

Second Sunday of Easter

Year B

Sunday, 11th April 2021

First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Jn 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St John

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

St. Laurence O'Toole, Leongatha and St. Joseph's, Korumburra

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| WEEKEND MASSES | |
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| Leongatha Saturday 5.00pm Sunday 11.00am Tarwin Lower Mass—Saturday 6.30pm before 2nd Sun Liturgy with H/C Sat 5.30pm before 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sun Mirboo Nth Mass— Saturday 11.00am before 3rd Sun Liturgy with H/C 9.30 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Sun Meeniyán Mass— Saturday 11.00am before 4th Sun Liturgy with H/C 9.30am 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 5th Sun | Korumburra Sunday 9.30am |

| PLEASE PRAY FOR |
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| Baptism: Laine Richards, Renn Richards, Cove Anthony Anniversaries: Fr Dan McMahon, Mr Michael Nelan Fr Bill Pooley, Fr Daniel Horan Sick: Jim O'Connor, Mary Interlandi, Danielle Larkins, Mary Francis McGrath, Terry Taylor, Tessa Keane |

| Weekday Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Times | | |
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| KORUMBURRA | | |
| Wednesday | Mass— Church | 11.00am |
| LEONGATHA | | |
| Tuesday | Mass-Church | 5.00pm |
| Thursday | | |
| Friday | Mass - Church | 9.30am |

| PARISH ROSTERS | | |
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| LEONGATHA: | 17th Apr | 18th Apr |
| Flowers: | G Bolge | |
| Cleaning: | K Battersby/J Walsh | |
| Greeting: | M Casey | L Dal Santo |
| Reader: | G Mounsey | A Vaughan |
| Special Ministers: | M Charlton | J Schelling |
| KORUMBURRA: | | |
| | 18th Apr | |
| Cleaning: | Maureen Trewin | |

| RECONCILIATION TIMES | |
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| Leongatha: | Friday after 9.30am Mass & before 5pm Mass on Saturday |
| Korumburra: | Sun before 9.30am mass |

| OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD | |
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| LEONGATHA: | |
| Stewardship envelope: | \$484.00 |
| Stewardship cash (1st offering) | \$416.75 |
| Presbytery (2nd offering) | \$1,348.45 |
| EFT March 21 | \$3,893.80 |
| Good Friday Collection | \$729.05 |
| KORUMBURRA: | |
| Stewardship envelope: | N/A |
| Presbytery (2nd offering) | N/A |
| EFT March 21 | \$1,146.00 |
| Good Friday Collection | \$385.90 |
| <i>Thank you for your contributions, they are greatly appreciated.</i> | |

| The Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary | |
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| St. Laurence O'Toole Church Leongatha | |
| Saturday: | Before 5pm Mass—4.30pm |
| Sunday: | Before 11am Mass—10.30am |

YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil.



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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The true believers in the Risen Christ kept Thomas the Doubter within their circle, rather than expelling him. This gave him a further opportunity to experience the very Real Presence of the Risen Lord and his gift of peace. Companionable patience is our best response to those struggling with belief in even fundamental tenets of the faith.

Thomas saw that the wounds of Christ were still present, not obliterated. Does this suggest that our redeemed bodies will bear the marks of the wounds unjustly inflicted on us? However, they will not be disabling to our personality because they will be incorporated into the resurrection life of Christ. Incredibly, our self-inflicted wounds, i.e. our sins, will be obliterated in the mercy of God.

Pope Francis emphasises that it was in responding to the invitation to touch the wounds of Christ that Thomas understood Christ's true identity, exclaiming: 'My Lord and my God'. It is only by touching the wounds of Christ in many different people in many different situations that we can authentically make the same act of faith.

We could take a moment to pray for the strength to touch the wounds of Christ in others, 'the least'. And we could pray that, wounded as we may be by the vagaries and injustices of life, we may be liberated from their evil effects as the Risen Lord adopts our wounds as his own.

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Newcomers or Update Details

Welcome and thanks for worshipping with us at Korumburra and Leongatha Parishes

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: _____

New Parishioner Change of Address or Phone #

Thanksgiving: Envelopes or Electronically

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 one of our Parish Child Safety Officers. They can be contacted through the Parish Office. Telephone 03 56 622 020

Parish Events

ATTENTION ALL PARISHES

PROJECT COMPASSION envelopes/boxes to be returned to the church/parish office at your earliest convenience and your support is very much appreciated.

Life in the Spirit Seminar—save the date The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Sale Diocese is conducting a Diocese-wide Renewal Seminar for everyone in the Diocese of Sale. This follows the advice of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, who encourages all Catholics (and all Christians) to embrace this spiritual renewal program. Bishop Greg has blessed this initiative. It will be an exciting moment with the Holy Spirit, please do not miss this opportunity.

Three seminars will be held in a central location in the Diocese as follows:

Venue: St Ita, Drouin **Dates:** Saturday, 17 April, God's promise of the Holy Spirit

Saturday, 22 May, New Life in God's Spirit Saturday, 19 June, Community in the Lord; Commissioning Mass with Bishop Greg **Time:** 10.30 am each day.

Thank you to all who helped with Holy Week Services for all the churches in Leongatha Parish and Korumburra Parish.

LEONGATHA PARISH:

CWL Regional Conference will be held in Inverloch on Tuesday 13th April. All members encouraged to attend.

The day starts with registration and morning tea at 10am, Mass at 11am, BYO lunch, Guest speaker 1.15, and finishes with afternoon tea at 2pm. We will car pool from the church car park leaving at 9.30am.

Thank you to all the people who supported the IGA Tag as we have received a Cheque from Michaels IGA for the amount of \$835.00.

KORUMBURRA PARISH:

Cleaning Rosters for next 3 months has now been done. Thank you to those volunteers.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

My Lord and my God

This extraordinarily clear statement of belief about the divinity of Jesus appears nowhere else in any of the four gospels. Why does the Gospel of John make this statement and not any of the other gospels? It must be remembered that the Gospel of John was the last of the four gospels to be written – at least 20 years after the Gospel of Mark and some 60 to 70 years after the death of Jesus. The early Christians had been cast out of the Jewish tradition and were making sense of how their own beliefs could stand apart from Jewish tradition. With the break from Judaism, Christians felt able to express their developing belief that Jesus was God.