Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A- Sunday, 4th October 2026

Entrance Antiphon Cf Esther 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

First Reading Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vine yard.
My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah
that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found blood shed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R.)

2.Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)

3.God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)

4.And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R.)

Second Reading Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation See John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. “They will respect my son,” he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, “This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance.” So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They answered, ‘He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.
This was the Lord’s doing
and it is wonderful to see?

‘I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.’

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

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WEEKEND MASSES

Leongatha
Saturday 5.30pm
Sunday 11.00am

Korumburra
Sunday 9.30am

Tarwin Lower
Mass held on Saturday before 3rd Sunday at 4.00pm
Liturgy with H/C Saturday 4pm before 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday

Mirboo Nth
Mass held 1st Sunday at 4.00pm
Liturgy with H/C 9.30 on 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday

Meeniyan
Mass held on Saturday before 2nd & 4th Sunday at 4.00pm
Liturgy with H/C Sunday 9.30am on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

WEEKDAY MASS or LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH HOLY COMMUNION TIMES

KORUMBURRA

Wednesday	Mass	9.30am
Friday	Mass	9.30am

LEONGATHA

Tuesday	Mass	5.00pm
Wednesday	Mass	9.30am
Thursday	Mass	9.30am
Friday	Mass	9.30am

RECONCILIATION TIMES

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Anniversaries: Pat & Gwen Moloney, Jim Ciccia, Antonietta Rao, Erminia Ciurleo, May Holloway, Moria Middelton

The deceased Clergy of the Diocese of Sale

Repose of Soul: Sebastiano Auddino, Sebastiano Rao

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

PARISH ROSTERS

LEONGATHA:	**10th Oct**	**11th Oct**
Flowers:	Shirleyanne Wright	
Cleaning:	J Shea / L Fiddelaers	
Greeting:	J Sing	M Holloway
Reader:	J Bleeser	S Seabrook
Special Minister	A Hemming	J Schelling
	M Murphy	M Holloway
	A Vaughan	M Stephan

KORUMBURRA:

11/10 Cleaning:	A & L D'Souza
11/10 Greeter:	J Loughnan
October	
Reader:	S Ward
Commentator:	S Fitzgerald
Sacristan:	Maree, Denise, Frank
Special Minister:	Andrew & Michelle
Altar Server	L D'Souza
Laundry:	T Ferrone
Flowers:	M Trewin

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

Safeguard our Parish—Our Responsibility

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The metaphor of the vineyard, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit. In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described. We can see ourselves in both uses of the vineyard metaphor. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God's plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control.

When we consider the justice of God, it is important that we place it within the right context, lest we create a picture of God that is false and misleading. It is because of God's tender love for the vineyard that treachery cannot be tolerated. If we have produced unacceptable fruits, it is for our own good that God steps in and dismantles the structures that enabled us to produce bad fruit. It is appropriate that God would snatch the vineyard from our grasp and entrust it to one who will faithfully carry out God's plans.

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OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Laurence's Parish:	
(Amount Pledged per Week)	*$2,307.08*
Pledged amount received last week	$1,672.00
Church Loose (1st collection)	$414.80
Presbytery (2nd collection)	$823.15
St Joseph's Parish	
(Amount Pledged per Week)	*$871.69*
Pledged amount received last week	$2,018.00
Church Loose(1st collection)	$87.10
Presbytery (2nd collection)	$624.10

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 (please circle)

Invitation to Celebrate 175 Years of Catholic Life in Gippsland

The Parish of Yarram warmly invites you to join us on Sunday the 15th November 2026 at 11:00 Mass as we celebrate 175 years since the beginning of the Catholic Church in Gippsland.

In 1851, Gippsland was established as a Catholic Mission with Father David Holohan appointed to Tarraville as its first priest with Father Joseph Martin as his assistant. Father Martin subsequently became the first resident priest of Gippsland and established a Catholic School at Tarraville.

By 1854, Father Patrick Verling had been appointed and built St Patrick's Church, Tarraville, the first Catholic Church in Gippsland. From these humble beginnings, the Catholic community grew through churches, schools, convents and parishes to become what is now the Diocese of Sale.

Although St Patrick's Church was demolished in the 1940's, a small part of its floorboards was later made into a tabernacle. This precious reminder of the first Catholic Church in Gippsland remains a tangible link with our beginnings.

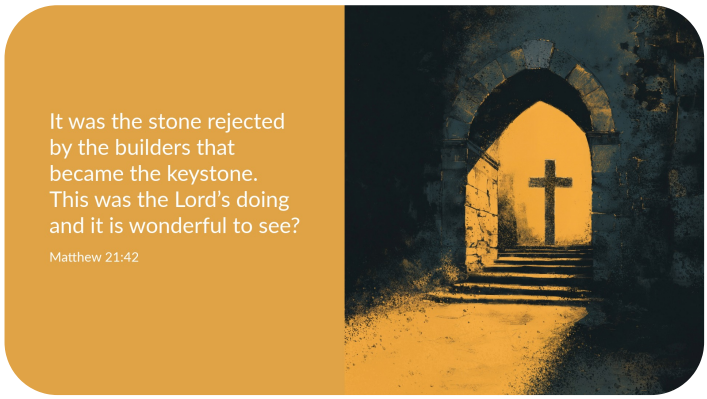
We invite you to join us in giving thanks for 175 years of faith, community and Catholic life in Gippsland, and to celebrate the rich heritage that began in Tarraville in 1851.

Sunday, 15th of November:

11:00 am Mass: Celebrated at St Mary's Catholic Church, Commercial Road Yarram. Bishop Greg Bennet will be in attendance and will celebrate Mass with Father Darren Howie.

Refreshments & History: Following Mass, we will gather at the St. Mary MacKillop Hall for light refreshments. Memorabilia will be displayed with the addition of a short talk about our history. A tour of St. Mary's Catholic School will also be made available.

RSVP: Kindly RSVP to Sue Benc at suebenc57@gmail.com. Please let us know of any dietary requirements.



Parish/Diocese News

Welcome to Fr Prabhu who will be celebrating Saturday evening Mass in Leongatha
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.

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

Reminder to all volunteers that the Volunteer Code of Conduct must be signed and returned to Parish Office as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and ongoing support of our Parishes. Forms available at all churches or from Ann at the Parish Office

LEONGATHA PARISH:

God's Ecumenical Men Servants will meet on Wed 7th Oct 7.30pm @ St Laurence's 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 personal prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. All invited to participate for part of or full session.

Cuppa: first weekend of the Month

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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

KORUMBURRA PARISH:

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