

# Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A - Sunday, 9th August 2026

## Fist Reading 1 Kings 19:9.11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

*Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.*

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

### The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

**(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace.  
His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**
3. The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

## Second Reading Romans 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.*

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

### The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation Psalm 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,

I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

## Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Command me to come to you over the water.*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

### 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.*



# St. Joseph's Wonthaggi & Our Lady Star of the Sea, Inverloch

## St Joseph's, Wonthaggi

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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    | School/Parish Mass for Feast of the Assumption | 9.15am  |
| Saturday  | Rosary                                         | 9.00am  |
|           | Mass—Feast of the Assumption                   | 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

**Recently Deceased:** Josefina Tapia, Joseph Santamaria, Paul Cummins

**Anniversaries:** Christine Heenan

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:        | 15th Aug          | 16th Aug  |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Greeting/Reader   | Janice Coldebella | P Morisey |
| Sacristan:        | K Carew           | C Gow     |
| Special Minister: | K Carew           | D Gardner |

| INVERLOCH:        | Sunday 16th Aug |
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| Reader:           | S Fitzgerald    |
| Special Minister: | J de Bondt      |

### OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

#### St Joseph's Parish:

|                                                    |            |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Presbytery (1st Collection)                        | \$1,475.30 |
| Planned Giving                                     | \$1,678.00 |
| <i>(planned giving pledge per week \$2,005.21)</i> |            |
| Loose cash (2nd offering)                          | \$334.15   |

### 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 ☐

## 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.*

*We rejoice in the glory of  
Our Lady taken body and soul  
into heavenly glory.*

## SOLEMNITY OF THE *Assumption* OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN **MARY**

**15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**



**9:00 AM  
ROSARY**



**9:30 AM  
HOLY EUCHARIST**



**AT WONTHAGGI CHURCH**

*Let us come together as a parish family to honour  
Our Blessed Mother and seek her intercession.*

*All are welcome!*

### BAPTISM

We welcome Edith and Harris Wallis into our parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

May God bless him and guide him always and may the family be supported by our prayers and love.

## Parish/Diocese News

**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 9.30am for a 10am start to 3.00 pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Inverloch. **Lunch, Tea and Coffee will be provided.** Please bring own lunch if you require special dietary requirements. A sheet is at both churches to register your name. 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.

**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.

**Please note:** There will be no Power at Wonthaggi Church on Sunday 16th August due to a scheduled outage by Ausnet. Mass will to ahead but please be aware that there will be no lighting or sound system.

**Prayer Shawl Group** - Please contact us if you know anyone who would benefit from receiving a shawl or rug or anyone who would like to join our group. Wool & simple patterns are available. Enquiries : Philippa Warby 0408 331 340 or Maureen Maartensz 0407 055 447

### Census Participation: National Census (Tuesday 11 Aug 2026)

The national Census is an important opportunity for everyone in Australia to be counted and represented. The information collected helps governments and community organisations - including churches - plan for services, infrastructure, and support in our local areas.

We encourage all members of the Sale diocese to take part in the Census and include your religious affiliation. Your response helps ensure that our faith communities are recognised and supported in future planning.

**When:** Tuesday 11 August, 2026

**How:** Complete your Census online or via the paper form delivered to your home

**Privacy:** All responses are confidential and protected by law. For more information or assistance, please visit

[www.census.abs.gov.au](http://www.census.abs.gov.au).

### Our Lady Star of the Sea—Inverloch

**Cuppa after Mass** will be held on the first Sunday of the month

### St Joseph's Wonthaggi

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