Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Year A- Sunday, 22nd November 2026

Entrance Antiphon
Revelation 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading
Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.
As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.
The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R. see v.1

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. (R.)

2. Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. (R.)

3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading
1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.
The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation
Mark 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

Gospel
Matthew 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'
The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon
Psalm 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace

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WEEKEND MASSES

Leongatha	**Korumburra**
Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 9.30am
Sunday 11.00am	

Tarwin Lower
Mass held on Saturday before 3rd Sunday at 4.00pm
Liturgy with H/C Saturday 4pm before 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday

Mirboo Nth
Mass held 1st Sunday at 4.00pm
Liturgy with H/C 9.30 on 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday

Meeniyan
Mass held on Saturday before 2nd & 4th Sunday at 4.00pm
Liturgy with H/C Sunday 9.30am on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

WEEKDAY MASS or LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH HOLY COMMUNION TIMES

KORUMBURRA

Wednesday	Mass at Cemetery	10.30am
Friday	Mass	9.30am

LEONGATHA

Tuesday	Mass	5.00pm
Wednesday	No Service	
Thursday	No Service	
Friday	Mass	9.30am
Saturday	Mass at Cemetery	10.30am

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Dorothy McGarvey

Anniversaries: Elizabeth McKeown
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: Cathy Abood

90th Birthday: Clare Cummins

PARISH ROSTERS

LEONGATHA	**28th Nov**	**29th Nov**
Flowers:		
Cleaning:	E Stephens / L Dal Santo	Henshall
Greeting:	J Sing	J Schelling
Reader:	R Sulatan	N Holloway
Special Minister	M Thomas	S Seabrook
	J Bleeser	G Bolge
	R Yates	N Hawkins

KORUMBURRA:

29/11 Cleaning:	S Lomagno / M Arestia
29/11 Greeter:	T Parisi
November	
Reader:	P McKillop
Commentator:	S Ward
Sacristan:	Maree, Denise, Mark
Special Minister:	Derek & Frank
Altar Server	M Ludenia
Laundry:	M Trewin
Flowers:	Jackson Family

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

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

Safeguard our Parish—Our Responsibility

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

We have now come to the end of the liturgical year, the point that marks the transition from one period to another. Today we see that the kingdom of God is inclusive. Its embrace is as comprehensive as is the embrace of God. Criteria for membership are not based on obedience to the commandments or on conformity to ritual obligation, but on the bonds of love and concern.

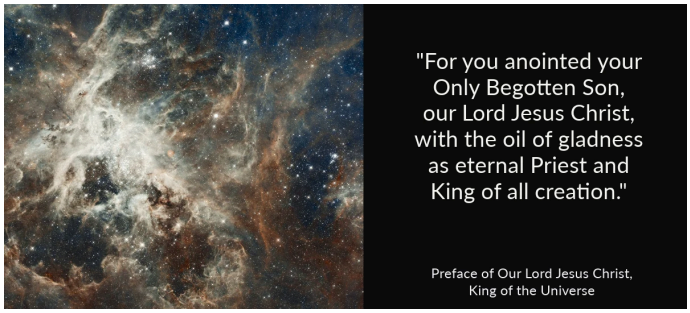
What we do for others, we do for Christ, because Christ is identified with those in need. We very seldom see the face of the glorified Christ in the faces of the needy; it is more often the face of the disfigured Christ that is turned to us. We see his fear and his shame, his brokenness and sense of loss. As difficult as it may be to look into such eyes, it is precisely the needy with whom Christ is identified.

Having entered into the frailty of human nature, identified himself with the needy, and handed himself over to death, in the end Christ will have conquered all. It is a curious kingdom that he has won, a kingdom of the weak rather than the strong. He has turned the standards of the world upside down. He has shown that it does not take strength to ignore or to exploit the needy, but it does take strength to overcome our own selfishness in order to serve them. The kingdom that Christ hands over to God is a kingdom of love and care.

gospel focus

The Final Judgment

Often referred to as 'The Final Judgment', this gospel presents an understanding of judgment and punishment that reflects the theology and culture of the first century. It is an image that has continued to dominate Christian art and theology for most of its history: the idea of God sitting in judgment on the final day and weighing up each individual's actions. It is often applied very literally and it is a dominant image of God represented in the media – TV sit-coms and movies often draw on the image. It is a literalist image of God that needs to be challenged. We must remember that the focus of the gospel passage is on the call to action for justice.



OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Laurence's Parish:	
(Amount Pledged per Week)	*$2,307.08*
Pledged amount received last week	$735.00
Church Loose (1st collection)	$468.25
Presbytery (2nd collection)	$1,196.55
St Joseph's Parish	
(Amount Pledged per Week)	*$871.69*
Pledged amount received last week	$1,308.00
Church Loose(1st collection)	$118.75
Presbytery (2nd collection)	$458.00

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 (please circle)

Vocation Prayer

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

Parish/Diocese News

DIOCESE OF SALE WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NOW OPEN

Expressions of Interest for the upcoming Diocese of Sale pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea are now being accepted

We are now calling for all interested young people aged 16 to 35 years old to submit their Expression of Interest to be either a pilgrim OR small group leader. Please note that this does not confirm participation in the pilgrimage, with a formal application and selection process beginning later in the year.

Head to the Diocese of Sale World Youth Day website for all up-to-date information and the link to the form: cdsale.org.au/world-youth-day-seoul

For questions, please email WYD Project Officer, Tishan Lokuge (tlokuge@doscel.catholic.edu.au)

or use QR Code for more informaion

No Power at Leongatha Church Sunday 29th Nov. Mass will be held as usual but there will be no music, lights our sound system.

NOVEMBER CEMETERY MASSES:
(Please bring chair) Weather Permitting
Korumburra - Wednesday 25th November 10.3am
Leongatha - Saturday 28th Nov 10.30am

RCIA Rite of Welcome and Acceptance. We are blessed to have 4 RCIA participants preparing to enter the Catholic Church at Easter - Liam Ball from Korumburra Parish and Murray Spinks, Erica Begg and Andy Rundle from Leongatha Parish. This is a big undertaking of faith and time on their behalf so please continue to pray for them and their families as we commit to making them feel welcome and at home. Pray also for the RCIA Team members walking with them on their journey.

LEONGATHA PARISH:

WYD Stall. Thank you to Olyvia Arbuthnot and Nikita Holloway for organising and manning last weekend's Stall. Thanks also to those who provided goods and supported this wonderful initiative. $705.75 was raised to support our youth going to World Youth Day in Korea next year. A great effort, well done.

Mass Ministries: Leongatha's current Roster is coming to a close. We encourage you to be a part of our weekend Masses as a Greeter, Reader, Special Minister or to help with monthly Cuppa. Young parishioners are most welcome. If interested, please add your name to the clipboard in the foyer or if you want to come off the roster record this on the list as well. We particularly need more Special Ministers and training will be provided so give this serious consideration. Please get involved and don't leave it to the usual few. It is a great blessing to serve your fellow parishioners.

Piety Stall: Beautiful Advent & Christmas Daily Reflection Books are now available for $7. Titled "Presence" these booklets run from Sun Nov 29 till Sun Jan 10 and include a weekly Art Feature. They are great way to make time to prepare for Christ's coming in the Christmas Season. Also available are Columban Art Calendars for 2027 at $11 each and St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards – packs of 8 or individual.

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

.....Leongatha Continued

Wednesday Adoration and Prayer: we invite you to come and join our Hour of Prayer on Wednesdays 10am to 11am (after 9.30am Mass if available) in St Laurence's church. We begin with a hymn, prayer and the Rosary, then have quiet adoration and personal prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. All invited to participate for part of or full session.

Cuppa: first weekend of the Month

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Faith in Action: An election guide from the Bishops of Victoria

Ahead of the 2026 Victorian election, the Bishops of Victoria have issued an election statement highlighting key issues for Catholics to consider when deciding their vote. You are invited to read the statement and prayerfully discern how your vote can contribute to the common good. View the statement online at: bit.ly/StateElection2026.

KORUMBURRA PARISH:

Cleaning Roster: If you would like to volunteer to clean the Church please contact Ann at Parish Office by Thursday 26th November

Cuppa: first Sunday of the Month

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