Lakeside Pastoral Region Bulletin

The Catholic Parishes of Booragul Warners Bay, Toronto and Morisset

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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

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SUNDAY, 04 OCTOBER 2026 **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

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BAPTISMS & SACRAMENTS

Booking via Parish Website
Baptisms celebrated most Sundays.

UPCOMING MASS TIMES:

Sat 03 Oct		
Mass	5:00pm	Cooranbong
Mass	5:30pm	Booragul
Sun 04 Oct		
Mass	8:30am	Toronto
Mass	9:00am	Warners Bay
Mass	10:00am	Morisset
Mass	6:00pm	Warners Bay
Tue 06 Oct		
Mass	9:30am	Morisset
Wed 07 Oct		
Mass	9:00am	Booragul
Thu 08 Oct		
Mass	9:30am	Warners Bay
Fri 09 Oct		
Mass	9:30am	Toronto

Dear Parish Family,

"Listen to another parable…"

This weekend we another parable about a vineyard. Now remember from last week Jesus had arrived in Jerusalem and was challenging the Chief Priests and the Elders. They may be really good at observing the letter of the Law, but not so good at helping others. Jesus challenges them about something deeper: Are their lives producing the fruits God desires? Today's Gospel is best read alongside the first reading from Isaiah and the responsorial psalm: "The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel." As Jesus describes a vineyard carefully prepared, fenced, with a winepress and tower, his listeners would have recognised Isaiah's image. Isaiah's words were condemning of Israel; Jesus' audience were probably cringing where this story may lead.

In this parable, the landowner entrusts his vineyard to tenants. When harvest time comes, he sends servants to collect its produce, but they are beaten and killed. Those initial servants would have been Abraham, Isaac and Moses followed by the next lot of prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah etc. Finally, he sends his own son, Jesus hoping they will respect him. As we know, the tenants will kill the son as well. Jesus again predicting his death. God has patiently and repeatedly called them back. The question is whether they will listen and produce the fruits of the Kingdom.

This Gospel is not simply about what other people failed to do long ago; it is also addressed to us. God has also entrusted the vineyard to us: our lives, our families, our parish communities and the gifts and opportunities we have been given. God asks us to cultivate these gifts so that they produce the fruits of his Kingdom: justice, compassion, forgiveness, peace and love. But we do not do this alone. A vineyard consists of many vines and branches growing together. In the same way, our Christian community flourishes when each of us contributes what we can. Let us pray that our lives and our parish communities may continue to bear abundant fruit, helping God's Kingdom of peace, justice and love grow in the lives of all those we meet.

Last week, Bishop Michael wrote to all the priests of the Diocese inviting Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for vacant parishes. There are currently twelve parishes where Parish Priests have not been reappointed, some priests are approaching retirement age, and new parish configurations have also opened up new possibilities. EOI's are to be submitted by Friday, 9 October 2026. Following this, Bishop Michael will consider the pastoral priorities of each community and, in dialogue with the priests, seek to match their particular charisms and gifts with the needs of the parishes they may be called to serve. As this important process unfolds, let us keep in our prayers the communities of Morisset, Toronto and Sugarloaf, together with all the other vacant parishes of the Diocese. May the Holy Spirit guide Bishop Michael, our priests and parish communities, so that the decisions made will strengthen our parishes and help us continue Christ's mission together.

Finally, over the next two weeks I will be away from the parish during the weekdays. Beginning Monday, 5 October, I will be attending a Plenary Session of the Tribunal as part of ongoing training and professional development. The following week, I will be joining the clergy of the Diocese for our annual retreat. As most of the diocesan clergy will be on retreat together, some weekday Masses may be affected during that week. Further details regarding any changes to the Mass schedule will be provided in next week's bulletin.

Have a blessed week everyone!

Fr Darryl Mackie
PP / Administrator

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Sunday 04 Oct 2026

First Reading (Isaiah 5:1-7)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm
(Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7)

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
   to plant it you drove out the nations.
   It stretched out its branches to the sea,
   to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **(R.)**
2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
   It is plucked by all who pass by.
   It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
   devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R.)**
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
   look down from heaven and see.
   Visit this vine and protect it,
   the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**
4. And we shall never forsake you again:
   give us life that we may call upon your name.
   God of hosts, bring us back;
   let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **(R.)**

Second Reading (Philippians 4:6-9)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation (See John 15:15)

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 21:33-43)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

