



St. Laurence's Leongatha



St. Joseph's Korumburra

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Leongatha & Korumburra

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Mass Centres

**St Laurence O'Toole
Leongatha**

27 Ogilvy Street, Leongatha

St Kevin's Meeniyen

4 Geale Street, Meeniyen

St Joseph's Mirboo North

16 Ridgway Street, Mirboo Nth

St Andrew's Tarwin Lower

River Road Tarwin Lower

St Joseph's Korumburra

4 Guys Road, Korumburra

Schools

St Laurence O'Toole Primary
School

St Joseph's Korumburra

Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional
College

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A - 27th September 2026

Entrance Antiphon

Daniel 3:31,29,30,43,42

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

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Weekend Masses

St. Joseph’s Korumburra

Sunday9.30am

St Laurence’s Leongatha

Saturday5.30pm

Sunday11.00am

Tarwin Lower

Mass on Saturday before 3rd Sunday at 4pm

Liturgy with H/C Saturday 4pm before 1st, 2nd, 4th 5th Sunday

Mirboo North

Mass 1st Sunday at 4pm

Liturgy with H/C 9.30 on 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sunday

Meeniyan

Mass Saturday before 2nd & 4th Sunday at 4pm

Liturgy with H/C 9.30am on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday’s

Weekday Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Korumburra

WednesdayMass9.30am

FridayMass9.30am

Leongatha

TuesdayMass5.00pm

WednesdayMass9.30am

ThursdayMass9.30am

FridayMass9.30am

Reconciliation Times

Korumburra: Sunday before 9.30am Mass

Leongatha : Friday after 9.30am Mass

After Mass on Saturday & Sunday

Or by appointment

The Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St Laurence O’Toole Church Leongatha

Saturday: 5.00pm – before 5.30pm Mass

Sunday: 10.30am – before 11am Mass

Safeguarding Officer

Sam Wright - Leongatha

Pamela MacKillop - Korumburra

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 the Parish Child Safety Officer.

The Officers can be contacted through the Parish Office. 03 56622020

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His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, “My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not go,” but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, “Certainly, sir,” but did not go. Which of the two did the father’s will?’ ‘The first’ they said. Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.’

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

In every life there is a struggle between obedience and disobedience, and this struggle takes various twists and turns. At times we are willing to conform to regulations set from the outside, and at times we are not. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. Those who are fundamentally righteous sometimes fall from grace, and people considered evil to the core sometimes reform their lives. What ultimately counts are not the promises made, but the actions taken.

We are called to discipleship, and there may well be urgency in this call, but it is an invitation that is to be accepted freely. As is the case with life itself, options are placed before us all the way along the road. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. However, the invitation always remains open to us, because God’s desire for our acceptance is persistent and enduring.

The real choice set before us today is the imitation of Christ. The specific characteristic of Christ today is his humility. Since demanding one’s rights can undermine the loving quality of community, Jesus’ humility is offered for our imitation. It is very clear that whichever aspect of discipleship we examine, some aspect of community is also present. To be a disciple of Jesus

Please Pray For

Baptism: Amelia & Raphael Mancini

Anniversaries:
John Stefani, Shane Smith
The Deceased Clergy of the Diocese of Sale

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

Sick: Cathy Abood

Parish Rosters

Leongatha	
	3 rd Oct
Flowers:	E Stephens
Cleaning:	M Dortman
Greeter:	A Hemming Shirleyanne
Reader:	T Bourke A Vaughan
Special Minister:	
	S Fraser N Holloway
	B Mathew A Vaughan
	A Hemming N Dudman
Cuppa after Mass:	
	Marie/Evelyn J Schelling J Fiddelaers

Korumburra
Cleaning 4/10: A & L D’Souza
Greeter 4/10: V Wagner

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

Our Offerings To God.

Leongatha Parish	
<i>(Amount pledged per week \$2,307.08)</i>	
Planned Giving	\$4,325.33
Church Loose	\$ 251.15
Presbytery	\$1,911.40

Korumburra Parish	
<i>(Amount pledged per week \$791.84)</i>	
Planned Giving	\$1,382.00
Church Loose	\$ 200.00
Presbytery	\$ 429.40

Cuppa after Mass

Leongatha: First weekend of the Month
Korumburra: First Sunday of the Month
Everyone is welcome; especially visitors

Baptisms / RCIA

Please contact the Parish Office

Weddings

At least six months’ notice requested.

Parish News

LEONGATHA PARISH:

God’s Ecumenical Men Servants will meet on Wed 7th Oct 7.30pm @St Laurence’s Parish Centre. Presentation: Forgive Movie.

