

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A - Sunday, 6th September 2026

Entrance Antiphon Psalm 118:137, 124
You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading Ezekiel 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, ‘Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.’

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.’ **(R.)**

Second Reading Romans 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on,

are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation 2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

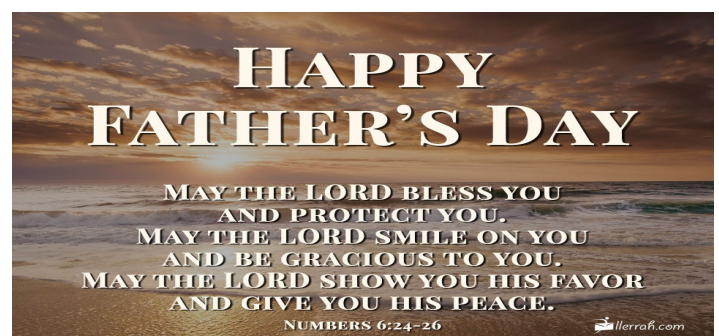
‘I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

‘I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.’

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon Cf Psalm 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.



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

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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	Liturgy Service	5.00pm
Wednesday	No Service	
Thursday	Mass	5.00pm
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: Kathleen O'Brien

Anniversaries: Mary Dempster, Phil Head, Stefani McDonald, Michele Procesti, Francesco Ciccica, Antonino Ciurleo, Elizabeth Augustine, Thomas Augustine.

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."

90th Birthday: Leo Bleaser

PARISH ROSTERS

LEONGATHA:

Flowers:

Cleaning:

Greeting:

Reader:

Special Minister

12th Sep

Shirleyanne Wright

K Battersby / J Walsh

R Yates

R Sulatan

S Fraser

B Mathew

A Hemming

13th Sep

S Cannata

S Nicita

N Holloway

M Holloway

N Dudman

KORUMBURRA:

20/09 Cleaning:

V & T Ferrone

13/09 Greeter:

A Nicholson

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 Otabo

Date: Saturday 12th September 2026
Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm
Venue: St Mary's Church

- 9.30am Rosary
- 10.00am Mass
- 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

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is difficult for leaders to call people to accountability. Such is the unenviable responsibility of pastors in the parish, coordinators of religious education, members of the parish council, principals in the school, directors of liturgical ministry, to name but a few. Disciples must also engage in the very difficult process of reconciliation. Differences of opinion, misunderstandings, and actual offences tend to alienate people. We see this happen in families, neighbourhoods, parish communities, workplaces. It is not enough to say that we must try to forgive from our hearts. The process of reconciliation requires significant movement toward the admission of guilt as well. Both the one offended and the offender must be willing to be transformed.

Gathering two or three together in prayerful collaboration is not as easy as it sounds. If collaboration is to be effective, we have to be open and honest about our opinions and our biases, and respectful of the opinions and biases of others. We must work for the common good and not merely for what we personally think is best. We must be willing to accept and implement decisions with which we may not totally agree, and we must live with them gracefully. All of this calls for unselfish love. Love fulfils the entire law only: when we honour our personal commitments and the personal commitments of others; when we value the life, dignity and reputation of others; and when we respect their possessions. It is only because love is so demanding that it covers all of our responsibilities.

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OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD	
St Laurence's Parish:	
(Amount Pledged per Week)	\$2,307.08
Pledged amount received last week	\$750.00
Church Loose (1st collection)	\$441.90
Presbytery (2nd collection)	\$555.30
St Joseph's Parish	
(Amount Pledged per Week)	\$871.69
Pledged amount received last week	\$1,379.00
Church Loose(1st collection)	\$90.55
Presbytery (2nd collection)	\$679.70

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

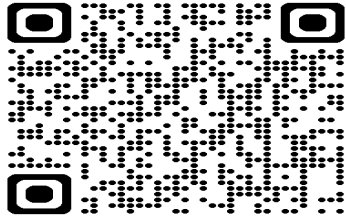
St Francis of Assisi Immaculate Conception
 MacFarlane Rd, Benambra 79 Day St, Omeo

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

Father's Day Appeal for The Priests' Welfare Foundation of The Diocese Of Sale: Today the Special Collection is for the Priests' Welfare Foundation and the proceeds will go towards the support of the sick and retired clergy (including priests from overseas and deacons wives) of our Diocese. By clicking on <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation> it will make it easy for you to make a donation. 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.



Scan QR code to make donation.

Fr Stanly will be away from Monday 7th to Wednesday 9th Sep as he will be attending a Vocations Directors' Conference in Tasmania. Also Father will be attending a Council of Priest Meeting on Thursday 10th Sep so Mass will be at 5.00pm.

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.

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.

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.