

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A - Sunday, 6th Sept 2026

First Reading Ezekiel 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

**(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.' **(R.)**

Second Reading Romans 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on,

are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation 2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

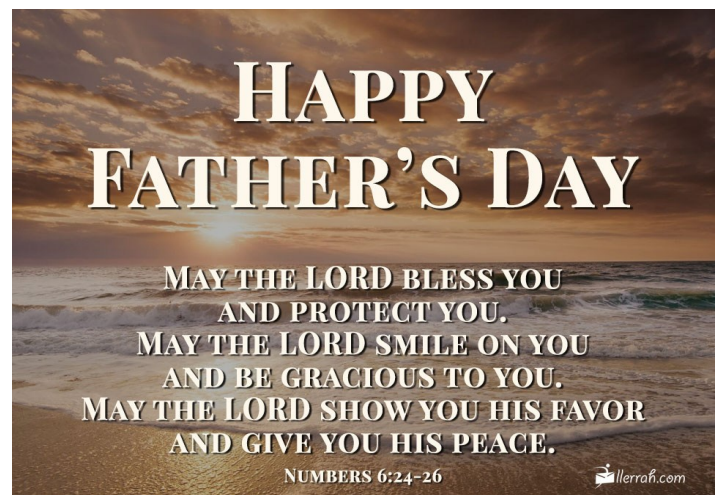
If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

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	Mass	11.00am
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Wonthaggi

Wednesday	Mass	9.30am
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Thursday	No Service	
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Friday	School Fathers Day Mass	9.15am
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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: Resurreccion Lopez

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: 12th Sep 13th Sep

Greeting/Reader A Chisholm A Kelly

Sacristan: K Carew C Gow

Special Minister: K Carew B Heesh

INVERLOCH: Sunday 13th Sep

Reader: M Reddie

Special Minister: N Van Grunsven

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Joseph's Parish:

Presbytery (1st Collection)	\$1,037.65
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Planned Giving	\$1,386.00
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(planned giving pledge per week \$1,975.68)

Loose cash (2nd offering)	\$242.45
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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 ☐

A DAY WITH THE SPIRIT
CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC
RENEWAL - SALE DIOCESE

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received - 1 Peter 4:10

Mass - Praise & Worship - Teaching
Fr Joseph Abutu, Fr Mark Hughes & Fr Francis Oboyo

Date: Saturday 12th September 2026
Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm
Venue: St Mary's Church

- 9.30am Rosary
- 10.00am Mass
- St Mary's Parish Hall
- 11.00am Praise, Worship & Teaching

*Please bring a plate of finger food to share

Contact:
Leo and Maureen
St Mary's Parish
Bairnsdale: 5152 2942

Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary



Divine Mercy



St. Carlo Actis
Our Patron Saint



Our Lady of the
Immaculate
Conception

The Junior Legion of Mary Our Lady of Lodes Praesidium meet every Wednesday afternoon in the Church Between 4.30-5.30pm (except during School Holidays)

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.

Parish/Diocese News

Father's Day Appeal for The Priests' Welfare

Foundation of The Diocese Of Sale: Today the Special Collection is for the Priests' Welfare Foundation and the proceeds will go towards the support of the sick and retired clergy (including priests from overseas and deacons wives) of our Diocese. By clicking on <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation> it will make it easy for you to make a donation. 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.

Scan QR code to make donation.

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: New members are always welcome. Simple patterns & donated wool are available. ENQUIRIES: Philippa Warby 0408 331 340 (Inverloch) Maureen Maartensz 0407 055 447 (Wonthaggi)

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 will be commissioning those volunteers who attended the Liturgy of the Word workshop during the Masses on the weekend 19/20 September.

Our Lady Star of the Sea—Inverloch

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

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