

Lakeside Pastoral Region Bulletin

The Catholic Parishes of Booragul Warners Bay, Toronto and Morisset

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SUNDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2026

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

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Booking via Parish Website

Baptisms celebrated most Sundays.

UPCOMING MASS TIMES:

Sat 12 Sept

Mass	5:00pm	Cooranbong
Mass	5:30pm	Booragul

Sun 13 Sept

Mass	8:30am	Toronto
Mass	9:00am	Warners Bay
Mass	10:00am	Morisset
Mass	6:00pm	Warners Bay

Tue 15 Sept

Mass	9:30am	Morisset
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Wed 16 Sept

Mass	9:00am	Booragul
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Thu 17 Sept

Mass	9:30am	Warners Bay
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Fri 18 Sept

Mass	9:30am	Toronto
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Dear Parish Family,

“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord”

This Sunday, also known as Safeguarding Sunday, we observe our Perpetual Day of Remembrance. Following the decree of Bishop Bill Wright in 2020, the Perpetual Day of Remembrance takes precedence over the Sunday in Ordinary Time. Therefore, this weekend we pause our journey through the Gospel of Mark and instead hear Mary's great prayer, the Magnificat, from the Gospel of Luke.

The Magnificat is a passage of profound hope in times of darkness. It begins with praise and gratitude as Mary thanks God for choosing her, a humble servant, to carry Emmanuel, “God with us.” Her soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord. The prayer then turns to the transformation of God's Kingdom, revealing a radical reversal of the world's values. God casts down the proud and powerful from their thrones, while lifting up the humble, the lowly, and the hungry. Finally, the Magnificat reminds us of God's faithfulness. Across every generation, God remains true to His promises, showing mercy to those who fear Him and remembering His covenant with Abraham and the people of Israel.

As we acknowledge the Perpetual Day of Remembrance, we recognise the need for all of us to be signs of hope in a world troubled by abuse and violence. On this day, we remember survivors, victims, and their loved ones with respect and love. We acknowledge the failures and sins that caused such harm, and we pray for the grace to become a Church where every person is safe, valued, heard, and accompanied.

I commend to you Bishop Michael's homily, in which he reflects on a recent conversation with a survivor of clerical abuse. The survivor identified two important needs.

Firstly, “he hopes to find when he enters a church is some acknowledgement of what has been done to him.” Bishop Michael writes, “Our Perpetual Day of Remembrance is one way we, the Church of Maitland-Newcastle, seek to give him and all survivors the acknowledgment they deserve.” Secondly, the survivor said, “we deserve to be prayed for!” Bishop Michael reminds us that prayer is essential: “Prayer cannot undo the past, but it can change the future. We hold survivors in our prayers, trusting that God's healing presence can reach places where our human words and actions are insufficient.”

On this Perpetual Day of Remembrance, we stand together, survivors, families, clergy, religious, and parish communities, in a shared act of remembrance. Each act of remembrance becomes part of a shared promise: that we will not forget that we will not look away, and that we will do all we can to ensure these failures are never repeated. My sincere thanks go to all our Safeguarding Promoters throughout our parishes, and to everyone who contributes to creating safe and welcoming communities for our children and vulnerable adults.

May all who gather among us always feel welcome, valued, and safe.

Have a blessed week everyone!

Fr Darryl Mackie

PP / Administrator

Perpetual Day of Remembrance Sunday 13th Sept 2026

First Reading (Ezekiel 37:1-14)

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel

The hand of the Lord was laid on me, and he carried me away by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley, a valley full of bones. He made me walk up and down among them. There were vast quantities of these bones on the ground the whole length of the valley; and they were quite dried up. He said to me, 'Son of man, can these bones live?' I said, 'You know, Lord.' He said, 'Prophecy over these bones. Say, "Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. The Lord says this to these bones: I am now going to make the breath enter you, and you will live. I shall put sinews on you, I shall make flesh grow on you, I shall cover you with skin and give you breath, and you will live; and you will learn that I am the Lord."'

I prophesied as I had been ordered. While I was prophesying, there was a noise, a sound of clattering; and the bones joined together. I looked and saw that they were covered with sinews; flesh was growing on them and skin was covering them, but there was no breath in them. He said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man. Say to the breath, "The Lord says this: Come from the four winds, breathe on these dead; let them live!"' I prophesied as he had ordered me, and the breath entered them; they came to life again and stood up on their feet, a great, an immense army.

Then he said, 'Son of man, these bones are the whole House of Israel. They keep saying, "Our bones are dried up, our hope has gone; we are as good as dead." So prophecy. Say to them, "The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this it is the Lord who speaks.'"

Responsorial Psalm

(Ps 41:2-3; 42:3-4. R. see Ps 41:3)

(R.) My soul is thirsting for the living God.

