



St. Laurence's Leongatha



St. Joseph's Korumburra

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Leongatha & Korumburra

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Mass Centres

St Laurence O'Toole

Leongatha

27 Ogilvy Street, Leongatha

St Kevin's Meeniyen

4 Geale Street, Meeniyen

St Joseph's Mirboo North

16 Ridgway Street, Mirboo Nth

St Andrew's Tarwin Lower

River Road Tarwin Lower

St Joseph's Korumburra

4 Guys Road, Korumburra

Schools

St Laurence O'Toole Primary School

St Joseph's Korumburra

Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional
College

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A - 20th September 2026

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Sirach 36:18

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. (R.)
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 1:20-24. 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The Word of the Lord

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Weekend Masses

St. Joseph’s Korumburra

Sunday9.30am

St Laurence’s Leongatha

Saturday5.30pm

Sunday11.00am

Tarwin Lower

Mass on Saturday before 3rd Sunday at 4pm

Liturgy with H/C Saturday 4pm before 1st, 2nd, 4th 5th Sunday

Mirboo North

Mass 1st Sunday at 4pm

Liturgy with H/C 9.30 on 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sunday

Meeniyan

Mass Saturday before 2nd & 4th Sunday at 4pm

Liturgy with H/C 9.30am on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday’s

Weekday Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Korumburra

WednesdayMass9.30am

FridayMass9.30am

Leongatha

TuesdayMass5.00pm

WednesdayMass9.30am

ThursdayMass9.30am

FridayMass9.30am

Reconciliation Times

Korumburra:

Sunday before 9.30am

Mass

Leongatha :

Friday after 9.30am Mass

After Mass on Saturday & Sunday

Or by appointment

The Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St Laurence O’Toole Church Leongatha

Saturday: 5.00pm – before 5.30pm Mass

Sunday: 10.30am – before 11am Mass

Safeguarding Officer

Sam Wright - Leongatha

Pamela MacKillop - Korumburra

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 the Parish Child Safety Officer.

The Officers can be contacted through the Parish Office. 03 56622020

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Gospel Acclamation See Acts of the Apostles 16:14
Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, “You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.” So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, “Why have you been standing here idle all day?” “Because no one has hired us” they answered. He said to them, “You go into my vineyard too.” In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.” So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. “The men who came last” they said “have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.” He answered one of them and said, “My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?” Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.’

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon Psalm 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Our attention shifts slightly in these last Sundays of Ordinary Time. We turn from concentration on the character and responsibilities of discipleship to reflection on the import of the end of time. As we move toward the close of the liturgical year, we are invited to consider the final coming of Christ and the last judgment.

The thought of judgment is enough to strike fear in the hearts of many. We sometimes experience tension between the idea of divine justice, which requires that the good be adequately rewarded and the evil be appropriately punished, and that of the mercy of God, which we hope will be generously extended to us. As seen in the readings for this Sunday, the justice of God does not conform to the standards of human justice. It is incomprehensible, because its foundation is mercy. While we might find consolation in this view of divine judgment when it is directed toward us, our hearts do not always seem to be generous enough to rejoice in the mercy extended to others. It is almost as if we feel that we have been cheated in some way, if God is merciful to others. However, divine mercy can work in us to abolish our pettiness and indignation and replace it with generosity of heart. We are called to conduct ourselves with this kind of generosity, this kind of love, this kind of mercy.

Please Pray For

Anniversaries: Mary Mounsey, Brendan Murphy, Mosey Murphy, Jack Reilly, Tony Fowles, Pearl Connelly, Maria Ciccia, Peter Clark
The Deceased Clergy of the Diocese of Sale
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Sick: Cathy Abood

Parish Rosters

Leongatha		
	26 th Sep	27 th Sep
Flowers:	E Stephens	
Cleaning:	M Dortman	
Greeter:	M Patterson	A Rundle
Reader:	S Sabu	J Schelling
Special Minister:		
	M Thomas	S Seabrook
	J Bleaser	G Bolge
	R Yates	N Hawkins

Korumburra
Cleaning 27/9: V & T Ferrone
Greeter 27/9: A D’Souza
September
Reader: S Fitzgerald
Commentator: M Ludenia
Sacristan: Maree, Mark, Frank
Special Minister: Denise & Lima
Altar Server: J Rattle
Laundry: M Jackson
Flowers: A Whiteside

Our Offerings To God.

Leongatha Parish	
<i>(Amount pledged per week \$2,307.08)</i>	
Planned Giving	\$880.00
Church Loose	\$288.65
Presbytery	\$804.65
Korumburra Parish	
<i>(Amount pledged per week \$791.84)</i>	
Planned Giving	\$670.00
Church Loose	\$126.60
Presbytery	\$442.70

Cuppa after Mass

Leongatha: First weekend of the Month
Korumburra: First Sunday of the Month
Everyone is welcome; especially visitors

