

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A - Sunday, 30th August 2026

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 85:3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading Jeremiah 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;

you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, I will not think about him,

I will not speak in his name any more.

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,

I could not bear it.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**
4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **(R.)**

Second Reading Romans 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

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 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon Psalm 30:20

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

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

Weekday Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Times

KORUMBURRA

Wednesday	Mass	9.30am
Friday	Mass	9.30am

LEONGATHA

Tuesday	Mass	5.00pm
Wednesday	Mass	9.30am
Thursday	No Service	
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

Recently Deceased: Martyn Dobbs

Anniversaries: Marie Kindellan, Peter Bolge, Patrick Bowler, Rose Bowler

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."

PARISH ROSTERS

LEONGATHA:

5th Sep

6th Sep

Flowers:

E Stephens

Cleaning:

M & B Thomas

Greeting:

M Murphy

D Knez

Reader:

P Justine

N Holloway

Special Minister

M Thomas

S Seabrook

J Bleaser

G Bolge

R Yates

N Hawkins

Cuppa after Mass: J Sing/R Yates

Liv & Hyacinth

KORUMBURRA:

06/09 Cleaning: S Lomagno / M Arestia

06/09 Greeter: T Parisi

SEP

Reader:

S Fitzgerald

Commentator

M Ludenia

Sacristan

Maree, Mark, Frank

Special Minister

Denise & Liima

Altar Server

J Rattle

Laundry:

Maryanne Jackson

Flowers:

Andrea Whiteside

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

A DAY WITH THE SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL - SALE DIOCESE

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of
God, serve one another with whatever gift
each of you has received - 1 Peter 4:10

Mass - Praise & Worship - Teaching
Fr Joseph Abutu, Fr Mark Hughes & Fr Francis Obo

Date: Saturday 12th September 2026

Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm

Venue: St Mary's Church

- 9.30am Rosary
- 10.00am Mass
- St Mary's Parish Hall
- 11.00am Praise, Worship & Teaching

***Please bring a plate of
finger food to share**

Contact:
Leo and Maureen
St Mary's Parish
Bairnsdale: 5152 2942

Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE

This fund supports the priests and deacons of our Diocese in times of sickness or retirement. At present the Foundation is supporting nine priests and three deacons and their wives in retirement and is responsible for the other clergy (including priests from overseas) and deacons' wives in time of sickness. The budgeted expenditure of the Foundation for the next year will be over \$200,000. This includes wages for Kelly, our clergy care nurse (two days per week).

Online donations can now be made at <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation> and the foundation is most appreciative of your support and any donation you can afford. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible and a receipt for tax deduction purposes will be automatically sent, if an email address is provided. Donations may also be made through your local Parish and a special collection will be taken at all churches on 5/6 September 2026



OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Laurence's Parish:

(Amount Pledged per Week)	\$2,307.08
Pledged amount received last week	\$3,523.00
Church Loose (1st collection)	\$164.20
Presbytery (2nd collection)	\$1,534.70

St Joseph's Parish

(Amount Pledged per Week)	\$871.69
Pledged amount received last week	\$801.00
Church Loose(1st collection)	\$118.40
Presbytery (2nd collection)	\$230.85

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 ☐

JUBILEE OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Celebrating the Eighth Centenary of the death of St Francis of Assisi

Bishop Greg Bennet invites the people of the Diocese of Sale to join a pilgrimage celebrating the **Franciscan Jubilee Year**

This pilgrimage is a sacred journey—not of distance, but of the heart. Benambra is set amidst the scenic Omeo High Plains. This pilgrimage takes us to the only church in the Diocese dedicated to St Francis of Assisi.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

Transitus St Mary's Bairnsdale
6:00pm An opening liturgy to mark the solemn commencement of our pilgrimage.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

Morning Prayer St Mary's Bairnsdale
8:30 am We gather for Morning Prayer before taking our first steps on the journey.

Jubilee Mass St Francis of Assisi, Benambra
12 Noon Mass celebrated by Bishop Greg and the Clergy of the Diocese.

Blessing of Pets

All creatures great and small (restrained) are welcome to receive a special blessing.

Shared Lunch & Sausage Sizzle

We will gather at the footyclub. Please bring a plate to share

Conclude Immaculate Conception, Omeo

3:00 pm Our pilgrimage draws to a close as we gather at Omeo Parish for our final prayers and departure

St Mary's
Corner of Pyke Street and Main St, Bairnsdale

St Francis of Assisi **Immaculate Conception**
MacFarlane Rd, Benambra 79 Day St, Omeo

More Information visit



Pilgrimage Bus will be organised provided there are enough people attending. Please place your name on the sheet at any of the churches ASAP if you would like to travel by bus. The bus will leave approx 7am and return approx 8.30pm.

Parish/Diocese News

Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 1st September 2026

Thank you to everyone who attended the training in Inverloch for the Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion. These members will be commissioned by Fr Stanly during the weekend Masses in the coming weeks.

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.

POSITION VACANT - WORLD YOUTH DAY PROJECT OFFICER: The Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Limited (DOSCEL) is seeking a World Youth Day Project Officer who will ensure the success of the pilgrimage from planning and preparation through to operation, debrief and evaluation, helping ensure the pilgrimage is purposeful, well governed, financially responsible, safe, inclusive and grounded in Catholic mission.

This role will work collaboratively with the DOSCEL Office and school leaders, Staff of Sion House and external stakeholders to support a pilgrimage experience aligned with the World Youth Day 2027 theme: "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). More information, visit <https://www.doscel.catholic.edu.au/positions-vacant/>

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE will be held next weekend. Envelopes are available

LEONGATHA PARISH:

CWL Fathers Day lucky door prize: all Father's are welcomed to write your name on a raffle ticket to go into the draw to win a prize on Father's Day which will be drawn after the 11am Mass on Sunday 6th Sep during the Cuppa.

Ecumenical Pleasant Afternoon Sunday 30th Aug at 2pm held at Scots Pioneer Church 1191 Mardan Rd, Mardan South. Music by KeaChange. Contact Sam Nicita 044 205434

God's Ecumenical Men Servants next meeting is on Wed 2nd Sep 7.30pm at CRC. Guest speaker Neil Warren –SES Boating Rescue. Contact Sam Nicita 044 205434

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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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.