

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A - Sunday, 23rd August 2026

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading Isaiah 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

**(R.) Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading Romans 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon Cf Psalm 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.



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

St Laurence O'Toole Leongatha

St Kevin's Meeniyan

St Joseph's Mirboo North

St Andrew's Tarwin Lower

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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

Wednesday	Mass	9.30am
Friday	Mass	9.30am

LEONGATHA

Tuesday	Mass	5.00pm
Wednesday	Funeral Mass—Kathleen Dore	11.30am
Thursday	Mass @ Woorayl Lodge	11.00am
Friday	Memorial Mass for John Casey	10.30am

RECONCILIATION TIMES

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

Korumburra: Sun before 9.30am Mass

Recently Deceased: Fay Turner

Anniversaries: Michael Norton, Kenneth Rattle, Giuseppe Calafiore, James Fowles, Bill Sing, Pam Murray, Sebastiano Auddino, Domenico Auddino, Domenico Rao, Noel Greenwood

The deceased Clergy of the Diocese of Sale

Repose of Soul: Caterina Auddino

PARISH ROSTERS

LEONGATHA:

29th Aug

30th Aug

Flowers:

E Stephens

Cleaning:

M & B Thomas

Greeting:

T Murphy

J Schelling

Reader:

A Hemming

M Stephan

Special Minister

R Yates

J Schelling

M Murphy

M Holloway

A Vaughan

M Stephan

KORUMBURRA:

06/09 Cleaning:

S Lomagno / M Arestia

23/08 Greeter

B Hosking

Aug

Reader:

M Ludenia

Commentator

P McKillop

Sacristan

Maree, Denise, Frank

Special Minister

Frank & Maree

Altar Server

S Fitzgerald

Laundry:

D Brookes

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

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



RCIA INFORMATION EVENING

for LEONGATHA & KORUMBURRA PARISHES

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 the Catholic faith is all about?

Perhaps you have been baptised but haven't gone on to receive any other Sacraments?

RCIA could help answer some of your questions. Why not **Come & See!**

An **Information Evening** will be held on Thursday **August 27th**

7.30pm at St Laurence's Parish Centre Leongatha.

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

For those who are interested to go further, RCIA continues preparing people for entry into the Catholic Church at Easter.

You are free to stop at any stage.

Further information ph. Anne Vaughan 0421 083 110 (RCIA Coordinator)

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

All volunteers are asked to please complete and sign the **new Code of Conduct** issued by the Diocese of Sale. Forms will be available this weekend at all Churches.

Once completed, the form can be:

- Placed in any of the collection plates
- Dropped into the Parish Office
- Emailed back to the Parish Office

Your cooperation and assistance with this important matter would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all our volunteers for your continued support and service to our parishes

If you require any further information, please speak to Pamela McKillop at Korumburra Church, Sam Wright at Leongatha Church or Ann at the Parish Office.

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Laurence's Parish:

(Amount Pledged per Week)	\$2,307.08
Pledged amount received last week	\$2,440.00
Church Loose (1st collection)	\$524.00
Presbytery (2nd collection)	\$1,397.30

St Joseph's Parish

(Amount Pledged per Week)	\$871.69
Pledged amount received last week	\$1,421.00
Church Loose(1st collection)	\$118.40
Presbytery (2nd collection)	\$285.85

JUBILEE OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Celebrating the Eighth Centenary of the death of St Francis of Assisi

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 ☐

Bishop Greg Bennet invites the people of the Diocese of Sale to join a pilgrimage celebrating the **Franciscan Jubilee Year**

This pilgrimage is a sacred journey—not of distance, but of the heart. Benambra is set amidst the scenic Omeo High Plains. This pilgrimage takes us to the only church in the Diocese dedicated to St Francis of Assisi.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

Transitus St Mary's Bairnsdale
6:00pm An opening liturgy to mark the solemn commencement of our pilgrimage.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

Morning Prayer St Mary's Bairnsdale
8:30 am We gather for Morning Prayer before taking our first steps on the journey.

