

# Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Sunday, 9th August 2020

## First Reading

1 Kgs 19:9.11-13

**A reading from the first book of the Kings**

*Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.*

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

**The word of the Lord**

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

**(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace.  
His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

## Second Reading

Rom 9:1-5

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

*I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.*

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

**The word of the Lord**

## Gospel Acclamation

Lk 19:38

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I hope in the Lord,  
I trust in his word.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Mt 14:22-33

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**  
*Command me to come to you over the water.*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

### Gospel Focus – 'Lord! Save me!'

The cry of Peter is one that each of us feels the need to cry out at some stage in our life. Jesus trusted Peter's ability to walk to him on the water; otherwise he would not have called Peter to do so. It is Peter who doubts himself. In this moment of realising that he can't do it alone, he calls out to Jesus. One of the enduring images of Jesus is as the one who saves – the Saviour. When the realisation eventually comes to each of us that we can't do it all alone, we need only call on the one who saves.

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## Weekend Mass Times—NO MASSES OR LITURGIES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

	KORUMBURRA	LEONGATHA
<b>EVERY SATURDAY</b>		
Saturday before 2nd Sunday		Leongatha: <b>No Mass</b>
Saturday before 3rd Sunday		Tarwin Lower: <b>No Mass</b>
Saturday before 4th Sunday		Mirboo North: <b>No Mass</b>
<b>EVERY SUNDAY</b>		Meeniyian: <b>No Mass</b>
1st Sunday	Korumburra: <b>No Mass</b>	Leongatha: <b>No Mass</b>
	Loch: <b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Weekend Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Times</b>		
Sat. before 1st, 3rd 4th & 5th Sun.		Tarwin Lower: <b>No Liturgy</b>
1st, 2nd, 3rd & 5th Sunday		Meeniyian: <b>No Liturgy</b>
1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday		Mirboo North: <b>No Liturgy</b>

### Weekday Mass

<b>Tuesday</b>	Mass	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>		
<b>Thursday</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	Mass	<b>No Mass</b>

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Anniversaries:** Augustine Varghese, Fr John McGirr

**Sick:** Glenn Wright, Terry Taylor, Anne Courtney

**50th Wedding Anniversary:** Vince & Nola Campisi

### ATTENTION ALL PARISHES

**PARISH OFFICE:** due to the COVID-19 and instructions from Diocese of Sale, the Parish Office is only opened on Thursdays 9-2 until further notice. Ann will be working from home on the other days. The landline number is diverted to Ann's mobile and if not answered and the message says this number is not connected or something similar please ignore it. Alternatively call her directly on her mobile 0418 344 817

**Live Streaming Masses** are currently available to view by some of the bigger parishes in the Diocese of Sale. Eg: Fr Janeesh at St Patrick's Pakenham or Fr Joseph at Cranbourne. Go onto the attached link of the Diocese of Sale and click on a parish to find a link for a website to the live streaming.

<https://www.cdsale.org.au/our-parishes>

**Message from Fr Aju:** Once again we are forced into Stage 3 restrictions which does not allow any masses/ liturgies to be able to continue until further notice. My prayers and thoughts are with you all at this time and pray that we can all return to some normality sooner than later. Please contact Ann if you have any mass intentions as I will be still saying masses on a regular basis but without a congregation. Please keep safe and well.  
Fr Aju Varghese—Parish Priest

### Stewardship Program / Presbytery Offering:

Unfortunately with the impact of COVID-19 once again we have been restricted in accepting your contributions. Ann will be in the Office from 9am-2pm on Thursdays if you wish to drop off any money or please consider setting up on Direct Debit or Credit Card. Please contact Ann on 0418344817 for any assistance.

**Thank you** from Mel Bolge for all the prayers, well wishes, cards and phone calls on her recent operation. Mel would like to let you all know that she is doing well.

**The current Sunday readings and Fr Aju's Homily can be heard on Radio 3bbrfm 103.1 during the program "Scripture and Songs" between 9am-10am each Sunday.** If reception is poor in your area, Internet Live Stream on [3bbrfm.org.au](http://3bbrfm.org.au)