1. Like the deer that yearns
for running streams,
so my soul is yearning
for you, my God. (R.)
2. My soul is thirsting for God,
the God of my life;
when can I enter and see
the face of God? (R.)
3. O send forth your light and your truth;
let these be my guide.
Let them bring me to your holy mountain
to the place where you dwell. (R.)
4. And I will come to the altar of God,
the God of my joy.
My redeemer, I will thank you on the harp,
O God, my God. (R.)

Second Reading (Romans 14:7 – 9)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation (Phil 2:15-16)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine in the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life. (Phil 2:15-16)
Alleluia!

Gospel (Luke 1:46-56)

Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
and my spirit exults in God my saviour;
because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.
Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me
blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me.
Holy is his name,
and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear
him.
'He has shown the power of his arm,
he has routed the proud of heart.
He has pulled down princes from their thrones and
exalted the lowly.
The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent
empty away.
He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of
his mercy
– according to the promise he made to our ancestors –
of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then
went back home.



(CNS photo/Vatican Media)

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for September 2026

For The Care of Water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable
management of water, a vital resource, so
that everyone may have equal access to it.



In preparation for
the Eucharistic congress
2028, Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament
will be available:
Thursdays 6:30pm at
St Michael the Archangel,
Booragul





WHAT IS THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH TODAY?

PANEL CONVERSATION WITH BRENDON MANNIX, JENIFER FERNANDES & ADAM FROST

TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER
DIOCESAN RESOURCE CENTRE

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Hunter Men's Rosary Crusade 2026

Men from across the Diocese and beyond are invited to gather in faith, fellowship, and prayer for the Hunter Men's Rosary Crusade on Saturday 12 September 2026.

Beginning at 10.30 am at Sacred Heart Cathedral, participants will unite in praying the Rosary while making a pilgrimage through our local communities. Pilgrims may choose between two walking options, offering an opportunity to pray, reflect, and witness publicly to the power of faith and devotion to Our Lady.

Option 1: Walk from the Cathedral to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and return to the Cathedral.

Option 2: Continue from Tighes Hill back to the Cathedral, then on to St Joseph's Church before returning to the Cathedral.

Whether you are a regular participant or joining for the first time, this day provides a chance to deepen your relationship with Christ through the intercession of Mary, connect with other Catholic men, and be strengthened in your faith journey.

Registration closes 7 September 2026.

Learn more: [Hunter Men's Rosary Crusade 2026 - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)

Anointing Mass

Tuesday 15th September 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.



Ode to the Light of Christ

Come, let us walk in the Light of the Lord.
Let us not fear the past
when our hearts were heavy.
Let us Shine the Light of Christ.

Come, let us bring light from the darkness.
Let us make good come from evil
and find sweet in the bitter.
Let us Shine the Light of Christ.

Come, let us weep together
when the light grew dark with the clouds,
from the darkness and distress.
Let us Shine the Light of Christ.

Come, let us walk with our brothers and sisters,
those who have walked in darkness.
Let them see the great Light of God
and let us Shine the Light of Christ.

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SOG by SOB

"Saving our girls by saving our boys" reminds us that creating a safer world for girls begins with how we raise and support boys. Boys do not abuse girls simply because they are boys. Abuse is a choice, and responsibility always belongs to the person who causes harm. There are, however, several factors that can contribute to abusive behaviour.

Some boys may grow up seeing violence, disrespect, or controlling behaviour at home or in their communities. Friends, social media, pornography, or other influences can sometimes reinforce these harmful attitudes. A lack of education about consent and healthy relationships can also contribute. Some young people may not understand that consent must be freely given and can be withdrawn at any time. Emotional insecurity, jealousy, poor communication skills, and difficulty managing anger increase the risk of harmful behaviour.

This does not excuse abuse. Many boys experience difficult circumstances and never abuse anyone. Abuse is never the victim's fault, and girls should never be blamed for what happens to them. Preventing abuse means teaching ALL children from an early age about respect, boundaries, empathy, consent, and equality. They should have safe opportunities to discuss emotions and how to handle rejection, anger, and conflict.

Vocations Ministry: Turning Dreams into Action

A meeting to organise a club to promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood, the permanent diaconate, and the consecrated (religious) life in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

Would you like to play a part in actively encouraging and supporting vocations? If so, I invite you to a meeting to consider establishing a Serra Club in our diocese. This local club would be a member of Serra International, a world-wide organisation, affirmed by the Holy See, which is committed to vocations ministry. This initiative has the support of our Bishop, Michael Kennedy. To learn more, please take a flyer at the church entrance.

The meeting will be on Thursday, 24 September, at 7pm, in the Function Room of St Mary of the Cross Parish Hub, 7 Milson Street, Charlestown.

