



Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Year A- Sunday, 11th October 2026

Entrance Antiphon Psalm 129:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

First Reading Isaiah 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22. R. v.6

**(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I
have been through my initiation and now I am ready for
anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach,
poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the
help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was
good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my
God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as
only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation See Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon Cf Psalm 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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

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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 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

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Maria Bentvelzen

Anniversaries: Don & Pat Ferguson

The deceased Clergy of the Diocese of Sale

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

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
Funeral Prayers- Maria Bentvelzen		11.30am

Wednesday	Mass
9.30am	

Thursday	Mass
9.30am	

Friday	Mass	9.30am
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RECONCILIATION TIMES

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

Korumburra: Sun before 9.30am Mass

PARISH ROSTERS

LEONGATHA:

17th Oct

18th Oct

Flowers:	Shirleyanne Wright	
Cleaning:	J Shea / L Fiddelaers	
Greeting:	M Murphy	J Schelling
Reader:	M O'Rourke	C Farras
Special Minister	M Thomas	S Seabrook
	J Bleaser	G Bolge
	R Yates	N Hawkins

KORUMBURRA:

18/10 Cleaning:	T Mareko
18/10 Greeter:	M Jackson

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



Next weekend we will have a special collection for World Mission Month, supporting the work of Catholic Missions. Your generous contribution helps provide faith, education and support to communities in need around the world. Envelopes available this weekend.

175 Years of Faith & Heritage in Yarram - You're Invited!

Join the Catholic Parish of Yarram in celebrating 175 years of Catholic life across Gippsland. Bishop Greg Bennet will join Fr Darren Howie and diocesan clergy to celebrate a special Anniversary Mass at **11:00 am on Sunday, 15 November 2026** at St Mary's Catholic Church, Commercial Road, Yarram.

Following Mass, all are welcome in the St Mary MacKillop Hall for light refreshments, a brief local history talk, an exhibition of historical memorabilia, and school tours.

- **RSVP:** Please email Sue Benc at suebenc57@gmail.com with any dietary requirements.
- **More Details:** <https://tinyurl.com/5n77pu6>

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Laurence's Parish:

(Amount Pledged per Week)	\$2,307.08
Pledged amount received last week	\$1,390.00
Church Loose (1st collection)	\$405.10
Presbytery (2nd collection)	\$770.25

St Joseph's Parish

(Amount Pledged per Week)	\$871.69
Pledged amount received last week	\$756.00
Church Loose(1st collection)	\$ 68.00
Presbytery (2nd collection)	\$277.10

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)

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

As incredible as it may seem, some people turn down the invitation to the eschatological banquet. This is the case, both in the parable and in our world today. This invitation seems much less interesting than a sports event, the latest movie, or some social affair. So much of our time and energy is spent either climbing the economic ladder or just trying to keep our heads above water. Even if we are interested in the banquet, we do not seem able to afford the time and energy that it might require. And so we send our regrets: I cannot come. What a shame! We seem to have forgotten that everything is tending toward the end; all of our plans, interests and distractions will cease. Only the banquet will remain. All God asks of us is that we receive the blessings that have been prepared for us. We need not work for them. In fact, we cannot work for them on our own. All we can do is enjoy them. Enjoyment of the eschatological time of fulfilment is open to all, but guaranteed to none.

One theme seems to connect all of the readings for this Sunday, our total dependence on God. God spreads the banquet table and invites the guests; God punishes those who are indifferent to or antagonistic toward the eschatological banquet; God supplies whatever we need in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. We do not have to bargain with God, or make reservations. All we have to do is accept what God has to offer.

GOSPEL FOCUS

'How did you get in here?'

In light of the inclusive kingdom metaphor in this passage, the final portion of the gospel may be a bit troubling to readers. When a guest is not wearing a wedding garment he is cast out of the banquet. We might say that being invited at the last minute the guest was unable to find suitable clothing. It is a sign that although he has been an unlikely inclusion in the banquet, he has not made any effort to respond to the generosity of the king and take up one of the cloaks that would have been provided and thus give due honour to his host. This is symbolic of those who refuse to change their ways and do not live as followers of Jesus even when they have been included in the kingdom.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



**Nurturing Good Fruit
in Our Communities**

Parish/Diocese News

Dear Parishioners, To help us prepare for the upcoming Sunday Mass and receive the Word of God more deeply, St. Patrick's Seminary & University in Menlo Park, California, offers weekly reflections hosted by Dr. Nina Heereman, Professor of Sacred Scripture. These reflections are accessible on the **YouTube channel Caritas Christi**.

I strongly encourage you to take advantage of this valuable spiritual resource. Gaining a richer understanding of the context, theology, and geographical background of Holy Scripture enables us to participate more fully and fruitfully in Eucharistic worship.

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:

St Vincent de Paul Meeting: Our next conference meeting is at 3.00pm next Wednesday, 14th October in the Parish Centre. Anyone who is considering putting their faith into action by working with the St Vincent de Paul Conference is welcome to attend. Afternoon tea will be enjoyed to celebrate the members who were given awards at our recent Festival mass and lunch.

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

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:

Cuppa: first Sunday of the Month

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