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WONTHAGGI VIC 3995

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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading Ezekiel 18:25-28
A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘You object, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.’

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6
(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

- 1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
- 2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
- 3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading Philippians 2:1-11
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people’s interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;

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Weekend Masses

St. Joseph’s Wonthaggi

Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 10:30am

Our Lady Star of the Sea Inverloch

Sunday 9am

Weekday Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Tuesday Inverloch 11:00am
(followed by Rosary)

Wednesday Wonthaggi 9:30am

Thursday Rose Lodge 10.15am

Friday Wonthaggi 9:30am

Saturday Wonthaggi 9:30am
(This Mass is not considered as part of the Vigil or Sunday Mass obligation.)

Benediction

Wonthaggi: 9:00am before Mass First Friday of month

Inverloch: 10.30am before 11.00am Mass First Tuesday of Month

Reconciliation Times

Wonthaggi Before 5:30pm Mass Saturday and upon request

Inverloch Before 9:00am Mass Sunday

Safeguarding Officer

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, Kaye Carew can be contacted through the Parish Office. 03 56 721 111

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and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, “My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not go,” but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, “Certainly, sir,” but did not go. Which of the two did the father’s will?’ ‘The first’ they said. Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.’

The Gospel of the Lord

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

In every life there is a struggle between obedience and disobedience, and this struggle takes various twists and turns. At times we are willing to conform to regulations set from the outside, and at times we are not. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. Those who are fundamentally righteous sometimes fall from grace, and people considered evil to the core sometimes reform their lives. What ultimately counts are not the promises made, but the actions taken.

We are called to discipleship, and there may well be urgency in this call, but it is an invitation that is to be accepted freely. As is the case with life itself, options are placed before us all the way along the road. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. However, the invitation always remains open to us, because God’s desire for our acceptance is persistent and enduring.

The real choice set before us today is the imitation of Christ. The specific characteristic of Christ today is his humility. Since demanding one’s rights can undermine the loving quality of community, Jesus’ humility is offered for our imitation. It is very clear that whichever aspect of discipleship we examine, some aspect of community is also present. To be a disciple of Jesus is to follow him humbly as a member of a believing community

Please Pray For

Anniversaries: Frank Shea, Rick Hanily
For the deceased Clergy of the Diocese of Sale

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the 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 3rd Oct 4th Oct
Greeting/Reader: A Chisholm B Heesh
Sacristan: C Napoli C Gow
Special Minister: L Akers A Kelly

INVERLOCH Sunday 4th Oct
Reader S Fitzgerald
Special Minister V Baskerville

Our Offerings To God.

Presbytery (1st Collection) \$1,096.55
Planned Giving \$3,538.00
(Amount pledged per week \$1,975.68)
Cash Donations \$195.65
(2nd Collection)

Cuppa after Mass

Wonthaggi: First weekend of the Month
Inverloch: First Sunday of the Month

Everyone is welcome; especially visitors

Baptisms / RCIA

Please contact the Parish Office

Weddings

At least six months’ notice requested.

Newcomers or Update Details

Welcome and thanks for worshipping with us at St Joseph’s Wonthaggi and/or 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 ☐

Pledge Amount\$ Frequency

Parish / Diocese News

Day Light Savings begins 2.00am on Sunday 4th October 2026. Please adjust your clocks one hour forward.

