

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A - Sunday, 16th August 2026

Entrance Antiphon Psalm 83:10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading Isaiah 56:1.6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

Second Reading Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.



The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon Psalm 129:7

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.

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

St Laurence O'Toole Leongatha

St Kevin's Meeniyan

St Joseph's Mirboo North

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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
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Wednesday	Mass	9.30am
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	Funeral Prayers— Cornelia Robinson	11.30am
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Thursday	Mass	9.30am
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Friday	Mass	9.30am
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RECONCILIATION TIMES

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

Recently Deceased: Kathleen Dore, Cornelia Robinson

Anniversaries:

The deceased Clergy of the Diocese of Sale

PARISH ROSTERS

LEONGATHA:

22nd Aug

23rd Aug

Flowers:

Shirleyanne Wright

Cleaning:

L&S Augustine

Greeting:

J Sing

N Holloway

Reader:

P&J Charles

N Dudman

Special Minister

S Fraser

N Holloway

B Mathew

M Holloway

A Hemming

N Dudman

KORUMBURRA:

23/08 Cleaning:

M Trewin

23/08 Greeter

B Folwes

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

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Laurence's Parish:

(Amount Pledged per Week)	\$2,307.08
Pledged amount received last week	\$1,510.00
Church Loose (1st collection)	\$280.55
Presbytery (2nd collection)	\$871.40

St Joseph's Parish

(Amount Pledged per Week)	\$871.69
Pledged amount received last week	\$879.00
Church Loose(1st collection)	\$130.30
Presbytery (2nd collection)	\$333.25

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 Dianne Bergant CSA

The overarching theme derived from today's readings is the question of insider-outsider. We see here that the divisions and barriers that emerge out of human experience have been shattered by the graciousness of God. Jesus' openness to 'the other' finds a precedent in the prophetic tradition. Isaiah spoke of a time when outsiders would join insiders in worshipping God, thus dissolving the categories of insider and outsider. He was, of course, referring to the age of eschatological fulfilment. This age dawned with the coming of Jesus. Jesus himself moved out of the constraints of his own cultural worldview, and he directs us to do the same. People are either excluded because of gender, culture or religious perspective, or included only because they are able and willing to conform to discriminatory standards. In the reign of God, this should not be the case. People are accepted along with their own cultural profiles.

God's embrace first enclosed even those who rejected Jesus, and then God's plan of salvation unfolded in a new way. An invitation to enter the kingdom was issued to the Gentiles, those who had been considered outsiders. If outsiders are now insiders, what has happened to the former insiders? Paul insists that they are still insiders. God has not simply shifted the identifying boundaries; God has dissolved them. In the interim between the dawning of the eschatological age and the end of time, the invitation to be included remains open to all.

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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

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.

LEONGATHA PARISH:

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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Let your wish be granted.
And from that moment her
daughter was well again.
Matthew 15:28



KORUMBURRA PARISH:

Thank you to David and Maryanne Jackson who organised the Gippsland Symphony Orchestra Concert on Sunday 2nd August. Also thanks to those who assisted in anyway and supported the Concert. An amount of \$1,385.00 was raised.

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.*