

# Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

Sunday, 10th August 2025

## Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 73:20,19,22,23

Look to your covenant, O Lord,  
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.  
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,  
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

## First Reading Wisdom 18:6-9

### A reading from the book of Wisdom

That night had been foretold to our ancestors,  
so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust  
in, they would joyfully take courage.  
This was the expectation of your people,  
the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies;  
for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes  
you made us glorious by calling us to you.  
The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret  
and this divine pact they struck with one accord:  
that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike;  
and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

### The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

**(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,  
the people he has chosen as his own. **(R.)**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

## Second Reading Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

### A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or  
prove the existence of the realities that at present remain un-  
seen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a  
country that was the inheritance given to him and his descend-  
ants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going.  
By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and  
lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who  
were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in  
tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and  
built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age,  
was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who  
had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this,  
there came from one man, and one who was already as good as  
dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many  
as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that  
had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and  
welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and  
nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves  
make it quite plain that they are in search of their real home-  
land.

They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since  
they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were  
longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is  
why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has  
founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up  
Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the  
promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is  
through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confi-  
dent that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, fig-  
uratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

### The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation Matthew 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

## Gospel Luke 12:32-48

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*See that you are prepared.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little  
flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses  
that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven  
where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where  
your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be  
like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding  
feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks.  
Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he  
comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them  
down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch  
he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds  
them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the house-  
holder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he  
would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house.  
You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at  
an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for every-  
one?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful  
and wise enough for the master to place him over his household  
to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy  
that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment.  
I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But  
as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his  
time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the  
maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master  
will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does  
not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same  
fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not  
even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many  
strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to  
be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes.  
When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be  
demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him  
on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

### The Gospel of the Lord

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

**St Laurence O'Toole Leongatha**

**St Kevin's Meeniyan**

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## WEEKEND MASSES

**Leongatha**

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 11.00am

**Korumburra**

Sunday 9.30am

**Tarwin Lower**

Mass— Mass on Saturday before 3rd Sunday at 4.00pm

Liturgy with H/C Saturday 4pm before 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday.

**Mirboo Nth**

Mass— Mass 1st Sunday at 4.00pm

Liturgy with H/C 9.30 Sunday 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th

**Meeniyan**

Mass— Mass Saturday before 2nd & 4th Sunday at 4.00pm

Liturgy with H/C 9.30am on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday's

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Anniversaries:** Ann Nugent

The deceased Clergy of the Diocese of Sale

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace."*

**Sick:** Pina Materia, Patricia Gunnulson, Phil Head,  
Fr Michael Willemsen, Neeson Johnson, Helen Cameron,  
David Whiteside

## PARISH ROSTERS

**LEONGATHA:**

Flowers:

Cleaning:

Greeting:

Reader:

Special Minister:

**16th Aug**

E Stephens

M&B Thomas

A Hemming

M Dortmans

J Bleaser

S Fraser

A Hemming

**17th Aug**

J Schelling

O Arbuthnot

J Schelling

J Salvatore

M Holloway

**KORUMBURRA:**

24 /8 Cleaning: T Mareko

17/8 Greeter: A D'Souza

**August**

Reader:

D Jackson

Commentator

F Fowles

Special Minister

Jill, Lima, Sue

Laundry:

A Whiteside

Flowers:

M Trewin

## Weekday Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Times

### KORUMBURRA

|                  |  |         |
|------------------|--|---------|
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Mass   | 9.30am  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Feast of the Assumption</b><br>Parish/School Mass | 11.30am |

### LEONGATHA

|                 |   |                  |
|-----------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Tuesday</b>  | Mass  | 5.00pm           |
| <b>Thursday</b> | Parish/Class Mass   | 9.30am           |
| <b>Friday</b>   | <b>Feast of the Assumption</b><br>Parish/School Mass<br>Parish Mass | 9.30am<br>5.00pm |

## The Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**St. Laurence O'Toole Church Leongatha**

**Saturday:** Before 5.30 pm Mass—5.00pm

**Sunday:** Before 11am Mass—10.30am

*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*

## PRINCIPLES & PRACTICE OF GOOD PARISH LITURGY PREPARATION & ENGAGEMENT



### For all those who have a role in the preparation and celebration of Parish Masses

Music ministers, Sacristans, Welcomers, Readers, Commentators,  
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

Presentation by Fr Brian Nichols on

Principles & Practice of Good Parish Liturgy Preparation & Engagement

#### Workshops for

- Music Ministry
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Preparing & welcoming into the liturgical space
- Lectors/Readers ministry
- Liturgy of the Word with Communion

| SATURDAY                  | TIME          | PLACE   |
|---------------------------|---------------|---|
| AUG 30 <sup>TH</sup> 2025 | 9:30 - 3:00PM | St Michaels Parish,<br>121-123 High Street<br>Berwick |



**Presenter: Fr Brian Nichols**

Father Brian is a priest of the Archdiocese of Hobart, Tasmania, Australia, and is currently Vice-Rector of Corpus Christi Seminary in Melbourne. He also teaches Liturgical and Sacramental Theology at Catholic Theological College (University of Divinity), Melbourne. He holds a Licentiate in Sacred Liturgy from the Pontifical Liturgical Institute (Sant' Anselmo), Rome.

To register interest contact Parish Priest.

## OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

### St Laurence's Parish:

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Stewardship envelope:           | \$930.00   |
| Stewardship cash (1st offering) | \$606.00   |
| Presbytery (2nd offering)       | \$853.35   |
| July EFT                        | \$3,973.65 |

### St Joseph's Parish

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Stewardship envelope:           | \$101.00   |
| Stewardship cash (1st offering) | \$153.60   |
| Presbytery (2nd offering)       | \$301.35   |
| July EFT                        | \$1,205.00 |

## 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 ☐

## Vocation Prayer 2025

HEAVENLY FATHER, Lord of the harvest, we earnestly ask you to bless our diocese and the Church with many priests, deacons and religious who will love you fervently, and gladly and courageously live their lives in service to your Son's Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Bless our families and parishes that we may be given the grace and strength to live our baptismal vocation to be holy, as You are. Bless us that we will respond to your invitation to be living witnesses and disciples of hope as we discern our life in your son, Jesus Christ.

Bless young men and women to respond openly and generously to your invitation to become ministers of your Word and Sacraments, or to serve You faithfully in the covenant of Marriage, or the dignity of single life.

Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "yes" to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation.

**AMEN**

*Come and See*



### AN OPPORTUNITY

To meet with others who are also discerning a vocation to ministry, and hearing from priests, stories of their life and call to ministry.

*Catholic Diocese of Sale*

*Sunday, 17th August 2025*

*3:00-4:30 pm*

*St Patrick's Parish*

*142 Princes Hwy, Pakenham, 3810*

## 2025 St Joseph's & St Laurence's Sacramental Dates (Korumburra Host Parish)

**Mass of Confirmation (Grade 6 Students)**

**Thursday, 21st August 2025 at 5:00pm**  
**St Joseph's Korumburra**



# Parish/Diocese News

In conjunction with **National Vocations Awareness Week**, Bishop Greg is inviting our diocesan family to participate in a Diocesan Holy Hour for Vocations — a special time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, asking the Lord of the Harvest to inspire more men and women to the answer the call to priesthood and religious life. Let us be united in prayer as individuals, families, youth, and prayer groups for more vocations.

Sunday, 10th August 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM St Thomas the Apostle Church, Clyde North

**The St Paul's Catholic Social Club** of Mirboo North warmly invites you to a special Mass in honour of our patron, **St Paul**, on **Sunday, 31st August at 1.30pm**, at **St Joseph's Catholic Church, Mirboo North**.

We extend this invitation to all members, their families, friends and all those who have supported the **St Paul's Festival** and the **Mirboo North Italian Festa** over the years.

Following the Mass, we invite everyone to join us for afternoon tea in the **St Paul's Club Hall** located behind the **Church**. We look forward to sharing this joyful occasion with you.

**St Vincent de Paul Meeting:** Our next conference meeting is at 3.00pm next Wednesday, 13th August in the Parish Centre., Leongatha. Anyone who is considering putting their faith into action by working with the St Vincent de Paul Conference is welcome to attend.

## LEONGATHA PARISH:

**Updated Ministry Rosters have been updated. Roster ready for collection in the Foyer.**

**Gospel Reflection Group** meets on Mondays during the school term from 1.30-3pm in the Parish Centre. This is a small friendly group that reads the coming Sundays Gospel then discusses and relates it to their everyday life, finishing with a cuppa. Everyone is most welcome.

**Wednesday Adoration and Prayer:** we invite you to come and join our Hour of Prayer on Wednesdays 11 to 12 noon in St Laurence's church. We will say the Rosary and sing hymns but there will be lots of time for quiet personal prayer where you can just sit with the Lord or read the Scripture, etc.

**St Laurence's Mothers' Prayer Group** - prayer group for those wanting to pray for their children, grand-children 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 group united in prayer to save our children.

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## KORUMBURRA PARISH:

**Cuppa** after mass first Sunday of the Month

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### RCIA INFORMATION EVENING (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?

Has someone in your family or group of friends expressed an interest in God and wondered what a difference faith can make in their life?

Perhaps you have been baptised but haven't received any other Sacraments?

If so RCIA could help answer some of your questions. **Come & See!**

An **RCIA Information Night** for Leongatha & Korumburra Parishes will be held on Thursday **September 11<sup>th</sup>**, 7.30pm at St Laurence's Parish Centre Leongatha.

This is followed by 5wks of Inquiry Sessions that give a basic overview of the Catholic Faith.

For those who are interested to go still further, this leads into a longer process that prepares people for entering the Catholic Church at Easter.

You are free to stop at any stage of the process.

For further information phone Parish Secretary - Ann Hemming 56622020

## JUBILEE OF PRAYER GROUPS

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025



### Our Lady Star of the Sea

(16-18 Scarborough Street Inverloch)

3:00 pm-4:00 pm

Stations of the Cross, Rosary and Exposition, Benediction & Cuppa

### St Joseph's

(27-29 Dowling Street, Wonthaggi)

5:00 pm-6:00 pm

Prayer Group displays, 6pm Night Prayer of Church, 6:30pm Mass

Pilgrims are invited to begin their pilgrimage at Inverloch with the Rosary and Stations of the Cross, before continuing on to Wonthaggi for the 6:30 pm Mass.

RSVP, 13th August at 56721111 or [Wonthaggi@edsale.org.au](mailto:Wonthaggi@edsale.org.au)