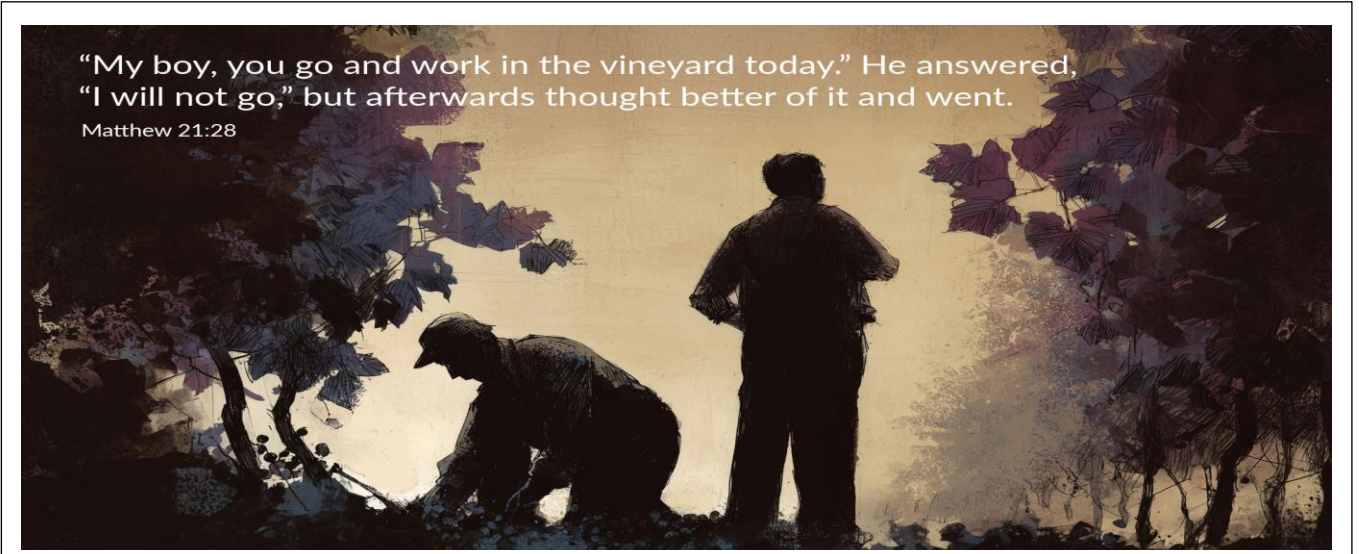
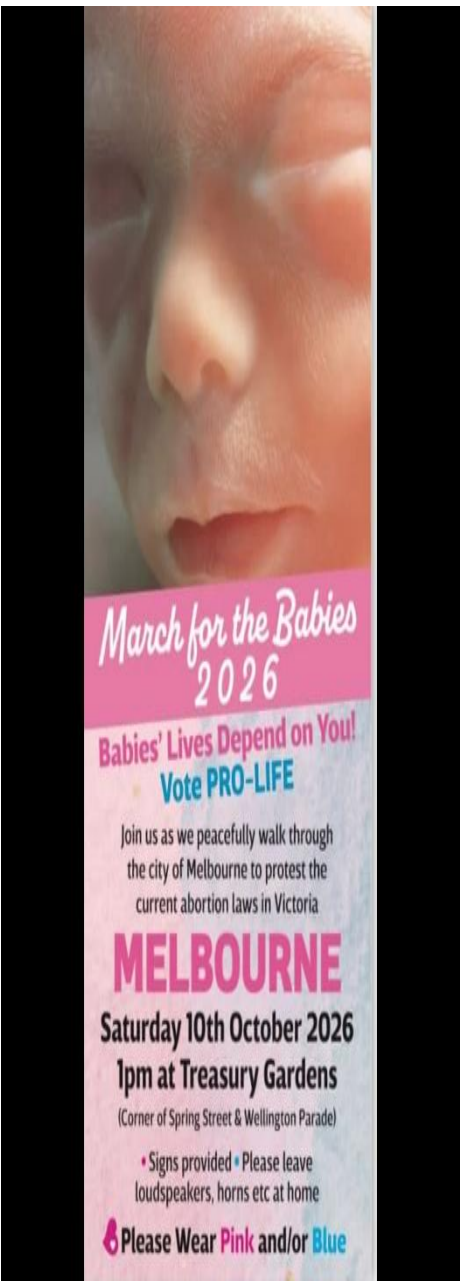
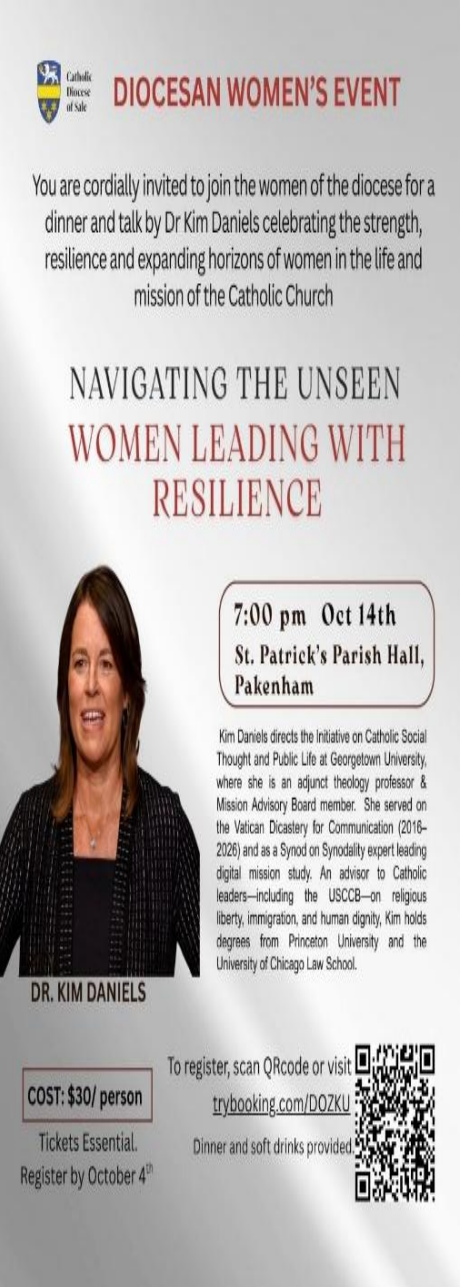
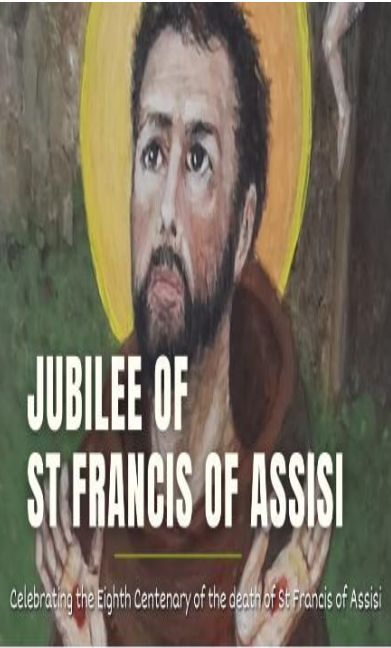
St. Joseph’s Parish Meditation Group—the Meditation Group will not meet during the School Holidays. The group will meet on Tuesday 6th Oct.

