



# First Sunday of Advent

Year A - Sunday, 30th November 2025

## Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

## First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

*The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come  
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord  
shall tower above the mountains  
and be lifted higher than the hills.  
All the nations will stream to it,  
peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the Temple of the God of Jacob  
that he may teach us his ways  
so that we may walk in his paths;  
since the Law will go out from Zion,  
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations  
and adjudicate between many peoples;  
these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,  
their spears into sickles.  
Nation will not lift sword against nation,  
there will be no more training for war.  
O House of Jacob, come,  
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

## The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.

**(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
‘Let us go to God’s house.’  
And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**
2. It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord.  
For Israel’s law it is,  
there to praise the Lord’s name.  
There were set the thrones of judgement  
of the house of David. **(R.)**
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:  
‘Peace be to your homes!  
May peace reign in your walls,  
in your palaces, peace!’ **(R.)**
4. For love of my brethren and friends  
I say: ‘Peace upon you!’  
For love of the house of the Lord  
I will ask for your good. **(R.)**

## Second Reading Romans 13:11-14

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

*The time has come, our salvation is near.*

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

## The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation Psalm 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

## Gospel Matthew 24:37-44

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

*Stay awake, you must be ready.*

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

## The Gospel of the Lord

## Communion Antiphon Psalm 84:13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.



“Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Matthew 24:44

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

**St Laurence O'Toole Leongatha**

**St Kevin's Meeniyan**

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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

## Weekday Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Times

### KORUMBURRA

<b>Wednesday</b>	Mass	9.30am
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### LEONGATHA

<b>Tuesday</b>	Vincent Laurence Holloway -Funeral Prayers	11.30am
	Mass	5.00pm

<b>Thursday</b>	Parish/Class Mass	9.30am
	Grade 6 Graduation Mass	6.00pm

<b>Friday</b>	End of year School Mass at Mary MacKillop College	9.15am
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## 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

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Recently Deceased:** Vincent Laurence Holloway

**Anniversaries:** Elizabeth McKeown, Attilio Stefani, Michele Ciccio, Jim Ciccio, Angelo Mileto, Laura Colombo  
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."*

**50th Wedding Anniversary:** Joe & Josie Tumino

## PARISH ROSTERS

LEONGATHA:	6th Dec	7th Dec
Flowers:	No Flowers	
Cleaning:	L&S Augustine	
Greeting:	R Yates	L Dal Santo
Reader:	K Blencowe	S Wright
Special Minister:	B Mathew	K Jospheh
	R Yates	J Schelling
	G Mounsey	S Seabrook
Cuppa after Mass	M&B Thomas	J Schelling
		J Fiddelaers

## KORUMBURRA:

14/12 Cleaning:	A&L D'Souza
7/12 Greeter:	T Parisi
	<b>December</b>
Reader:	F Preston
Commentator	S Fitzgerald
Special Minister	Anthony, Sue, Maree
Laundry:	M Jackson
Flowers:	No Flowers

## RECONCILIATION TIMES

**Leongatha:** Friday after 9.30am Mass & before or after 5.30pm Mass on Saturday .

**Korumburra:** Sun before 9.30am Mass

*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*





**CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF FAITH  
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY  
CHURCH NEWBOROUGH**

**AND THE 4 YEAR ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE MOE-NEWBOROUGH PARISH**

**7 DECEMBER 2025**

10.00 AM MASS AT NEWBOROUGH  
CELEBRATED BY BISHOP GREG BENNET  
AND CONCELEBRANTS  
FOLLOWED BY 12.00 PM LUNCHEON AT  
NEWBOROUGH BOWLING CLUB

**LUNCHEON TICKETS \$25 PER PERSON**  
(subsidised by the Parish)

Book now [www.trybooking.com/DHCCU](http://www.trybooking.com/DHCCU)  
or Book and pay at the Parish Office using  
envelopes provided in church foyers.

**ALL BOOKINGS CLOSE THURSDAY 27 NOVEMBER**

*Please invite family, friends and past members  
of our parish & school community*

**November Masses for the deceased members of  
the following families:**

Norton Family, Sheehan Family,

## **REFLECTION** by Fr Michael Tate

### **Wake up to the Poetry**

Our Lord loved to unfurl the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah in his local synagogue. The poetic image of swords being hammered into ploughshares reverberated into his renouncing violence against the Roman occupying army in his own time. When will this picture come true for all human beings for all time?

Only *God* knows! *We* don't know any more than we know when a burglar might target our home. But our ignorance of God's timetable is no excuse for being fatalistic and sleepy. We have our own span of life providing the timetable for our own contribution to the hammering of swords into ploughshares.

Recent Popes, especially St John Paul II, have taken up this theme for our times, teaching more restrictive criteria for using armed force, even dropping the term 'just war' to very small print in the Catechism.

We could pause for a moment to pray to be awake to our opportunities to shape society in the light of the vision of Isaiah and the practice of Jesus the Prince of Peace.

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### **OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD**

#### **St Laurence's Parish:**

Stewardship envelope:	\$518.00
Stewardship cash (1st offering)	\$477.40
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$694.65

#### **St Joseph's Parish**

Stewardship envelope:	\$386.00
Stewardship cash (1st offering)	\$223.35
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$372.75

### **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 ☐

## **gospel focus**

### **Get Ready!**

*Jesus draws a parallel between the people in Noah's time and the people of his own time. What it reflects is a complacency that periodically overtook the Jewish people. When the people bound themselves to God in covenant their lives gradually became better. Inevitably, their lives improved to such a state that they forgot God was responsible for their blessings. They ignored their relationship with God and became complacent about their good fortune. Ultimately, their comfort was brought to an end and they recognised once again their need for God. Jesus calls the people to get ready because the pattern is repeating itself.*

# Parish/Diocese News

**St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal** will be held the weekend 6th & 7th December 2025

**November Masses:** November is traditionally a month of remembrance of the dead where we pray for the holy souls, those who have gone before us in faith. All Masses celebrated throughout November will be with the intention of praying for the faithful departed. If you wish to include your loved ones in these November Masses offered for the deceased, please fill out the November Mass Envelopes which are available in the Church foyers.

**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:

**Now available at Piety Stall**— “The Promise” an Advent Daily Reflection booklet \$7 each and 2026 Columban Calendars \$11 each. Also packs of Christmas Cards.

**How do we defeat evil?** – As we hear news about the growing presence of evil around us, it is our Christian duty to intercede before God, both for ourselves and for the world. Jesus Himself taught that *“This kind can come out only through prayer.”* (Mark 9:29). Our greatest defence against evil is PRAYER. Traditionally, the Rosary has been our strongest weapon. Why not join fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary before weekend Masses, and at Adoration on Wednesdays at 11am?

**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:

**Cuppa** after mass first Sunday of the Month

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## God's Ecumenical Men Servants



Annual end of year dinner 2025 (Ladies Included)

Wednesday December 3th 6.30 pm @RSL Leongatha

(Dinner Selection From Menu)

Event Includes: Christmas Carol Singalong

With Music and Guests

Solo Artist: **Terry Teylor** and

Flutist: **Dianna Reardon** with Ensemble



**PLEASE SUPPORT THIS ONCE A YEAR ECUMENICAL EVENT\***

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## STEVE MESSER & STRANGE COUNTRY

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025 @ 2pm**  
**CONCERT**

Afternoon tea served.

All welcome contact :

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Ecumenical

Pleasant Sunday Afternoon

Scots Pioneer Church

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## DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN FRAMEWORK 2026-2030



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