient volunteers who can help guide our children in prayer and reflection. No teaching experience is required — just a willingness to share your faith and support our parish's youngest members. Training and resources are provided.
If you feel called to assist, or would like to know more, please contact:
Parish Office: 4943 4153 or Nicola Graham: 0417 773 444
Nicola.graham@mn.catholic.org.au



### BAPTISMS

This weekend we will witness the baptisms of

**Florence Barbara Newton**

May the gift of baptism she receive strengthen her for her journey of life and faith she will share with us.

Please remember the Newton family in your prayers.

### School Enrolment Tours

We are now accepting enrolment applications for Kinder 2027 at St Mary's Primary School, Warners Bay.

Tour dates from 2nd to 18th March 2026.

For further information phone 4948 8770 or email admin@warnersbay.catholic.edu.au.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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

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

**St John Vianney Primary School K-6**
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**W**: www.morisset.catholic.edu.au
**Principal:** Mark Konik

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**Principal:** Nick Wickham

## PARISH GROUPS

**Finance Committee**
Thursday 16 April 2026 - 6:00pm
St Michael's Booragul

**Pastoral Council Meeting**
Monday 27th April 2026 - 6:30pm
St Michael's Booragul

**Promotion of Safeguarding**
Please contact the office

### Mass Collection - Thank you

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