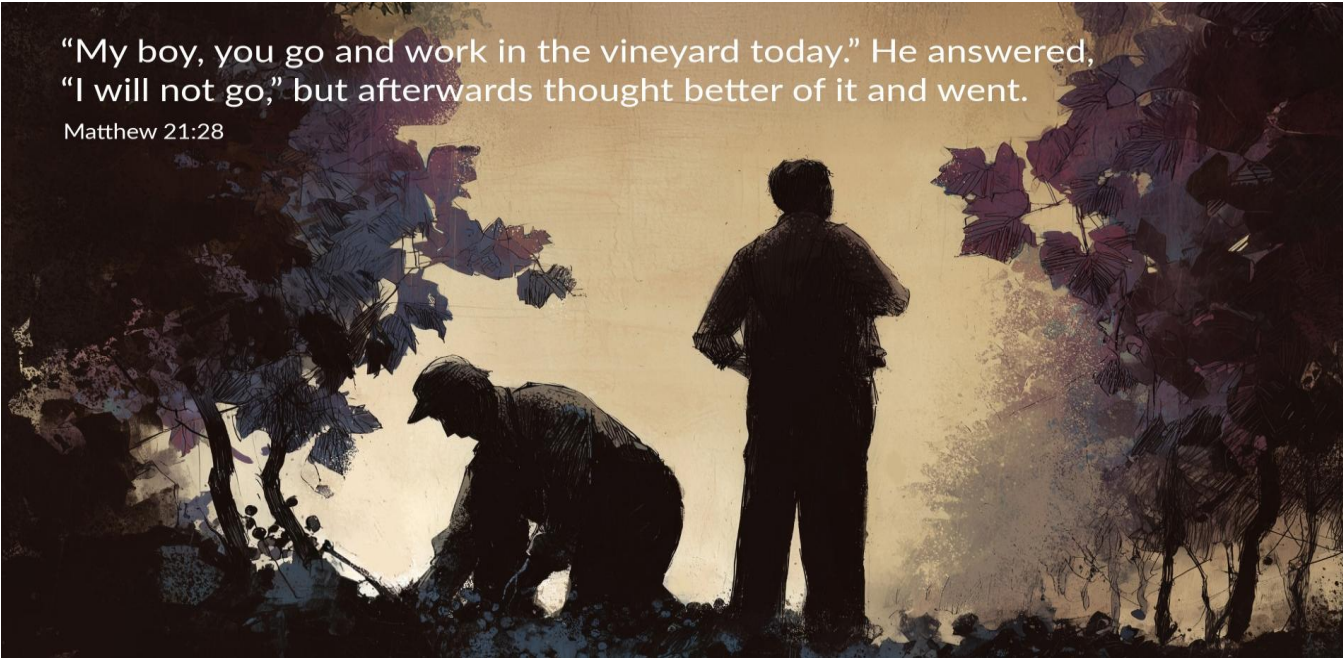
Gospel Reflection Group meets on Mondays during the school term from 1.30-3pm in the Parish Centre. This is a small, friendly group that reads the coming Sundays Gospel then discusses and relates it to their everyday life, finishing with a cuppa. Everyone is most welcome.

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 are invited to participate for part of, or full session.

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Newcomers or Update Details

Welcome and thanks for worshipping with us at St Laurence’s Parish Leongatha and/or St Joseph’s Parish Korumburra.

If you are new to Leongatha, Meeniyana, Mirboo North, Tarwin Lower or Korumburra Churches 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 ☐

Pledge Amount\$ Frequency

Living the gospel

Saying “Yes!”

In many ways, it is easy to say ‘Yes’ and not really mean it. Some people do it all the time in their lives. They say ‘Yes’ when they have no intention at all of following through on their commitment. It’s easy to say ‘Yes’ and not mean it when it comes to faith as well. It’s pretty easy to turn up at Church on a Sunday and be seen to be doing the ‘right’ thing. But if our faith doesn’t change the way we live, then maybe we’re really saying ‘No’ to God.

PARISH / DIOCESE NEWS

Day Light Savings begins at 2.00am on Sunday 4th October 2026. Please adjust your clocks one hour forward.

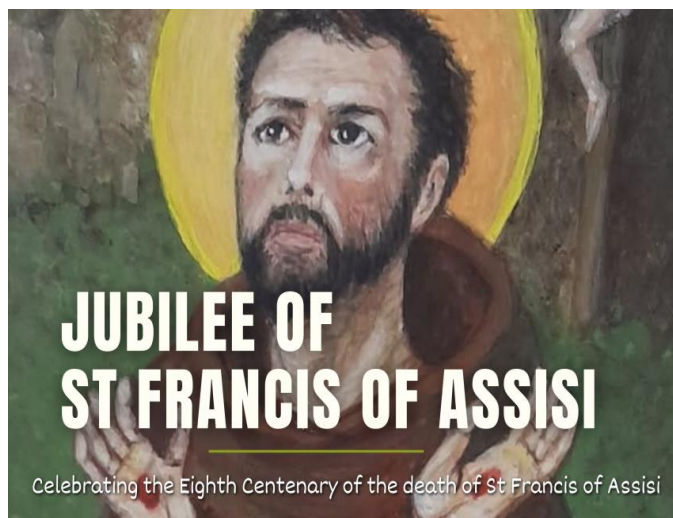
Reminder to Volunteers who have not signed a new Code of Conduct, can you please do so ASAP. Forms are available at the churches or please contact Ann at the Parish Office.

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



Vocation Prayer 2026

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

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

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

12 Noon Jubilee Mass St Francis of Assisi, Benambra
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 footy club. Please bring a plate to share

3:00 pm Conclude Immaculate Conception, Omeo
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

