

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A - Sunday, 9th August 2026

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 73:20,19,22,23

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading 1 Kings 19:9.11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

**(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

Second Reading Romans 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too.

What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Psalm 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon Psalm 147:12,14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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

Recently Deceased: Denise Burke

Anniversaries: Domenic Fortuna

The deceased Clergy of the Diocese of Sale

PARISH ROSTERS

LEONGATHA:

15th Aug

16th Aug

Flowers:

Shirleyanne Wright

Cleaning:

L&S Augustine

Greeting:

A Hemming

Shirleyanne

Reader:

M Murphy

N Holloway

Special Minister

M Thomas

S Seabrook

J Bleaser

G Bolge

R Yates

N Hawkins

KORUMBURRA:

15/08 Cleaning:

B Hosking / M Barrett

15/08 Greeter

D Matthews

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

Weekday Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Times

KORUMBURRA

Wednesday	Mass	9.30am
Friday	Mass	9.30am
Saturday	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am

LEONGATHA

Tuesday	Mass	5.00pm
Wednesday	Mass	9.30am
Thursday	Mass	9.30am
Friday	Vigil Mass –Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	5.30pm

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)

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Laurence's Parish:

<i>(Amount Pledged per Week)</i>	\$2,291.70
Pledged amount received last week	\$1,285.00
Church Loose (1st collection)	\$379.65
Presbytery (2nd collection)	\$682.40

St Joseph's Parish

<i>(Amount Pledged per Week)</i>	\$871.69
Pledged amount received last week	\$290.00
Church Loose(1st collection)	\$89.40
Presbytery (2nd collection)	\$117.95

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 footyclub. 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

MacFarlane Rd, Benambra

Immaculate Conception

79 Day St, Omeo

More Information visit



Census Participation: National Census (Tuesday 11 Aug 2026)

The national Census is an important opportunity for everyone in Australia to be counted and represented. The information collected helps governments and community organisations - including churches - plan for services, infrastructure, and support in our local areas.

We encourage all members of the Sale diocese to take part in the Census and include your religious affiliation. Your response helps ensure that our faith communities are recognised and supported in future planning.

When: Tuesday 11 August, 2026

How: Complete your Census online or via the paper form delivered to your home

Privacy: All responses are confidential and protected by law.

For more information or assistance, please visit

www.census.abs.gov.au.



Parish/Diocese News

Liturgy Workshop for Leaders of the Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion in the absence of a priest:

Led by Br. Tony Clark on Saturday 22nd August at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Inverloch. Please arrive at 9.30am for a 10.00am start and concludes at 3.00pm. **Lunch, Tea and Coffee will be provided.**
Contact Parish Office for more details.

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

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>

Website: Websites are available to view for both Leongatha and Korumburra Parishes. Please see the link
Korumburra— <https://www.catholicparish.app/korumburra> Leongatha <https://www.catholicparish.app/leongatha>

LEONGATHA PARISH:

St Vincent de Paul Meeting: Our next conference meeting is at 3.00pm next Wednesday, 12th August in the Parish Centre. Anyone who is considering putting their faith into action by working with the St Vincent de Paul Conference is welcome to attend.

Josephite Companions will have a Commitment Ceremony on Friday 14th August at 9.30am followed by meeting and shared morning tea to be held in the Leongatha Parish Centre.

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.

To subscribe to the weekly bulletin please use the link to join <https://www.catholicparish.app/subscription?id=001OI00000B2zMDIAZ&req=subscribe>

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.