

# Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A - Sunday, 2nd August 2026

## Entrance Antiphon Psalm 69:2,6

O God, come to my assistance;  
O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help;  
O Lord, do not delay.

## First Reading Isaiah 55:1-3

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

*Hasten and eat.*

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;  
though you have no money, come!  
Buy corn without money, and eat,  
and, at no cost, wine and milk.  
Why spend money on what is not bread,  
your wages on what fails to satisfy?  
Listen, listen to me and you will have good  
things to eat  
and rich food to enjoy.  
Pay attention, come to me;  
listen, and your soul will live.  
With you I will make an everlasting covenant  
out of the favours promised to David.

**The Word of the Lord**

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16

**(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us:  
he answers all our needs.**

1. 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.)**
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you  
and you give them their food in due time.  
You open wide your hand,  
grant the desires of all who live. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

## Second Reading Romans 8:35. 37-39

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

*No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.*

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**The Word of the Lord**

## Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel Matthew 14:13-21

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

*They all ate and were satisfied.*

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

**The Gospel of the Lord**

## Communion Antiphon Wisdom 16:20

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,  
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

# 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

**Baptism:** Oakie Wren O'Halloran

**Recently Deceased:** Sophia Epskamp, Christine Coyle, Sebastiano Nigro

**Anniversaries:** Myrtle Dempsey, Antonino Ciurleo, Angelo Mileto, Teresa Mileto, Alice Ryan  
The deceased Clergy of the Diocese of Sale

**Sick:** Alan Vaughan

## PARISH ROSTERS

### LEONGATHA:

#### 8th Aug

#### 9th Aug

Flowers:

E Stephens

Cleaning:

E Stephens / L Dal Santo Henshall

Greeting:

M Patterson

A Rundle

Reader:

J Bleaser

M&H Holloway

Special Minister

J Bleaser

J Schelling

M Murphy

M Holloway

A Vaughan

M Stephan

### KORUMBURRA:

09/08 Cleaning: B Hosking / M Barrett

9/08 Greeter: S Fitzgerald

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

|                  |      |        |
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| <b>Wednesday</b> | Mass | 9.30am |
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| <b>Friday</b> | Mass | 9.30am |
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### LEONGATHA

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| <b>Tuesday</b> | Mass | 5.00pm |
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| <b>Wednesday</b> | No Service |
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| <b>Thursday</b> | Mary MacKillop College Mass—40th Anniversary | 9.15am |
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| <b>Friday</b> | Vigil Mass —Feast of Mary MacKillop | 6.00pm |
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## 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 27<sup>th</sup>**

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:

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| (Amount Pledged per Week )        | \$2,291.70 |
| Pledged amount received last week | \$1,590.00 |
| Church Loose (1st collection)     | \$274.00   |
| Presbytery (2nd collection)       | \$921.00   |

### St Joseph's Parish

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| (Amount Pledged per Week)         | \$871.69   |
| Pledged amount received last week | \$2,650.00 |
| Church Loose(1st collection)      | \$108.55   |
| Presbytery (2nd collection)       | \$822.60   |
| St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal  | \$710.65   |

## 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 ☐

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# 40 Years

1986 - 2026

You are invited to our

## 40 YEAR CELEBRATION DAY

Honouring Our Past, Celebrating Our Present, Inspiring Our Future

Thursday, 6 August 2026

**9:15 AM - 11:00 AM**  
**FORMAL PROCEEDINGS**  
Mass followed by reflections on our last 40 years  
Join us as we celebrate 40 years of achievement, memories, and community spirit.

**11:30 AM - 2:30 PM**  
**COMMUNITY CELEBRATION FESTIVAL**  
Student-Run Stalls & Games  
Community Groups in attendance  
Live Music & Entertainment  
Exciting Prizes to Be Won  
Food, Fun & Activities  
Families, Friends & Community Welcome

Money raised on the day will support  
Mackillop Today, Trinity Families and St Vincent de Paul charities.

**Come and celebrate with us**  
AS WE MARK THIS SPECIAL MILESTONE TOGETHER!

This is a cashless event, so guests and families can purchase stall tickets here:  
ordering.colpay.flexischools.com.au/  
m/mary-mackillop-catholic-regional-college-events-celebration-day-prepaid-card

We'd love to celebrate this milestone with you! Please RSVP using the link or QR code below:  
RSVP MMCRC 40 Years Celebrations 6th August 2026



## Mary MacKillop 40th Year Celebration Day Thursday 6th August 2026

St Mary MacKillop Callistemons for Sale  
6" pots—\$16 Tube Stock \$5 (plant 3, 4 or more for a hedge)

Partial proceeds go towards chosen charities.  
Please remember to purchase your Celebration Day Prepaid Card (as per details in above poster) to purchase any goods on the day.

For further information please contact Mary MacKillop College

# Parish/Diocese News

**St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal:** Thank you for your support

**Mary Mackillop: A Saint Of Our Time:** Did you know? Our upcoming guest speaker, Sister Rita Malavasi RSJ, is affectionately known by many as the "Nun on the Run"! Legacies of compassion take many forms, and Sr Rita earned this nickname through her tireless fundraising and extensive, award-winning advocacy for refugees and asylum seekers. Don't miss the chance to hear from someone living out the true spirit of Mary MacKillop's mission in the 21st century.

• Date: Thursday, 6th August 202 • Time: 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM • Venue: Online

Register at [cdsale.org.au/events](https://cdsale.org.au/events) or <https://tinyurl.com/485amc2n>

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**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>

## LEONGATHA PARISH:

**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.

Mass at Wonthaggi will be held on 8th August at 9.30am for those who are able to attend for the Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross, Virgin.

Anyone interested in joining the group you are most welcome. Contact Mary Patterson 0428 622 099

**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:

**Cuppa** first Sunday of the Month

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## LITURGY Workshop

For leaders of  
**Liturgy of the Word  
with Holy Communion**  
*in the absence of a priest*

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LED BY  
**BR. TONY CLARK.**



**SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST**  
10.00 A.M. – 3.00 P.M.



**OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA**  
IN INVERLOCH



PLEASE BRING A SHARED LUNCH



TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE PROVIDED



Contact Parish Office  
for more details.



**St. Joseph's Catholic Church**  
KORUMBURRA

*presents*

**GIPPSLAND**  
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



**SUNDAY**  
2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2026



**2:00 P.M.**



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**Mozart  
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Alicia Redman**

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Hannah Comrie-Weston  
Beth Frank  
Catherine Yell-Ezis



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