



Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Year A- Sunday, 18th October 2026

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 16:6,8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading Isaiah 45:1.4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:
It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting
of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)

2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)

3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)

4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)



Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Philippians 2:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon Cf Psalm 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

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

Meeniyen

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	No Mass	
Thursday	Mass Woorayl Lodge	11.00am
Friday	Mass	5.00pm

Followed by Liturgy for Blessing of Pets in school
Grounds 5.30pm

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: Caterina Fortuna, Patricia Gunnulson,
Eileen Norton, Andrew Norton

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.*

Sick: Cathy Abood

PARISH ROSTERS

LEONGATHA:

24th Oct

25th Oct

Flowers:	E Stephens	
Cleaning:	J & N Salvatore	
Greeting:	T Murphy	L Dempsey
Reader:	M Murphy	Sam Wright
Special Minister	S Fraser	N Holloway
	B Mathew	J Salvatore
	A Hemming	N Dudman

KORUMBURRA:

25/10 Cleaning: T Mareko
25/10 Greeter: P McKillop

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

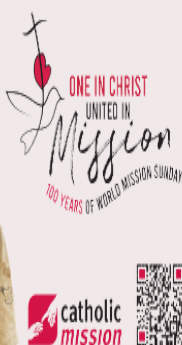
The Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



This 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.

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	\$920.85
Church Loose (1st collection)	\$315.00
Presbytery (2nd collection)	\$571.20

St Joseph's Parish

(Amount Pledged per Week)	\$871.69
Pledged amount received last week	\$737.00
Church Loose(1st collection)	\$125.40
Presbytery (2nd collection)	\$327.10

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: _____

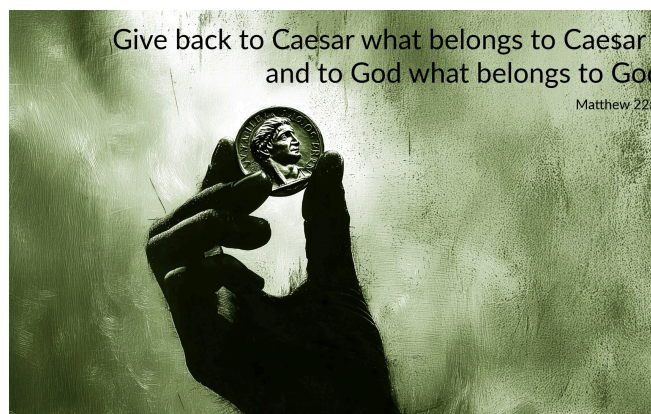
New Parishioner Change of Address or Phone #
Thanksgiving: Envelopes or Electronically (please circle)

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The frequency with which we consider the question of insider-outsider is an indication of how important universalism and the breaking down of boundaries is within our religious tradition. All peoples, all lands are called on to praise God. Furthermore, God cares about and cares for all people (see Is 19:25), and God works through all people to accomplish good in the world: Gandhi, a Hindu of Indian origin; Martin Luther King, Jr, a Baptist minister; Susan B. Anthony, a suffragist; Nelson Mandela, a Black South African, etc. Human beings have always realised that, in comparison with the grandeur and expansiveness of the universe within which they live, they are weak and vulnerable creatures. This has led them to believe in and offer homage to a divine being, or beings. Praise of God has always been an expression of awe and gratitude as well as humility.

If neither gender, nor race, nor age, nor class nor culture qualifies one for being an insider, what does? Today's readings suggest that it is service of others. In breaking down the walls of prejudice, the social activists of our own age liberate not only the oppressed groups to which they belong, but also those who oppress them. The lives of these dynamic people show us that service of others draws them into our circles and encircles us in theirs. With open arms God invites all into an embrace of divine love. As God has embraced us, so we are called to embrace all others.

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



**Nurturing Good Fruit
in Our Communities**

Parish/Diocese News

Mission Sunday Special Collection will be held this weekend. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Parish Office will be closed Tuesday 20th October, 2026

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.

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

Blessing of the Pets Liturgy will be held at St Laurence's Primary School on Friday 23rd Oct at 5.30pm. All animals must be caged or kept on a leash. Birds are not permitted due to Bird Flu Virus. Large animals or reptiles are not permitted. All are welcome to attend with their pets!

NOVEMBER CEMETERY MASSES: (Please bring chair)

Leongatha Cemetery - Saturday 7th November 10.30am

Korumburra - Wednesday 25th November 10.3am

Meenyan - Saturday 21st November 4.00pm

Mirboo North Blessing of the Graves - Sunday 1st November 3.30pm prior to 4pm Mass

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 invited to participate for part of or full session.

Cuppa: first weekend of the Month

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KORUMBURRA PARISH:

Cuppa: first Sunday 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