To RSVP and for further information, please contact the Director of Vocations:
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PERPETUAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

13 SEPTEMBER 2026

At many moments throughout the Gospel, we see Jesus stopping to notice those whom others overlooked: the wounded, the vulnerable, the silenced, and those carrying burdens too heavy to bear alone. Today, on our Perpetual Day of Remembrance for survivors of sexual abuse, we are called to do the same. We remember survivors, victims, and their loved ones with respect and love; we acknowledge the failures and sins that caused such harm; and we ask the grace to be a Church where every person is safe, valued, heard, and accompanied.

In a recent conversation a survivor of clerical abuse in our diocese said two things to me which, with his permission, I share with you today. First, he said that one of the things he hopes to find when he enters a church is some acknowledgement of what has been done to him. Our Perpetual Day of Remembrance is one way we, the Church of Maitland-Newcastle, seek to give him and all survivors the acknowledgment they deserve.

The other profound thing he said, speaking not only of himself but of all victims and survivors was simply this: “we deserve to be prayed for”. Let that sink in and examine your own conscience for a moment – we deserve to be prayed for! Do I regularly pray for victims and survivors of abuse? Our Perpetual Day of Remembrance is an occasion to pray as a Church community for all those harmed by abuse, particularly those harmed within the Church.

Let us not underestimate the power of such prayer. Prayer can and does produce divine effects in those we pray for. Prayer cannot undo the past, but it can change the future. We hold survivors in our prayers, trusting that God's healing presence can reach places where our human words and actions are insufficient.

Prayer also has its effect on those who pray. Danish Philosopher Soren Kierkegaard is popularly quoted as saying “Prayer does not change God, but it does change the one who prays.” One way prayer should change us is by helping us to adopt the perspective of the person we pray for.

In this context, I'd like to turn to something Pope Leo says in his first Encyclical “Magnifica Humanitas” – the Grandeur of Humanity. He says that one of the five things necessary for building a civilisation of love is for us to adopt the perspective of victims. He speaks of victims of all forms of violence and conflict, especially war, but let us listen to his words today specifically in the context of our Perpetual Day of Remembrance.

He says, “There are times when, in order to remain human ... it is unjust to remain neutral, nor is it enough merely to claim that we are not complicit ... We are confronted with scandals that wound humanity itself. For this reason, we cannot limit ourselves to the level of abstract analysis. Pope Francis encouraged us to “touch the wounded flesh” of those who suffer, look

at their faces, listen to their stories and acknowledge their wounds.” (Magnifica Humanitas 216)

Leo goes on to speak of ‘giving space to the perspectives and voices of victims’, of ‘not turning away when human dignity is violated’, of ‘restoring to victims the dignity of being recognized and heard’, and of the Church in a particular way being ‘a place of living memory for victims.’ (Magnifica Humanitas 217)

As we acknowledge and pray for victims and survivors today, we ask not only that God strengthen and give them hope, but that our own hearts may be changed so as to live more truly in the light of God’s love.

We see before us our symbols for the Perpetual day of Remembrance: the cross and the Paschal Candle, two powerful symbols of the Paschal Mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection. The cross of Christ leading to the light of Christ, death leading to new life. In our First Reading Ezekiel shares his powerful vision of the valley of dry bones; of dead bones which come to life when they receive the breath of God. In our Gospel Mary’s Magnificat proclaims the greatness of God because he has the power to reverse the normal order of things – to pull down the mighty and exalt the lowly; to fill the hungry with good things and send the rich away empty.

These words, these visions, these symbols, hold a powerful message of hope for the future: that God is never resigned to death, brokenness, darkness, and despair – and neither should we; that God enters into human suffering and remains close to those who are wounded – and so should we; that God sees those who are overlooked and lifts up those who have been brought low – and so should we.

This message of hope is for all of us, for as Lina Basile says in her article in the current edition of Aurora “Perpetual Day of Remembrance calls us to stand together: survivors, families, clergy, laypeople, and communities in a shared act of remembrance ... (and) each act of remembrance becomes part of a shared promise that we will not forget, that we will not look away, that we will do all we can to ensure these failures are never repeated.”

Survivors deserve to be prayed for. Take a moment now to consider what and who you will pray for during our one minute’s silence and Ode to the Light of Christ which will begin in a few moments.

Most Reverend Michael Kennedy
Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries:

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: 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 12 Sep 5:30pm	Maggie Hughes Sallyanne Stanbridge June Fava	Marie Osborne Sallyanne Stanbridge	Jane Bennett Marie Osborne Sallyanne Stanbridge
Sunday 13 Sep 9:00am	Bard Fuller Stephen Bartlett Cheryl Thomas	Kath Casey Carol Geyl	Les Brroks Bal Gato Stephen Collins Kin Smith
Sunday 13 Sep 6:00pm	Jo Turner Ian Ross-Gowan Ursula Kelly	Sue Campbell Lois Wilson	Melissa Wood Colin Sacco Yves Nzuzi

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*Sing along night with
John Collins*

*Friday 18th
September
2026*



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