

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sunday, 3rd August 2025

Entrance Antiphon Psalm 69:2,6

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

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 Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Seek the things that are above where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 12:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon John 6:35

I am the bread of life, says the Lord;
whoever comes to me will not hunger
and whoever believes in me will not thirst.



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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

Meeniyar

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

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

Weekday Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Times

KORUMBURRA

Wednesday	Mass	9.30am
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Friday	Mary MacKillop Feast Day Mass	9.30am
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LEONGATHA

Tuesday	Mass	5.00pm
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Thursday	Mass	5.00pm
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Friday	Mary MacKillop Feast Day College Mass Parish Mass—Church	9.15am 5.00pm
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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Anniversaries: Domenico Rao, Antonino Ciurleo, Teresa Mileto, Domenic Fortuna, Vin McDonald, Nellie McDonald

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: Phil Head, Fr Michael Willemsen, Neeson Johnson, Helen Cameron, David Whiteside

Repose of Soul: Sebastiano Terranova, Sebastiano Rao,

PARISH ROSTERS

LEONGATHA:

9th Aug

10th Aug

Flowers:

Shirleyanne Wright

Cleaning:

L&S Augustine

Greeting:

R Yates

M Patterson

Reader:

M O'Rourke

S Wright

Special Minister:

M Thomas

K Joseph

R Yates

S Seabrook

B Mathew

J Bolge

KORUMBURRA:

10/8 Cleaning: A&L D'Souza

10/8 Greeter: A Nicholson

August

Reader:

D Jackson

Commentator

F Fowles

Special Minister

Jill, Lima, Sue

Laundry:

A Whiteside

Flowers:

M Trewin

The Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Laurence O'Toole Church Leongatha

Saturday: Before 5.30 pm Mass—5.00pm

Sunday: Before 11am Mass—10.30am

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

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Both the first reading and the psalm response speak about the transitoriness of life. Life is all we have and it is so fragile, so fleeting. When we realise this, we may fear that in the end we will have nothing to show for our lives. Such thoughts show that we have not learned the most basic lesson of life – life is to be lived!

The goods of the earth are both good and essential for survival and advancement. However, they do not satisfy the deepest longings of the human spirit. They provide us with pleasure and challenge, but they cannot shield us from the transitoriness of life itself. In the face of such impermanence, they are ultimately worthless. Life itself is the far greater good; goods only enhance life.

Recognising the transitoriness of life and the vanity of goods, we come to see that the only reality worthy of our total commitment is our relationship with God in Christ. Though made of dust and thus subject to perishability, we are joined with Christ and are promised imperishability. Having died to the vanities of this world, having taken off our old selves with their evil desires, we can now live as a new self, in generosity rather than greed, with openness to others rather than religious or gender or social biases. In our commitment to Christ we will discover that we can transform what is transitory in life by giving it away in love. If we can live in this way, life is anything but vanity!

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Laurence's Parish:

Stewardship envelope:	\$350.00
Stewardship cash (1st offering)	\$542.00
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$718.75

St Joseph's Parish

Stewardship envelope:	\$97.00
Stewardship cash (1st offering)	\$379.00
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$362.85

Thank you for your contributions, they are greatly appreciated.

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 ☐

Vocation Prayer 2025

HEAVENLY FATHER, Lord of the harvest, we earnestly ask you to bless our diocese and the Church with many priests, deacons and religious who will love you fervently, and gladly and courageously live their lives in service to your Son's Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Bless our families and parishes that we may be given the grace and strength to live our baptismal vocation to be holy, as You are. Bless us that we will respond to your invitation to be living witnesses and disciples of hope as we discern our life in your son, Jesus Christ.

Bless young men and women to respond openly and generously to your invitation to become ministers of your Word and Sacraments, or to serve You faithfully in the covenant of Marriage, or the dignity of single life.

Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "yes" to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation.

AMEN

Come and See

Harvest is plentiful



AN OPPORTUNITY

To meet with others who are also discerning a vocation to ministry, and hearing from priests, stories of their life and call to ministry.

Catholic Diocese of Sale

Sunday, 17th August 2025

3:00-4:30 pm

St Patrick's Parish

142 Princes Hwy, Pakenham, 3810

2025 St Joseph's & St Laurence's Sacramental Dates (Korumburra Host Parish)

Confirmation Sacramental Celebratory Liturgy for families of Grade 6 students

Thursday, 21st August 2025 at 5:00pm
St Joseph's Korumburra

Parish/Diocese News

Congratulations to all the children who made their First Holy Communion last weekend. Thank you to all the parents, teachers and parish staff who prepared them for the significant occasion in their faith life.

In conjunction with National Vocations Awareness Week, Bishop Greg is inviting our diocesan family to participate in a Diocesan Holy Hour for Vocations — a special time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, asking the Lord of the Harvest to inspire more men and women to the answer the call to priesthood and religious life. Let us be united in prayer as individuals, families, youth, and prayer groups for more vocations.

Place and Time: Saturday, 2nd August 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon St Mary's Cathedral, Sale

Sunday, 10th August 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM St Thomas the Apostle Church, Clyde North

Josephite Companions Mass at Mary MacKillop College 9.15am 8th August 2025 for the Feasy day of Mary MacKillop.

Please sign in at the Office before the Mass. Followed by meeting at Brent Sinclairs 47 McCartins Street Leongatha .

For all enquires please contact Mary Patterson 0428 622 099

God's Ecumenical Men Servants meet on Wed 6th Aug 6.30pm at RSL (Dinner) Speaker -Niel Breeden on History of Local area. More information contact Sam Nicita 0447 205 434

A Mass to celebrate St Paul will be held at St Joseph's Catholic Church Mirboo North on Sunday 31st August at 1.30 pm followed by afternoon tea at the St Paul's Hall (behind the church)

LEONGATHA PARISH:

Updated Ministry Rosters have been updated. Roster ready for collection in the Foyer.

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=001OI00000B2zMFI&req=subscribe>

KORUMBURRA PARISH:

St Vinnies Conference would like to thank everyone for their donations for the Winter Appeal \$908.10 was raised.

Cuppa after mass first Sunday of the Month

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JUBILEE OF PRAYER GROUPS

Saturday 16th August 2025



Our Lady Star of the Sea

(16-18 Scarborough Street Inverloch)

3:00 pm-4:00 pm

Stations of the Cross, Rosary and Exposition,
Benediction & Cuppa

St Joseph's

(27-29 Dowling Street, Wonthaggi)

5:00 pm-6:00 pm

Prayer Group displays, 6pm Night
Prayer of Church, 6:30pm Mass

Pilgrims are invited to begin their pilgrimage at Inverloch with the Rosary and Stations of the Cross, before continuing on to Wonthaggi for the 6:30 pm Mass.

RSVP, 13th August at 56721111 or Wonthaggi@cdsale.org.au