

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A - Sunday, 19th July 2026

First Reading Wisdom 12:13.16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.

You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. (R.)
2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. (R.)
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. (R.)

Second Reading Romans 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation See Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 13:24-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables
and expound things hidden since the foundation of
the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord

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

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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 No Service

Wonthaggi

Wednesday	Mass	9.30am
Thursday	No Mass at Rose Lodge	
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

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: Terry Hanley, Josephine Sheerin

Anniversaries: Edward Gilmarton, Denis Owens

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:	25th July	26th July
Greeting/Reader	Janice Coldebella	J Bordignon
Sacristan:	K Carew	C Gow
Special Minister:	K Carew	D Gardner

INVERLOCH:	Sunday 26th July
Reader:	M Reddie
Special Minister:	G Heffernan

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Joseph's Parish:

Presbytery (1st Collection)	\$1,149.65
Planned Giving	\$1,202.00
<i>(planned giving pledge per week \$2,005.21)</i>	
Loose cash (2nd offering)	\$321.15

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 ☐

3rd FORMATION GATHERING AUSTRALIA

EUCCHARIST
*Gift of God
Place of Encounter*

SAVE THE DATE
16 AUGUST 2026

REGISTER

HOLY MASS CELEBRATED BY BISHOP GREG BENNET

16 August 2026
8:30 -15:45 PM

St Michael's Catholic Parish
Traralgon

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Towards our Parish Pastoral Plan

A Parish Pastoral Plan is both a strategic and spiritual roadmap that guides the people of the Parish of Wonthaggi/Inverloch in living out their mission with clarity, unity, and purpose. Rooted in the Gospel, the plan is Christ-centred and mission-driven, shaped by a synodal and collaborative spirit. It fosters evangelisation and lifelong discipleship, inspiring renewal, and transformation within communities as they live and share the Good News. By blending practical planning with theological vision, the plan supports Catholic parish communities in responding to their unique contexts with intention, clarity, and purpose. More than just a document, the Pastoral Plan is a living spiritual dialogue—a tool for conversation between faith, people, and purpose.

Our Diocese has set six goals for us to work towards over the next five years. For each of those goals, you are invited to make suggestions as to what our parish might KEEP doing, START doing or STOP doing in order to work towards those goals.

But don't let yourself be confused by the six goals. Any and all feedback is appreciated. If you have ideas and you can't work out which box to write them in, don't worry. Just write them anywhere on the sheet and leave it to the team to sort out.

How? Fill out the form now and leave it with us now, take a form home, discuss it with others and return it via the collection plate, use the link below, or scan the QR code and give us the feedback directly.

<https://forms.office.com/r/Psbn8VDDXc>



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.

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

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be held on the weekend 25/26th July. A cuppa after the Masses will be held. Please bring a plate.

Confirmation Mass celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet will be held on Friday 31st July at 6.30pm.

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend. Please come along to support and pray for our Confirmation candidates and their families as they receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Peter's Pence collection will be held next weekend 25/26 July. This collection supports the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV and assists those most in need around the world. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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

Altar Service Training will be held with Fr Aneesh after 9.30am Mass on Saturday 25th July. A parent will need to be present with any children under the age of 18 years.

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.