Jubilee Mass St Francis of Assisi, Benambra
12 Noon Mass celebrated by Bishop Greg and the Clergy of the Diocese.

Blessing of Pets
All creatures great and small (restrained) are welcome to receive a special blessing.

Shared Lunch & Sausage Sizzle
We will gather at the footy club. Please bring a plate to share

Conclude Immaculate Conception, Omeo
3:00 pm Our pilgrimage draws to a close as we gather at Omeo Parish for our final prayers and departure

St Mary's
Corner of Pyke Street and Main St, Bairnsdale

St Francis of Assisi Immaculate Conception
MacFarlane Rd, Benambra 79 Day St, Omeo

More Information visit



Pilgrimage Bus will be organised provided there are enough people attending. Please place your name on the sheet at any of the churches ASAP if you would like to travel by bus. The bus will leave approx 7am and return approx 8.30pm.

Parish/Diocese News

Dear Parishioners, As you are aware, the Holy Spirit is moving the hearts of many people in the world in this time to listen to God's call and accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. There has been an increase in enquiry into RCIA in several parishes already. This will be an opportunity for you also to invite your family member or a friend by asking the 'question.' Sometimes it is incredible to witness that individuals are waiting for an invitation or waiting to be asked! We have the RCIA information session happening in our parish on Thursday 27th August at 7.30pm at St Laurence's Parish Centre Leongatha. If you know someone who might be discerning about receiving Baptism in the Catholic Faith, or have been delaying it for some reasons, please encourage them to come along to this enquiry session. We pray that the Holy Spirit may enlighten the hearts of many more people that they may also come to believe in Jesus our Lord. In Christ, Fr Stanly

Memorial Mass and Morning Tea For John Casey: Friends and Parishioners are invited to a Memorial Mass and morning tea at St Laurence's Church, Leongatha on Friday, 28th August at 10.30am to pray for the repose of the soul of John Casey, and for Maureen and his family. All welcome.

Retirement of Liz O'Loughlin: We congratulate Liz O'Loughlin on her retirement as Principal of St Laurence's School as from 2027. We sincerely thank Liz for her many years of dedicated service, leadership and commitment to the School community. We wish Liz every happiness and blessing in her retirement.

World Youth Day 2027 will be held in Seoul, South Korea: The Catholic Diocese of Sale and DOSCEL are jointly coordinating the Diocese of Sale pilgrimage to World Youth Day, Seoul 2027, led by Bishop Greg Bennet. The approximate date is 30 July 2027 to 8th August 2027 and the pilgrimage is open to young people aged 16-35 years. For more information please contact Fr. Stanly.

LEONGATHA PARISH:

Thank you from SVDP: Thank you to all parishioners who contributed so generously to the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. You donated \$3,208.00 to our Leongatha Conference. This will enable us to assist several families to overcome financial struggles and start again with confidence. Thank you sincerely and may God bless you.

Ecumenical Pleasant Afternoon Sunday 30th Aug at 2pm held at Scots Pioneer Church 1191 Mardan Rd, Mardan South. Music by KeaChange. Contact Sam Nicita 044 205434

God's Ecumenical Men Servants next meeting is on Wed 2nd Sep 7.30pm at CRC. Guest speaker Neil Warren - SES Boating Rescue. Contact Sam Nicita 044 205434

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 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 person prayer in from of the Blessed Sacrament. All invited to participate for part of or full session.

St Laurence's Mothers Prayer Group - prayer group for those wanting to pray for their children, grandchildren 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.

KORUMBURRA PARISH:

Cuppa first Sunday of the Month

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INVERLOCH CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Reflection Day

Presented by Fr Martin Dixon



**MONDAY
THE 7TH OF SEPTEMBER**



Our Lady Star of the Sea Church
Scarborough Street, INVERLOCH



10 A.M. TO 3 P.M.



BYO SHARED LUNCH
Contact Mary Nadler 0493 452 038



THEME:

*A Woman
in the Church*



Called to Love. • Called to Serve. • Called to Build the Kingdom.