

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A - Sunday, 16th August 2026

First Reading Isaiah 56:1.6-7 A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4 (R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

Second Reading Romans 11:13-15. 29-32 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:23 Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 15:21-28 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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

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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
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Thursday	Mass at Rose Lodge	10.15am
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Friday	Mass	9.30am
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Saturday	Mass	9.30am
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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: Margaret Murphy

Anniversaries: Bill Munro, Kaye Dal Lago and the Daly Family

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:	22nd Aug	23rd Aug
Greeting/Reader	A Chisholm	J Bordignon
Sacristan:	C Napoli	C Gow
Special Minister:	Jo Coldebella	A Kelly

INVERLOCH:	Sunday 23rd Aug
Reader:	P Warby
Special Minister:	V Baskerville

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Joseph's Parish:

Presbytery (1st Collection) \$873.75

Planned Giving \$2,054.50

(planned giving pledge per week \$1,975.68)

Loose cash (2nd offering) \$121.45

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES ARE NOW READY TO BE COLLECTED AT BOTH CHURCHES.

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

All volunteers are asked to please complete and sign the **new Code of Conduct** issued by the Diocese of Sale. Forms will be available this weekend at all Churches.

Once completed, the form can be:

- Placed in any of the collection plates
- Dropped into the Parish Office
- Emailed back to the Parish Office

Your cooperation and assistance with this important matter would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all our volunteers for your continued support and service to our parishes

If you require any further information please speak to Kaye Carew or Ann at the Parish Office.

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.

Prayer Shawl Group - NEXT MEETING : Wednesday August 19th @10.30 in the Inverloch Church Annex .

For those knitting squares at home , please keep squares to a consistent size (approx. 18cm sq) & remember to leave about 40cm of wool at the end for sewing up the rug.

Enquiries : Philippa Warby 0408 331 340 or Maureen Maartensz 0407 055 447

Our Lady Star of the Sea—Inverloch

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

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JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS

Josephite Companions are men and women from all walks of life who live out the Spiritual Charisms of St. Mary MacKillop and Fr. Julian Tennison Woods. As Companions we are formally commissioned to follow in the ways of St. Mary MacKillop who established the Josephite Order in 1866, bringing hope and encouragement to those marginalized, disheartened, lonely, ill or in need.

The movement focusses on 3 core pillars: Friendship, Prayer, and Service to those within local communities. Companion Groups operate Australia wide, and the Josephite Charism is shared by all who live the gospel with the Josephite Heart.

As a parish, we were fortunate to have the Josephite Sisters provide education and pastoral care here and in surrounding areas for 104 years. Sister Helen Barnes was the last of these nuns, retiring in 2021.

As Companions, we continue giving care and sharing love by responding to practical needs in local areas to promote compassion and inclusion and so further the Reign of God in our world. The Wonthaggi Companions formed in 2009, a year before the canonization of Mary MacKillop in Rome.

We now join with the Leongatha group, and meet for Mass, Fellowship and Reflection, alternating between the two Parishes.

If you are looking for a local group meeting time or want to know how to join the Companions, contact Maureen (0407055447) or Julie (0407535032).