

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A - Sunday, 30th August 2026

First Reading Jeremiah 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**
4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **(R.)**

Second Reading Romans 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

See Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

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	No Mass at Rose Lodge
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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: Marie Bean

Anniversaries: Victor Bennetti, Martin O'Halloran

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.

101 Birthday: Marie Collins

PARISH ROSTERS

WONTHAGGI:

Greeting/Reader	A Tschiderer	6th Sep	P Morissey
Sacristan:	C Napoli		C Gow
Special Minister:	L Akers		M O'Callaghan

INVERLOCH:

Sunday 6th Sep

Reader:	E Leszkiewicz
Special Minister:	G Heffernan

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Joseph's Parish:

Presbytery (1st Collection)	\$1,248.60
Planned Giving	\$1,111.00
<i>(planned giving pledge per week \$1,975.68)</i>	
Loose cash (2nd offering)	\$230.50

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.

CLERGY APPOINTMENT

Bishop Greg Bennet has announced the following clergy appointments effective 6th October 2026

Fr Mark Hughes Administrator—St Joseph's Parish
Wonthaggi

Fr Aneesh George IVDei: World Youth Day Seoul 2027
Senior Chaplain and WYD Team
Member

Diocesan Master of Ceremonies
(effective 1/1/27)

Assistant Priest St Joseph's Parish
Warragul & Drouin

We wish Fr Aneesh and Fr Mark all the best as they begin their new roles as Priests. May God bless them in their ministry and guide them in their service to the Church and community

Position Vacant - World Youth Day Project Officer:

The Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Limited (DOSCEL) is seeking a World Youth Day Project Officer who will ensure the success of the pilgrimage from planning and preparation through to operation, debrief and evaluation, helping ensure the pilgrimage is purposeful, well governed, financially responsible, safe, inclusive and grounded in Catholic mission.

This role will work collaboratively with the DOSCEL Office and school leaders, Staff of Sion House and external stakeholders to support a pilgrimage experience aligned with the World Youth Day 2027 theme: "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). More information, visit <https://www.doscel.catholic.edu.au/positions-vacant/>

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.

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

Prayer Shawl Group: Our group meets on the **THIRD WEDNESDAY** of each month for friendship & a cuppa while creating SHAWLS & RUGS that are later blessed at Mass, then wrapped & gifted to those who may be struggling with life in ANY way. New members are always welcome. Simple patterns & donated wool are available. **THERE WILL BE A BLESSING OF SHAWLS & RUGS AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND.**

ENQUIRIES: Philippa Warby 0408 331 340 (Inverloch)

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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FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE

This fund supports the priests and deacons of our Diocese in times of sickness or retirement. At present the Foundation is supporting nine priests and three deacons and their wives in retirement and is responsible for the other clergy (including priests from overseas) and deacons' wives in time of sickness. The budgeted expenditure of the Foundation for the next year will be over \$200,000. This includes wages for Kelly, our clergy care nurse (two days per week).

Online donations can now be made at <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation> and the foundation is most appreciative of your support and any donation you can afford. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible and a receipt for tax deduction purposes will be automatically sent, if an email address is provided. Donations may also be made through your local Parish and a special collection will be taken at all churches on 5/6 September 2026