

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Sunday, 13th June 2021

First Reading

Ez 17:22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
I have made the small tree great.

The Lord says this:

‘From the top of the cedar,
from the highest branch I will take a shoot
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,
every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.
And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am
the one
who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow,
who withers green trees and makes the withered green.
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 91:2-3, 13-16. R. see v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. **(R.)**
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **(R.)**
3. Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **(R.)**

Second Reading

2 Cor 5:6-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.**

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 4:26-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

Jesus said to the crowds, ‘This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.’

He also said, ‘What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.’

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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

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WEEKEND MASSES	
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 Meeniyen 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

Recently Deceased: Theo Lamers
Anniversaries: Rose Kubale, Kevin Martin Fowles, Rita Rao, Giuseppe Rao, Mgr Stan Crowe, Fr William McLoughlin, Bishop Richard Ryan
Rest of Soul: Sebastiano Auddino
Sick: Heather Head, Trudi Wright, Maria Ludenia, Mary Interlandi, Terry Taylor, Danielle Larkins, Tessa Keane

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

PARISH ROSTERS		
LEONGATHA:	19th June	20th June
Flowers:	G Bolge	
Cleaning:	J&K Howard	
Greeting:	J Johnston	S Nicita
Reader:	J Bleeser	S Wright
Special Ministers:	M Charlton	J Schelling
KORUMBURRA:	19th June	
Cleaning:	Speakman Family	

RECONCILIATION TIMES

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

The Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Laurence O'Toole Church Leongatha
Saturday: Before 5pm Mass—4.30pm
Sunday: Before 11am Mass—10.30am

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

LEONGATHA:	
Stewardship envelope:	\$ 996.00
Stewardship cash (1st offering)	\$ 80.35
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$433.20
Trinity Special Collection	\$352.50
KORUMBURRA:	
Stewardship envelope:	\$172.00
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$248.65

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

A peasant in Galilee would hope for a return of 7:1 when sowing seed for a crop. So when Jesus pictures the Kingdom of God as a wonderful harvest (returning 100:1 as he put it in another parable), his peasant listeners would envisage a future without hunger, without servitude to rapacious landlords and money-lenders. A true liberation (such as Mary sang of in the Magnificat)!

Naturally, they and we want to know when this new way of life, this fulfilling of the Kingdom of God, will come about. Our Lord replies: 'Be patient. Your job is to sow the seed. Something will happen out of all proportion to your part in the process, just like the disproportion of the mustard seed to a mustard bush' (which he exaggerates into a tree sheltering birds).

God's creative power worked in the depths of stony ground to raise up the Gospel Seed who is Jesus Christ. From that, a community has grown which, at its best, leads to a fair and just distribution of the world's resources, as Pope Francis insists is a major test of authenticity of our claim to be Christian.

We could take a moment to pray for the courage to sow the seed of the Gospel whenever an opportunity presents itself, and the patience to await the germinating power of the Resurrection to create the Tree of Life such that all peoples 'can shelter in its shade'.

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HISTORICAL CONTEXT

The 'True' vine

The image of the vine has its origins in Psalm 80 where the nation of Israel is likened to a vine: 'You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land' (Ps 80:8-9) However, the people of Israel have forgotten who they are and who it was that planted them in their country—it is like the rootstock of a grafted plant has taken over and gone wild. Jesus' presence as the 'true vine' reminds them of what they are called to be.

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

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

Parish Events

ATTENTION ALL PARISHES

Plenary Council Prayer Campaign: People across the country are invited to participate in the “Fan the Flame” prayer campaign leading up to the first assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. The assembly starts on October 3. Campaign materials include resources for personal and communal prayer, reflections, musical suggestions and multimedia content. Find the resources at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheffame/

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care **More information and Applications Forms** are available on our website <https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholar-shipfor-lay-ministry.html> **Closing Date 30 July 2021**

Covid-19 Restrictions at this stage we can have mass/liturgy in the Church with a limit of 75 people plus leader. Booking is not essential but if numbers look higher than 75 it will be first in an arrival that will be permitted to attend. **Please QR Code on entry, wear a Mask, hand sanitise and keep social distancing.**

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal: Will be held on the weekend of 26/27 June. This annual appeal gives us an opportunity to assist financially with the charitable work of the St Vincent de Paul Society. All donations go directly to assist those who are in need. You may Donate over the phone using a credit card by calling 13 18 12. Envelopes will be available next weekend.

Parish Office will be closed on Monday 14th June due to public holiday.

LEONGATHA PARISH:

MONDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP meets every Monday from 1.30-3pm in the Parish Centre. This is a friendly and informal group - All welcome.

St Joseph’s Mirboo Nth hold a cuppa after Liturgy every 4th Sunday.

KORUMBURRA PARISH:

Code of Conduct forms that were distributed recently need to be returned to the Parish Office at your earliest convenience. These may be placed on the collection plate.

Sacrament Program 2021

Saturday 19th June 5.00pm—St Laurence’s Primary School Confirmation

Sunday 20th June 9.30am—St Joseph’s Primary School Confirmation

St Laurence’s Leongatha First Communion new date to be confirmed