

Second Sunday of Advent

Year C

Sunday, 5th December, 2021

First Reading

Bar 5:1-9

A reading from the prophet Baruch

Jerusalem – God will show you splendour.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be,

‘Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness’.

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east:

see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory.

For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.

And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God;

for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125. R. v.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**
2. The heathens themselves said: ‘What marvels the Lord worked for them!’
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **(R.)**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Phil 1:3-6. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Lk 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.**

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 3:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All people shall see the salvation of God.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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

St Laurence O'Toole Leongatha

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WEEKEND MASSES

Leongatha

Korumburra

Saturday 5.00pm **<Vaccinated>** Sunday 9.30am

Saturday 7.00pm **"Vaccination Status Unknown"**

30 Only in attendance

Sunday 11.00am **Vaccinated**

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— Sunday 9.30am 1st & 3rd Sun

Liturgy with H/C 9.30 2nd, 4th & 5th Sun

Meeniyan

Mass— Sunday 9.30am 2nd & 4th Sun

Liturgy with H/C 9.30am 1st, 3rd & 5th Sun

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Laurie Hurley

Anniversaries: Pat Kay, Fr Dave Cagney,
Fr Frank Young, Fr Patrick O'Donohue

Sick: Glenn Wright, Trudi Wright, Mary Interlandi,
Tessa Keane, Terry Taylor

PARISH ROSTERS

LEONGATHA:

11th Dec

12th Dec

Flowers:

No Flowers

Cleaning:

K Battersby/J Walsh

Greeting:

M Casey

S Cannata

Reader:

M Charlton

M&H Holloway

Special Minister:

KORUMBURRA:

12th Dec

Cleaning:

B/Hosking M/Barrett

Greeter

M Speekman

Dec

Reader

L Hartley

Commentator

D Jackson

Flowers

D Collard

Weekday Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Times

KORUMBURRA

Wednesday No Mass

LEONGATHA

Tuesday Mass— Church 5.00pm

Thursday Mass —Leongatha 9.30am

Friday Mass-Leongatha 9.30am

RECONCILIATION TIMES

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

Korumburra: Sun before 9.30am mass

Christmas Mass Times 2021

Christmas Eve Mass

Tarwin Lower 5.00pm *Fully Vaccinated*

Leongatha 5.00pm **Vaccinated Status Unknown**
Only 50 people can attend

Leongatha 6.30pm *Fully Vaccinated*

Korumburra 6.30pm *Fully Vaccinated*

Christmas Day Mass

Leongatha 10.15am *Fully Vaccinated*

Mirboo Nth 9.30am *Fully Vaccinated*

Meeniyan 9.00am *Fully Vaccinated*

Please note changes in time as from previously advertised

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 Dianne Bergant CSA

The advent of God's coming with its promise of fulfilment happens within world history. The first reading locates God's act of restoration in the city of Jerusalem. The gospel situates the ministry of John within a particular period of world history. They point us to historical experience as the place and the time of restoration, of incarnation, of redemption. They show us that God works within everyday life, in conventional places, during regular time. In fact, from a human point of view, the extraordinary events of salvation took place within what was quite ordinary.

John proclaims the kind of transformation that results in a change of heart. Reversals characterise such transformation: the robe of mourning is replaced by the splendour of glory; tears are turned into rejoicing; those led away by enemies are brought back by God; valleys are filled, mountains are levelled, winding roads are made straight; even nature offers itself as shelter for the people of God. Those who are shamed and discarded are made glorious; those who suffer are comforted; the oppressed are freed; all of life's obstacles are removed; the way to God is made straight; the natural world enjoys peace and harmony.

The transformation or repentance of heart takes place within human life, within relationships of justice between people and with the earth, in right living, in genuine unselfish love. It produces the fruits of righteousness of which Paul speaks. Advent is the time to prepare ourselves for this.

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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:	\$1,456.00
Stewardship cash (1st offering)	\$125.00
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$698.05

KORUMBURRA:

Stewardship envelope:	\$142.00
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$362.00

Thank you for your contributions, they are greatly appreciated.

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

Parish Office will be closed on Monday 6th December 2021

Covid-19 Restrictions: Religious gatherings and ceremonies: As from 11.59pm Thursday 18th Nov 21 there is no density limit, but proof of Double Vaccinated is required. Face masks to be worn if you are not able to Social Distance.

REMINDER: On entry to Mass you must either QR Code or Sign the Sheet provided. Thank you



SYNOD 2021-2023 Let's Walk Together!

Our Listening. Listening with an open heart and mind is the first step. How good are we Catholics at listening with the ear of our hearts? Who don't we listen to?

Have your say <https://tinyurl.com/HavingASay>

Introductory video, prayers and resources at <https://www.cdsale.org.au/synod-of-bishops>

LEONGATHA PARISH:

LEONGATHA CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE are selling tickets for a Christmas Hamper. Tickets will be available to purchase on weekends 4/5, 11/12, 18/19 Dec. \$2 each and will be drawn after Mass on Sun 19th Dec.

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.

Plan Giving Offering: we are currently receiving in the First Collection a blank envelope with money in it. Please contact Ann at Parish Office if this is supposed to be allocated to a Plan Giving number or whether it is just for the Loose Collection.

LEONGATHA PIETY STALL ITEMS: Christmas Cards \$3 for a pack of 5

GEMS Meeting – 6th Oct 2021 The inter-church men's Christian fellowship group

CWL Christmas Meeting and Afternoon tea – Tuesday December 14th at 1.30pm. All welcome.

MOTHERS PRAYERS - New prayer group for those wanting to pray for their children, Grandchildren or nieces and nephews etc. To be held after 9.30 Mass on the second Friday of the month in the Parish Centre. You are most welcome to join this small group united in prayer to save our children.

St Vincent de Paul meeting 3pm Wednesday Dec 8th.



Contributions made easier for Plan Giving, Donation, Presbytery Offering:

Simply scan the QR Code with your mobile phone and in a few easy steps you can quickly and securely give to the Parish Church or Presbytery Account.

ATTENTION BOTH PARISHES— CODE OF CONDUCT FOR WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK:

Can those volunteers who have not signed a Code of Conduct during the year please do so as soon as possible as a report needs to be forward to Diocese of Sale before 31st December 2021

If you require a form please contact Ann at the Parish Office.

KORUMBURRA PARISH:

Combined Churches of Korumburra are thinking of organising a Combined Christmas Carols event possibly to be held at the Uniting Church on 19th December 2021. Time to be decided. If you would like to be involved please contact Robert from the Uniting Church on 0418 515 663 ASAP

QR Code Contributions will be available as per Leongatha in the coming weeks. This is still being set up.

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: _____

Email: _____

New Parishioner ☐ Change of Address or Phone # ☐

Thanksgiving: Envelopes ☐ or Electronically ☐