

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A - Sunday, 28th June 2026

Entrance Antiphon Psalm 46:2

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading

2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.
(R.)
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **(R.)**
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their
strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **(R.)**

Second Reading Romans 6:3-4. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation 1 Peter 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.
Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me.

Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon Cf Psalm 102:1

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.



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

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WEEKEND MASSES	
Leongatha Saturday 5.30pm Sunday 11.00am 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 Meeniyen Mass— Mass Saturday before 2nd & 4th Sunday at 4.00pm Liturgy with H/C 9.30am on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday’s	Korumburra Sunday 9.30am

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Rosemary Brown, Christine Kearney
Anniversaries: Majella Shea, Laddie Kowalczuk, Ermina Stefani, Jack Holloway, Carmel Elliott
 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: Alan Vaughan

PARISH ROSTERS		
LEONGATHA:	4th July	5th July
Flowers:		
Cleaning:		
Greeting:	J Sing	N Holloway
Reader:	K Blencowe	J Salvatore
Special Minister	M Thomas	S Seabrook
	J Bleeser	G Bolge
	R Yates	N Hawkins
Cuppa after Mass:	Mathew/Beena	Van & David
KORUMBURRA:		
12/07 Cleaning:	A & L D’Souza	
5/07 Greeter:	A D’Souza	
July		
Reader:	Pamela McKillop	
Commentator	Frank Preston	
Sacristan	Maree, Denise, Mark	
Special Minister	Michelle & Lima	
Altar Server	M Ludenia	
Laundry:	M Trewin	
Flowers:		

Weekday Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Times		
KORUMBURRA		
Wednesday	Mass	9.30am
Friday	Mass	9.30am
LEONGATHA		
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	No Mass	
Thursday	Mass	5.00pm
Friday	Mass—Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle	9.30am

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

Vocation Prayer 2026

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

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Laurence's Parish:

(Amount Pledged per Week)	\$2,303.24
Pledged amount received last week	\$4,510.00
Church Loose (1st collection)	\$265.45
Presbytery (2nd collection)	\$1,909.00

St Joseph's Parish

(Amount Pledged per Week)	\$871.69
Pledged amount received last week	\$1,069.00
Church Loose(1st collection)	\$132.20
Presbytery (2nd collection)	\$369.90

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

REFLECTION by late Fr Michael Tate Christianity not a Cult

In the early Church, Christianity ripped families apart. Good Jewish families would have been appalled to see their sons and daughters go off to follow a crucified blasphemer. Good reason to keep apart in the synagogue, avoiding damnable pollution. This sectarianism contrasted with the Christians who fearlessly went out into the world.

St John Paul II personified what it is to be Catholic. But, he pressed a prayer into a crack in the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem and as an old man shuffled across the floor of a Mosque in Syria.

Of course, there was no compromise of belief and faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, denied by both Jews and Muslims. But his actions were not those of one with the siege mentality of the member of a cult. Rather, he was able to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to take these steps recognising what was good amongst the *adherents* of those faiths.

We could pause for a moment to implore the Holy Spirit to break us out from any constricting cult-like tendencies so that we can go out into the world powerfully proclaiming the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

The House of Israel

The gospel passage has Jesus telling his newly commissioned apostles to go only to the House of Israel, not to go to Samaritans or into pagan territory; the ministry of the apostles is only to be addressed to Jews. But this is the first part of a two-phase ministry. At the conclusion of the gospel, the Risen Jesus directs his followers to 'make disciples of all the nations'. For the Matthew community, (unlike the community of Luke) it was the House of Israel that needed renewal first before the message of Jesus could be taken to gentile and pagan communities.

Parish/Diocese News

Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 30th June but opened on Wednesday 1st July.

Peter's Pence Special collection will be held next weekend. Your generous offerings directly support the Holy Father's apostolic and charitable ministry, providing vital assistance to those suffering from war, poverty and natural disasters around the world.

Ecumenical Pleasant Sunday afternoon Concert will be held on Sunday 28th June at 2pm Scots Pioneer Church Mardan South. Music by Andrew, Liz & Rebecca Freemantle with Terry Lay.

God's Ecumenical Men Servants meeting will be held on Wed 1st July 7.30pm at the Presbyterian Church. Speaker Neil Breeden

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 Laurence's Mass Ministries Roster is available to collect from Leongatha Church foyer

Thank You from the Vaughans: Anne and Alan Vaughan would like to thank Fr Stanly and parishioners for their Masses, prayers and kindness. Alan's recovery is now well under way and knowing that our parish family were praying in support of us has made a huge difference. God always hears our prayers and acts according to his wisdom and good will.

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.

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KORUMBURRA PARISH:

The Gippsland Symphony Orchestra will be performing at St. Joseph's Church Korumburra on Sunday 2nd August 2026. More details to come.

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



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