Baptisms / RCIA

Please contact the Parish Office

Weddings

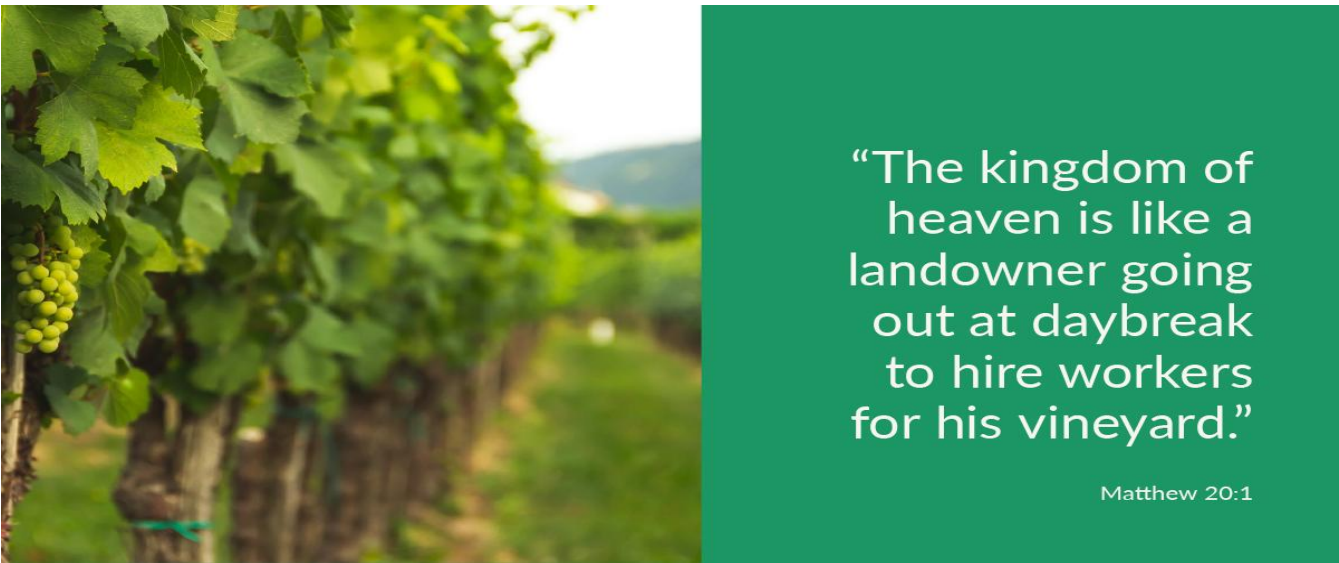
At least six months’ notice requested.

Parish News

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 personal prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. All are invited to participate for part of, or full session.

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KORUMBURRA PARISH:
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Newcomers or Update Details

Welcome and thanks for worshipping with us at St Laurence’s Parish Leongatha and/or St Joseph’s Parish Korumburra.

If you are new to Leongatha, Meeniyan, Mirboo North, Tarwin Lower or Korumburra Churches 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 ☐

Pledge Amount\$ Frequency

Historical

Context

Labourers for hire

Jesus’ parable describes a situation that would have been very familiar to his audience. At the time, there were many quite wealthy landowners who controlled large vineyards, orchards and crop fields. They would have employed a certain number of permanent workers but come harvest time there was a need for more workers and, much like today, they sought to employ part time workers for a short period of time until the rush was over. Men looking for work would gather in the marketplace of a village and landowners would select workers and send them to their property to work.

PARISH / DIOCESE NEWS

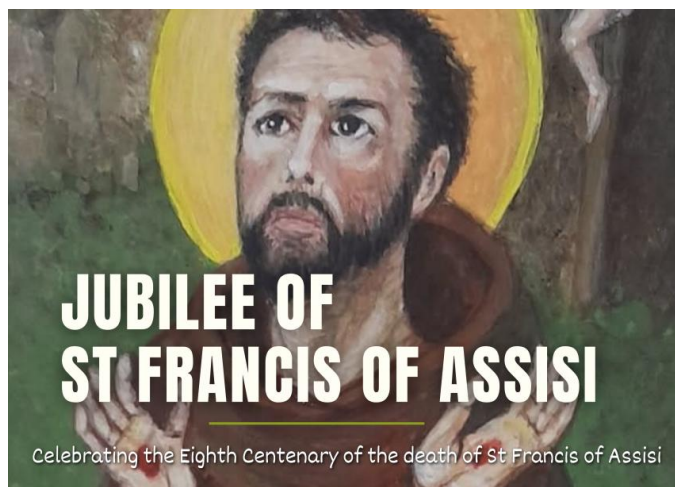
World Youth Day 2027 will be held in Seoul, South Korea: The Catholic Diocese of Sale and DOSCEL are jointly coordinating the Diocese of Sale pilgrimage to World Youth Day, Seoul 2027, led by Bishop Greg Bennet. The approximate date is 30 July 2027 to 8th August 2027 and the pilgrimage is open to young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

Nepal Floods: Caritas teams are on the ground assessing the scale of the disastrous Nepalese floods and how to respond. It is expected that the needs will most likely include: emergency shelter and essential items, access to clean water and sanitation, access to food and immediate and long-term recovery. If you are able to support Caritas Australia's Nepal Floods Appeal, visit www.caritas.org.au/nepal.

Diocesan Women's Event: Navigating the Unseen – Women Leading with Resilience: Women from across the diocese are invited to gather for an evening dinner and talk celebrating the strength, resilience, and expanding horizons of women in the mission of the Catholic Church.

Guest speaker Dr. Kim Daniels—Director of the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life at Georgetown University and member of the Vatican Dicastery for Communication—will share insights on leadership, faith, and renewal.

- Date: Wednesday, October 14th
- Time: 7:00 PM
- Venue: St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Pakenham
- Cost: \$30 per person (includes dinner & soft drinks)
- RSVP: Bookings are essential by October 4th. Secure your tickets online at trybooking.com/DOZKU



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

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

