

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A - Sunday, 26th July 2026

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 67:6-7,36

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading 1 Kings 3:5.7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. (R.)
2. Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. (R.)
3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. (R.)
4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. (R.)

Second Reading Romans 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation See Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 13:44-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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: Alexander Judah Blencowe

Recently Deceased: Christine Coyle

Anniversaries: Vin McDonald, Nellie McDonald, Salvatore Occhipinti.

The deceased Clergy of the Diocese of Sale

Sick: Alan Vaughan

We pray for Children receiving the Sacrament of

Confirmation: May the Holy Spirit strengthen them in faith.

PARISH ROSTERS

LEONGATHA:

1st Aug

2nd Aug

Flowers:

E Stephens

Cleaning:

E Stephens / L Dal Santo Henshall

Greeting:

R Yates

L Dempsey

Reader:

M O'Rourke

Sam Wright

Special Minister

S Fraser

N Holloway

B Mathew

J Salvatore

A Hemming

N Dudman

Cuppa after Mass: Sabu & Jobin

Sam & Lisa

KORUMBURRA:

2/08 Cleaning:

T Mareko

2/08 Greeter:

P McKillop

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

Weekday Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Times

KORUMBURRA

Wednesday

Mass

9.30am

Friday

Mass

9.30am

LEONGATHA

Tuesday

No Service

Wednesday

No Service

Thursday

Mass Woorayl Lodge

11.00am

Confirmation Mass

6.00pm

Friday

Mass

9.30am

Prayer for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence. Even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth.

I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life.

I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me.

I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me,

in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age.

Amen.

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Laurence's Parish:

(Amount Pledged per Week)	\$1,877.90
Pledged amount received last week	\$4,053.00
Church Loose (1st collection)	\$296.65
Presbytery (2nd collection)	\$1,386.50

St Joseph's Parish

(Amount Pledged per Week)	\$778.84
Pledged amount received last week	\$673.00
Church Loose(1st collection)	\$132.95
Presbytery (2nd collection)	\$677.20

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.cofpay.flexischools.com.au/
m/mackillop-catholic-regional-college-events-celebration-day-2026

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





3rd FORMATION GATHERING

AUSTRALIA

EUCARIST
Gift of God
Place of Encounter



SAVE THE DATE
16 AUGUST 2026

REGISTER



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HOLY MASS CELEBRATED BY BISHOP GREG BENNET

16 August 2026
8:30 - 15:45 PM

St Michael's Catholic Parish
Traralgon

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Parish/Diocese News

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal: The collection for the SVDP Winter Appeal will be held this weekend. Help us to help those who are disadvantaged and struggling. Donations from locals go to help locals in need.

Confirmation Mass: Parishioners are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with our students from St Laurence's, St Joseph's School and surrounding local schools on Thursday, July 30 at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

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 or <https://tinyurl.com/485amc2n>

Web: cdsale.org.au/events **Phone:** 61 3 5614 5163 **Email:** newsonline@sale.catholic.org.au

LEONGATHA PARISH:

Josephite Companions will have a Commitment Ceremony on Friday 14th August at 10.30am 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.

To subscribe to the weekly bulletin please use the link to join <https://www.catholicparish.app/subscription?id=001OI00000B2zMDIAZ&req=subscribe>

KORUMBURRA PARISH:

Cuppa first Sunday of the Month

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St. Joseph's Catholic Church
KORUMBURRA
presents
GIPPSLAND
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

 **SUNDAY**
2ND AUGUST 2026  **2:00 P.M.**

 **PIECES FROM**
Mozart
Vuraneck
Handel
Alicia Redman

PERFORMERS INCLUDE
Hannah Comrie-Weston
Beth Frank
Catherine Yell-Ezis

 **ADMISSION**
\$20
CASH

 **LIGHT**
REFRESHMENTS
PROVIDED

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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.