

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A - Sunday, 23rd August 2026

First Reading Isaiah 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

**(R.) Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading Romans 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counselor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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

Anniversaries: Wyn Kelly, Murray Veal

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:	29th Aug	30th Aug
Greeting/Reader	A Tschiderer	B Heesh
Sacristan:	K Care	C Gow
Special Minister:	K Carew	B Sandford

INVERLOCH:	Sunday 30th Aug
Reader:	M Noronha
Special Minister:	J Leslie

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Joseph's Parish:

Presbytery (1st Collection)	\$863.15
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Planned Giving	\$2,042.50
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(planned giving pledge per week \$1,975.68)

Loose cash (2nd offering)	\$159.15
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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.

BAPTISM

We welcome Hannah Dunn into our parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

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

Parish/Diocese News

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 - 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

Parish Luncheon will be held on Sun 13th Sep Midday at Wonthaggi Hotel, McBride Ave Wonthaggi. Please place your name on the sheet by Tues 8th Sep

Contact Denise Jeffries 0419721433 Julie de Bondt 0407535032 or Maureen Maartensz 0407055447

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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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 footy club. 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