World Youth Day 2027 will be held in Seoul, South Korea: The Catholic Diocese of Sale and DOSCEL are jointly coordinating the Diocese of Sale pilgrimage to World Youth Day, Seoul 2027, led by Bishop Greg Bennet. The approximate date is 30 July 2027 to 8th August 2027 and the pilgrimage is open to young people aged 16-35 years. For more information please contact Fr Aneesh

Fr Aneesh’s last Mass with our Parish will be on the weekend 3/4 Oct. A leaving collection as a token of our appreciation will be held this weekend and a card is available to sign at both Churches. As this is cuppa weekend, please bring a plate.

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 .
Save the Date: Wednesday Nov 25th for our end of year night out . Details TBC.
Enquiries: Philippa Warby 0408 331 340 Maureen Maartensz 0407 055 447

Prayer Group will not meet during the School Holidays



HYMNS for ST JOSEPH'S WONTHAGGI CHURCH

1. FOR THE FRUITS OF THIS CREATION

Fred Pratt Green

For the fruits of all this creation,
thanks be to God; for the gifts of
every nation, thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing,
reaping, silent growth while we
are sleeping, future needs in
earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will be done; in the help we
give our neighbour, God's will be
done; in our world-wide task of
caring for the hungry and
despairing, in the harvests we are
sharing, God's will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God; for the good we
all inherit, thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that will confound
us, most of all that love has found
us, thanks be to God

2. SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Karen Lafferty

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added
unto you;

Chorus:

**Alleluia! Alleluia
Alleluia! Allelu, Alleluia**

Ask, and it shall be given unto
you seek, and ye shall find,
knock, and the door shall be
opened unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia!

Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds out from the mouth
of God.
Allelu, Alleluia!

3. MICAH'S THEME

A Kelly

Refrain

**Hear, then, what God asks of
you: To live justly, to love
tenderly and to walk humbly
with your God.**

I have come that you may have
life and have it to the full.

Ask and you shall receive;
knock and it shall be yours.

Father your kingdom come
may your will be done.

Take up your cross and follow
me you shall share my life.
I am with you always,
till the end of time.

4. AS THE DEER

By Maarty Nystrom

As The Deer Pants For The
Water, So My Soul Longs After
thee. You Alone Are My Heart's
Desire and I Long To Worship
thee.

**You Alone Are My Strength,
My Shield To You Alone May
My Spirit Yield. You Alone Are
My Heart's Desire and I Long
To Worship thee.**

You're My Friend And You Are
My Brother Even Though You
Are My Lord. I Love You More
Than Any Other So Much More
Than Anything.

I Want You More Than Gold Or
Silver, Only You Can Satisfy.
You Alone Are The Real Joy
Giver and The Apple Of My Eye.

5. OPEN MY EYES

Jesse Manibusan

Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love.

I live within you.
Deep in your heart, O Love.
I live within you. Rest now in me

6. THOUGH THE MOUNTAINS MAY FALL

Dan Schutte

Chorus:

Though the mountains may fall
and the hills turn to dust,
yet the love of the Lord will stand
as a shelter for all who will call
on His name. Sing the praise and
the glory of God.

Could the Lord ever leave you?
Could the Lord forget His love?
Though a mother forsake her
child, He will not abandon you

Should you turn and forsake Him,
He will gently call your name.
Should you wander away from
Him, He will always take you
back

Go to Him when you're weary,
He will give you eagles wings.
You will run never tire, for your
God will be your strength.

7. A NEW HEART FOR A NEW WORLD

Trish Watts/Monica O'Brien Willow

Chorus:

**Create a new heart, Holy Lord,
beckon our lives through your
word Open our eyes to your call
united as one for your world.
Heighten our minds to your
thoughts, heal us of pride and
of hurt. May we go forth in
your name we pray our hearts
change.**

The heart of the cross, lowly and
poor calls us on Lord it you
promising hope, promising truth.

Restless the hearts who yearn for
your peace in this land
Deepen the dreams justice brings
life, justice redeems.