> It was the stone rejected by the builders
> that became the keystone.
> This was the Lord's doing
> and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'



Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for October 2026

For Mental Health Ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

Tuesday 3rd November 2026

Ticket Price: $50.00 per person
Ticket Price includes:
Glass of bubbles or punch
2 course meal with nibbles (Main and Dessert)
Can bring your own alcohol

Large screen to watch the race
Raffle, Fashion, Sweeps and Lucky Door Prizes

Starting from 11.30am
St Mary's Church Hall Warners Bay

RSVP
SUE CAMPBELL
MARIE OSBORNE
JOAN WILSON
ROBYN SPINKS

Pope Leo - AI safeguarding issues

Pope Leo XIV views artificial intelligence (AI) as a powerful human creation that can bring significant benefits, but he argues that it must remain under human moral responsibility.

In 2025, he said AI could contribute to areas such as healthcare and scientific research, while warning that access to vast amounts of information should not be confused with genuine human intelligence or wisdom. Leo also emphasised the importance of protecting human dignity, particularly in safeguarding children and young people, warning that they are particularly vulnerable to manipulation through AI algorithms that can influence their decisions and preferences.

In his 2026 encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas*, Leo argues that AI should serve the common good rather than allow technology, profit, or efficiency to dominate human life. He is, however, concerned about AI being used in decisions involving employment, public services, privacy, and reputation, where biased programs could create discrimination and exclusion.

He calls for transparency, accountability, responsible governance, and meaningful human oversight. He uses the phrase "disarm AI" to mean preventing it from becoming an instrument of manipulation, domination, warfare, or concentrated power.

Overall, his position is that AI should serve humanity rather than replace or dominate it.

Diocesan Events Page on the Website

There are many wonderful, inspiring and engaging things happening across our Parishes and in the Diocese. Keep up to date at: https://mn.catholic.org.au/cdmn-news/events/



REAL women

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Placing Value on Womanhood

The next REAL WOMEN CAFE NIGHT

Monday, 16 November 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 17 October 2026 10am to 12pm

Donation of $15 per person

If you would like to do a direct deposit please contact Sue or Marie.

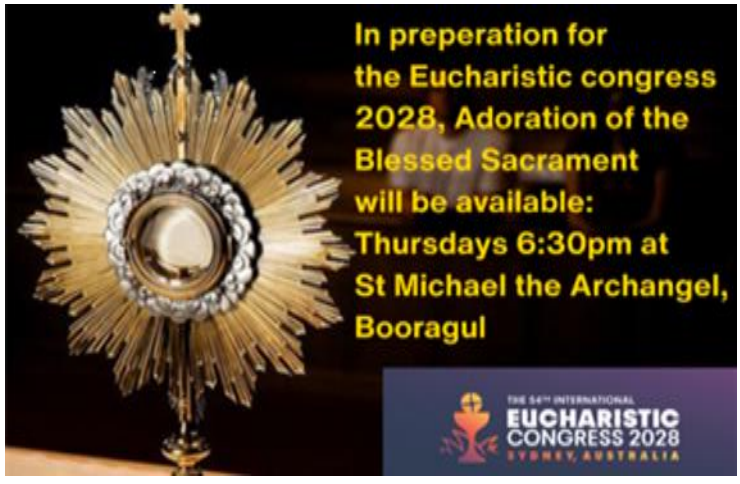
Bookings may also be made by phone
Phone: Sue - 0417 091 253 or
Marie - 0429 191 245

Anointing Mass

Thursday 15th October 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.





PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Gwen Yates

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 03 Oct 5:30pm	Sallyanne Stanbridge June Fava Kathy Blair	Sallyanne Stanbridge Louise Stanbridge	Marie Osboune Sallyanne Stanbridge Louise Stanbridge
Sunday 04 Oct 9:00am	John Doran Annette Innes Chloe Parker	Bernadette Kehde Martin Thomas	Lisa Des Forges Pat Drady Brad Fuller Maria Lorello
Sunday 04 Oct 6:00pm	Steve Barnett Lois Wilson Melissa Wood	Jane Barnett Stephen Barnett	Ralph Asquith Melissa Wood Colin Sacco



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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St John Vianney Primary School K-6
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Principal: Mark Konik

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Acting Principal: Anne-Maree Shipman

PARISH GROUPS

Finance Committee
TBA

Pastoral Council Meeting
Monday 19th October - 6.30pm
St Michael's Booragul

Promotion of Safeguarding
Please contact the office

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