



Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C - Sunday, 7th September 2025

Entrance Antiphon Psalm 118:137, 124
You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading Wisdom 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Who can comprehend the will of God?

What man can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?
As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you
not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above?
Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened
and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. **(R.)**
2. You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. **(R.)**
3. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Philemon 12-17:Phlm 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more,
still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a
child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these
chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you,
and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I
should have liked to keep him with me; he could have
been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the
chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I
did not want to do anything without your consent; it
would have been forcing your act of kindness, which

should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of
Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could
have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but
something much better than a slave, a dear brother;
especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a
blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all
that we have in common means anything to you, welcome
him as you would me.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Psalm 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

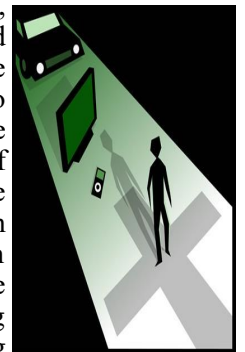
Gospel Luke 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he
turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me
without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers,
sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple.
Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me
cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here,
intending to build a tower, would
not first sit down and work out the
cost to see if he had enough to
complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the
foundation and then found himself
unable to finish the work, the
onlookers would all start making fun
of him and saying, "Here is a man
who started to build and was unable
to finish." Or again, what king
marching to war against another king
would not first sit down and consider whether with ten
thousand men he could stand up to the other who ad-
vanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then
while the other king was still a long way off, he would
send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of
you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his posses-
sions.'



The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon Cf Psalm 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

St. Laurence O'Toole, Leongatha and St. Joseph's, Korumburra

St Laurence O'Toole Leongatha

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WEEKEND MASSES

Leongatha

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 11.00am

Korumburra

Sunday 9.30am

Tarwin Lower

Mass— Mass on Saturday before 3rd Sunday at 4.00pm

Liturgy with H/C Saturday 4pm before 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday.

Mirboo Nth

Mass— Mass 1st Sunday at 4.00pm

Liturgy with H/C 9.30 Sunday 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th

Meeniyan

Mass— Mass Saturday before 2nd & 4th Sunday at 4.00pm

Liturgy with H/C 9.30am on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday's

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Peter Bolge, Lindsay Hunt, Stefani McDonald

Anniversaries: Josef Ludenia, Maria Ludenia, Francesco Ciccia, Antonino Ciurleo, Michele Pronesti, Peter Clark, Mary Dempster, Valda Murphy

The deceased Clergy of the Diocese of Sale

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace."

Sick: Carol Sheehan, Helen Cameron

PARISH ROSTERS

LEONGATHA:

Flowers:

Cleaning:

Greeting:

Reader:

Special Minister:

13th Sep

E Stephens

M Dortmans

A Hemming

T Bourke

M Thomas

R Yates

J Bleaser

14th Sep

J Schelling

M&H Holloway

G Bolge

J Schelling

J Salvatore

KORUMBURRA:

21/9 Cleaning: V&T Ferrone

14/9 Greeter: B Fowles

September

Reader: K Loughnan

Commentator: F Preston

Special Minister: Maree, Frank, D'Souza Family

Laundry: M Trewin

Flowers: A Whiteside

Weekday Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Times

KORUMBURRA

Wednesday	Mass	9.30am
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LEONGATHA

Monday	Mass - Feast of The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	5.00pm
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Tuesday	Rosary	10.30am
	Funeral Mass Peter Bolge	11.00am

Thursday	Parish Mass	9.30am
	Funeral Prayers- Lindsay Hunt	11.30am

Friday	Parish/Class Mass	9.30am
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We are a child safe parish. Any children, young persons and adults at risk have a right to feel safe and be safe. If you are concerned about any form of abuse, or believe that someone is at significant risk, you should immediately raise your concerns with one of our Parish Child Safety Officers. They can be contacted through the Parish Office. Telephone 03 56 622 020

Safeguard our Parish—Our Responsibility



Every conversation matters: Shifting Conversation to Action

This theme highlights that while open discussions are crucial, words alone are not enough: we must turn dialogue into meaningful action.

NAPCAN acknowledges that while conversations can raise awareness, challenge harmful norms, and spark new ideas, real change happens when we take steps to create safer environments for children that prevent them from harm.

This year, we are focusing on moving beyond conversations to concrete actions that prevent harm and instead, focusing on strengthening support systems, and empowering communities to actively protect children.

By shifting from conversation to action, we can ensure that every child not only feels heard but also experiences real safety, care, and protection.

