

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Sunday, 24th January 2021

First Reading

Jon 3:1-5. 10

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sack-cloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) Teach me your ways, 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.
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

1 Cor 7:29-31

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

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News!**

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 1:14-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark *Repent, and believe the Good News.*

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

The Gospel of the Lord

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When Jesus says to Simon, Andrew, James and John 'I will make you into fishers of men', then, amongst the many levels of meaning they would have heard the allusion to Ezekiel 29:3-5.

Jesus was telling them that he was creating a society of liberated human beings, called the 'Kingdom of God'. This would involve struggle against powerful elites, the pharaohs of this world, who oppress and enslave people. It would be as dangerous and demand as much energy as required to haul a crocodile out of the Nile.

Yet they did so, 'straightaway'. Because of the call of Jesus? No. At least, not that alone. We read 'He saw Simon and his brother Andrew . . . He saw James and his brother John.' They were responding not to his voice alone but to his eyes. His is like the attentive gaze of a parent loving a baby into a beautiful future. Jesus looks at you and at me wanting to love us into a barely imaginable future.

We could pause for a moment to remember that when His call comes, demanding an 'aye' or a 'nay', the Eyes have it.

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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

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WEEKEND MASSES

Leongatha

Saturday 5.00pm

Sunday 11.00am

Korumburra

Sunday 9.30am

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

Weekday Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Times

KORUMBURRA

Wednesday	Mass - Korumburra	11.00am
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LEONGATHA

Tuesday	Mass—Church	5.00pm
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Friday	Mass Leongatha	9.30am
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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

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Mary Doyle

Anniversaries: Brian Gunnelson, Gil Trease,

Fr Philip Kavanagh, Fr Bill Shanahan, Fr Maurice Carroll

Sick: Glenn Wright, Mary Interlandi, Danielle Larkins

ATTENTION BOTH PARISHES

Parish Office: Ann will not be working on the following days:

Mon 25th Jan and Tues 26th Jan (Australia Day).

Covid –19 Restriction requirements: When attending any Mass Services, please ensure that you hand sanitise, sign in either with a QR code with your camera on your mobile phone or manually on the provided sheet. You must always carry a face mask with you when you leave home unless you have a lawful reason not to. It is strongly recommended you wear a mask whenever you cannot keep 1.5 metres distance from others.

LEONGATHA ASSISTANCE NEEDED: Now that things are getting back to a more normal routine we would like to hear from people who could assist at Masses as a Greeter, Reader, Special Minister or with our monthly hospitality Cuppas. This would be a great time for new people to join the roster as we need to revitalise our Parish and get back to fellowship with each other. Please add your name to the clip board in the foyer if you would like to help.

A Current Working With Children is required.

PARISH ROSTERS

LEONGATHA:	31st Jan
Flowers	K Clark
Cleaning:	M Dortmans & F Backman

KORUMBURRA:	31st Jan
Cleaning:	Denise Brooks

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

LEONGATHA:	
Stewardship envelope:	\$583.00
Stewardship cash (1st offering)	\$167.65
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$517.65

KORUMBURRA:	
Stewardship envelope:	\$186.00
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$336.65

Thank you for your contributions, they are greatly appreciated.