

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A - Sunday, 2nd August 2026

First Reading Isaiah 55:1-3 A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Hasten and eat.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me and you will have good
things to eat
and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16

**(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.**

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

Second Reading Romans 8:35. 37-39 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 14:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord

THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

LORD, MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT
of your peace.

WHERE THERE IS HATRED,
let me sow love;

WHERE THERE IS INJURY,
pardon;

WHERE THERE IS DOUBT,
faith;

WHERE THERE IS DESPAIR,
hope;

WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS,
light;

WHERE THERE IS SADNESS,
joy.

O DIVINE MASTER,
grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are

born to Eternal Life.



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WEEKEND MASSES

Wonthaggi

Saturday 5.30pm
Sunday 10.30am

Inverloch

Sunday 9.00am

Weekday Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Times

Inverloch

Tuesday	Mass	11.00am
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Wonthaggi

Wednesday	Mass	9.30am
Thursday	Mass at Rose Lodge	10.15am
Friday	Mass	9.30am
Saturday	Mass	9.30am

Benediction

Wonthaggi: 9.00am before First Friday of Month
Inverloch: 10.30am before First Tuesday of Month—No Benediction for August

RECONCILIATION TIMES

Wonthaggi: Before 5.30pm Mass on Saturday and upon request
Inverloch: Sun before 9.00am mass

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 officer can be contacted through the Parish Office. 03 56 721 111

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Anniversaries: Fred Heesh

For 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."

We pray for the sick, lonely and those suffering from illness and pain. May God's merciful love shine on them.

PARISH ROSTERS

WONTHAGGI:	8th Aug	9th Aug
Greeting/Reader	P Studham	P Kelly
Sacristan:	K Carew	C Gow
Special Minister:	Jo Coldebella	L Busana

INVERLOCH:	Sunday 9th Aug
Reader:	D Leslie
Special Minister:	P Warby

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Joseph's Parish:

Presbytery (1st Collection)	\$1,168.00
Planned Giving	\$1,402.00
<i>(planned giving pledge per week \$2,005.21)</i>	
Loose cash (2nd offering)	\$220.20

Newcomers or Update Details

Welcome and thanks for worshipping with us at St Joseph's Wonthaggi and Our Lady Star of the Sea Inverloch.

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 ☐

Towards our Parish Pastoral Plan

"Led by the Holy Spirit, the Diocese of Sale and its constituent parishes are committed to working together to nurture a Christ-centred, synodal, and mission driven future"
Diocese of Sale Pastoral Plan Development Framework.

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed feedback over the last six or seven weeks that will feed into the development of our Parish Pastoral Plan.

As you can imagine, there is a wide range of views and opinions as to what the parish should focus on over the next 5 years. There is a lot of very positive feedback and good ideas. There is also feedback can be seen as conflicting. The Parish Pastoral Plan Development Team is now working to summarise this feedback into a draft Plan. Where there is apparent conflict, the team is determined to work through this feedback in a way that maximises the chances of arriving at BOTH/AND solutions rather than an EITHER/OR solutions. For example; let's say the apparent conflict is Organ music VS Guitar music. The development team will look for a solution which caters to both those who see organ music as important, and those who see guitar music as important, rather than making an EITHER/OR discernment which in the long run may lose us parishioners because the organ people or the guitar people no longer feel heard or included and possibly decide to leave the parish.

The Team is working hard to develop this in a timely manner and is hoping to soon have a draft for consideration by parishioners. Please keep the team in your thoughts and prayers as they seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in their discernment.

Parish/Diocese News

Rite Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): A RCIA course will be starting in the Parish next month. Anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic, or finding out more about the Catholic Faith is most welcome to participate. If you know of anyone who might be interested please encourage them to contact the Parish Office. First part of the RCIA will commence on Friday 7th August at 7pm at the church.

Liturgy Workshop for leaders of Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion in the absence of a Priest led by Br Tony Clark. Saturday 22nd of August 10.00 am to 3.00 pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Inverloch. Please bring a shared lunch. Tea and Coffee will be provided. Contact Fr Aneesh or Parish office for more information.

Prayer Group will meet Monday's at 1.15pm at Wonthaggi Church each week. New members welcome.

Josephite Companions Group will meet for the Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross, Virgin Mass on Saturday 8th August 9.30am

Homelessness Week 2-8 Aug: An information session will be held at Mitchell House on Thur 6th Aug at 3.00pm.

The session will provide information on Winter Shelter, an organization who provide temporary accommodation for the homeless. Winter Shelter is hoping to extend it's service to Wonthaggi. All Welcome

St Vincent de Paul News: Once again, thank you for your generous response to our Winter Appeal. The homeless in our community will greatly benefit from your help.

This year we focus on National Homelessness Week.

We live in a society that preaches and reminds our faithful to care for those less fortunate than us; the misplaced and other people in distress.

But do we take the next step that Jesus did.

He identified himself with the homeless and all others in terrible need. That remains the heart of His challenge to all of us today.

Jesus did not start life at home or in a hospital. He was born in a stable and His crib was an eating trough for animals. That's how His life began, as a homeless baby, born to parents who were sleeping rough.

St. Joseph's Parish Meditation Group—the Meditation Group meets every Tuesday from 1.30pm in the Annexe at Inverloch Church followed by Gospel Reflection. All welcome.

Our Lady Star of the Sea—Inverloch

CWL meeting will be held on Monday August 3rd at 10.30 in the annex. All ladies are welcome. Please bring lunch to share.

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40 Years
1986 - 2026

You are invited to our
40 YEAR CELEBRATION DAY
Honouring Our Past, Celebrating Our Present, Inspiring Our Future

Thursday, 6 August 2026

9:15 AM - 11:00 AM
FORMAL PROCEEDINGS
Mass followed by reflections on our last 40 years
Join us as we celebrate 40 years of achievement, memories, and community spirit.

11:30 AM - 2:30 PM
COMMUNITY CELEBRATION FESTIVAL
Student-Run Stalls & Games
Community Groups in attendance
Live Music & Entertainment
Exciting Prizes to Be Won
Food, Fun & Activities
Families, Friends & Community Welcome

Money raised on the day will support
Mackillop Today, Trinity Families and St Vincent de Paul charities.

Come and celebrate with us
AS WE MARK THIS SPECIAL MILESTONE TOGETHER!

This is a cashless event, so guests and families can purchase stall tickets here:
ordering.cdfpay.flexschools.com.au/
m/mackillop-catholic-regional-college-events-celebration-day-prepaid-card

We'd love to celebrate this milestone with you! Please RSVP using the link or QR code below:
RSVP MMCR 40 Years Celebrations 6th August 2026