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Laurence's Parish:

Stewardship envelope:	\$420.00
Stewardship cash (1st offering)	\$590.75
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$653.65
EFT Aug 25	\$4,043.65

St Joseph's Parish

Stewardship envelope:	\$94.00
Stewardship cash (1st offering)	\$154.50
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$315.00
EFT Aug 25	\$1,696.00

Newcomers or Update Details

Welcome and thanks for worshipping with us at Korumburra and Leongatha Parishes.

If you are new to the Parish or have changed your details or need Thanksgiving Envelopes, please complete your details and drop the form on a Collection plate or drop off to the Parish Office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

New Parishioner ☐ Change of Address or Phone # ☐

Thanksgiving: Envelopes ☐ or Electronically ☐

St Laurence's Parish and St Joseph's Parish Census

Both Parishes will be conducting a Parish Census on Weekends 13/14 Sep and 20th & 21st Sep.

The Parish census will be conducted following the Homily at all Masses on these two weekends.

Please complete a card that is provided to you. The census enables us to update our parish record by adding new members of our community and noting changes with addresses, emails and phone numbers.

Census cards and pencils will be provided and time will be given to complete the card.

Please note that all information collected is private and confidential and Ann Hemming, our Parish Secretary, will update the records accordingly

Your assistance with this important process is very much appreciated.



St Joseph's Parish Wonthaggi

Ladies Retreat

Presenter: Fr Martin Dixon

**Held at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church
Inverloch**

Monday 20th October 2025 10am – 3pm

Please bring a shared lunch

Tea & Coffee Provided

For more information contact Mary Nadler 567401367 or email marynadler1@gmail.com

Parish/Diocese News

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE: This weekend the Special Collection is for the Priests' Welfare Foundation and the proceeds will go towards the support of the sick or retired priests and deacons of our Diocese and the overseas priests in time of sickness. By clicking on <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation> it will make it easy for you to make a donation. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible and a receipt for tax deduction purposes will be automatically sent if an email address is provided. Donations may also be made through your local Parish

Stay Updated on Diocesan Events: There are many **exciting events** happening across our **Diocese!** Stay informed and up to date by visiting the **Diocesan Events Page**. It's a great resource to find details on upcoming celebrations, gatherings, and important dates. **Visit:** <https://www.cdsale.org.au/events>

LEONGATHA PARISH:

Safeguarding Update

Dear parishioners,

As an update to our processes required by the Diocese Office, volunteers to each Mass will be required to sign the 'helper' attendance sheet and the end of Mass in foyer. All parishes across the diocese are required to have this in place, which incidentally has been in place at St Joseph's Korumburra for some months now. Thank you for your understanding.

Sam Wright—Safeguard Officer

CWL are giving away the dads a chance to win a lucky door prize for Fathers Day this weekend. Place your name on a ticket during the cuppa's this weekend and a name will be drawn out on Sunday.

Vinnies Store Leongatha are looking for Volunteers to help over the weekends. Please make contact directly at the Store.

Gospel Reflection Group meets on Mondays during the school term from 1.30-3pm in the Parish Centre. This is a small friendly group that reads the coming Sundays Gospel then discusses and relates it to their everyday life, finishing with a cuppa. Everyone is most welcome.

Wednesday Adoration and Prayer: we invite you to come and join our Hour of Prayer on Wednesdays 11 to 12 noon in St Laurence's church. We will say the Rosary and sing hymns but there will be lots of time for quiet personal prayer where you can just sit with the Lord or read the Scripture, etc.

St Laurence's Mothers' Prayer Group - prayer group for those wanting to pray for their children, grand-children or nieces and nephews etc. To be held after 9.30 Mass on the second Friday of the month in the Parish Centre. You are most welcome to join this group united in prayer to save our children.

To subscribe to the weekly bulletin please use the link to join. <https://www.catholicparish.app/subscription?id=001OI00000B2zMFIAZ&req=subscribe>

Safeguarding Note:

It is great to have children attend Mass and being social and playful after church however, parents please be vigilant in keeping an eye on your children playing around the building after Mass especially in the early evening when dark.



RCIA INFORMATION EVENING (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?

Has someone in your family or group of friends expressed an interest in God and wondered what a difference faith can make in their life?

Perhaps you have been baptised but haven't received any other Sacraments?

If so RCIA could help answer some of your questions. **Come & See!**

An **RCIA Information Night** for Leongatha & Korumburra Parishes will be held on Thursday **September 11th**, 7.30pm at St Laurence's Parish Centre Leongatha.

This is followed by 5wks of Inquiry Sessions that give a basic overview of the Catholic Faith.

For those who are interested to go still further, this leads into a longer process that prepares people for entering the Catholic Church at Easter.

You are free to stop at any stage of the process.

For further information phone Parish Secretary - Ann Hemming 56622020