

# Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Sunday 1st October, 2023

## Entrance Antiphon Daniel 3:31,29,30,43,42

All that you have done to us, O Lord,  
you have done with true judgement,  
for we have sinned against you  
and not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name  
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

## First Reading Ezekiel 18:25-28

**A reading from the prophet Ezekiel**

*The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness  
deserves to live.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows:  
‘You object, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you  
House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do  
that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his  
integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies  
because of the evil that he himself has committed. When  
the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and  
honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all  
his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.

**The Word of the Lord**

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

**(R.) Remember your mercies, 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.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth.  
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 Philippians 2:1-11

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

*In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.*

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can  
persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or  
any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your  
convictions and united in your love, with a common  
purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which  
would make me completely happy. There must be no  
competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to  
be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be  
better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own  
interests first but everybody thinks of other people's  
interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as  
Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,  
yet he did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are;  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**The Word of the Lord**

## Gospel Acclamation John 10:27

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Matthew 21:28-32

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew**

*He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will  
precede you into the kingdom of God.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people,  
‘What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He  
went and said to the first, “My boy, you go  
and work in the vineyard today.” He  
answered, “I will not go,” but afterwards  
thought better of it and went. The man then  
went and said the same thing to the second  
who answered, “Certainly, sir,” but  
did not go. Which of the two did the  
father's will?’ ‘The first’ they said. Jesus  
said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax  
collectors and prostitutes are making their  
way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came  
to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not  
believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes  
did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of  
it and believe in him.’



**The Gospel of Lord**

## Communion Antiphon Cf Psalm 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,  
by which you have given me hope.  
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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

**St Laurence O'Toole Leongatha**

**St Kevin's Meeniyen**

**St Joseph's Mirboo North**

**St Andrew's Tarwin Lower**

**Parish Safeguard Officer: Sam Wright**

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Closed All Day Wednesday

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**Parish Safeguard Officer: Anne Speekman**



## 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 5.30pm before 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday

### Mirboo Nth

Mass— Mass 1st Sunday 4.00pm

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

### Meeniyen

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

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

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Anniversaries:** John Stefani, Shane Smith, May Holloway, Peter Veltri, John Veltri, Fr David Verlin, Fr William O'Brien

**Sick:** Vin McDonald, Nellie McDonald, Cathy Abood (Matthew), Brodie Gollop

**Repose of Soul:** Shirley Cleur, Irene D'Monte

## PARISH ROSTERS

### LEONGATHA:

Flowers:

Cleaning:

Greeter:

Reader:

Special Minister:

**7th Oct**

G Bolge

L&S Augustine

R Yates

D Knez

M Casey

**8th Oct**

L Dal Santo

J Salvatore

J Schelling

### KORUMBURRA:

15/10 Cleaning: D Brookes

08/10 Greeter: M Harper

**Oct**

Reader

A Whiteside

Commentator

Speekman Family

Special Minister

D Brookes

Laundry:

D Collard

Flowers

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

### KORUMBURRA

Day	Mass	Time
Wednesday	Mass	9.30am
LEONGATHA		
Tuesday	Mass—Church	5.00pm
Wednesday	Mass—Church	12.00pm
Thursday	Mass—Mary MacKillop College	9.10am
Friday	Mass—Church	9.30am

## 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

## RECONCILIATION TIMES

**Leongatha:** Friday after 9.30am Mass & before 5.30pm  
Mass on Saturday

**Korumburra:** Sun before 9.30am mass

*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**

Friends and local artists from the Community are coming together to support this effort to Keep Kiki here

## VOICES FOR KIKI - KEEP KIKI HERE

**FRIDAY 7.30PM**  
**27TH OCTOBER 2023**  
**MEENIYAN TOWN HALL**  
 97 Whitelaw St, Meeniyah VIC 39561

**Your \$25 tickets include**  
 5 tickets in the 5 prize draw  
 Free cuppa and biscuits  
**FENDER MONTARA GUITAR Auction**  
 Please BYO nibbles and drinks

Bookings to: <https://www.ticketbo.com.au/voicesforkiki>  
 Booking accepted to: [tarnyawilson@bigpond.com](mailto:tarnyawilson@bigpond.com) or 0427 647 473  
 Donate to: GoFundMe - <https://gofund.me/9c0a7ab0>

**We have a great lineup of talent!**  
 Have a fun night out and know funds are going to a worthy cause  
 Gippy Flute Ensemble, Treble Fs Singers, Xander Beach Harpist,  
 Lyric Theatre Songbirds – Aoife O'Connell & Cecily De Gooyer  
 Lyric Theatre Bush Poet, Lyric Theatre Comedy Item  
 Steve Horton Bush Poet, Lyric Theatre Comedy Item  
 Kiki & South Gippsland Brass Band, Kiki & Ben Sandapa  
 Door Prizes and a Finale

Mauritian born; 'KIKI' applied for a Carers Visa 4 years ago to continue looking after her bed ridden Auntie. It was denied in May 2023. Kiki, who is not allowed to work, with family support has started the expensive appeal process. Kiki and her teenage daughter, Elisabeth, are very involved in the Leongatha community and wish to stay here in Australia. We want to support them; we want to keep them here in Leongatha

Please support our Leongatha Parishioner Kiki.  
 Donations can be left at the Parish Office or placed in an envelope marked attention Ann @ Parish Office "Kiki"

### Up Coming Masses

#### St Laurence Parish:

All Saints Day Mass	1/11	5.00pm
All Souls Day Mass	2/11	9.30am
Mass for Bereaved Families	4/11	11.00am
Mass at Cemetery Leongatha	18/11	10.00am
Mass at Cemetery Meeniyah	11/11	4.00pm
Mass/BBQ Feast of St Laurence	19/11	11.00am

#### St Joseph Parish

All Saints Day Mass	1/11	9.30am
All Souls Day Mass	2/11	11.30am
Mass at Cemetery	8/11	10.00am

### OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

#### St Laurence Parish:

Stewardship envelope:	\$435.00
Stewardship cash (1st offering)	\$185.65
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$519.20

#### St Joseph Parish

Stewardship envelope:	\$284.00
Stewardship cash (1st offering)	\$122.10
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$311.45

Thank you for your contributions, they are greatly appreciated.

## You are invited

to welcome

**Rev Arnie Wierenga**

as Minister in the Kookaburra Ministry Team

with the congregations at

Leongatha, Korumburra & Loch-Poowong

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 - 2pm**

**at Leongatha Uniting Church**

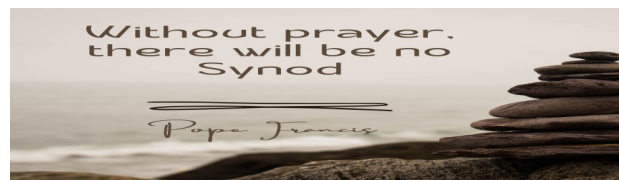
afternoon tea to follow induction service

Uniting Church in Australia

## Presbytery of Gippsland



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and these waters and pay respect to elders past, present and emerging.



In a letter addressed to bishops and eparchs around the world, Cardinal Mario Grech, Secretary General of the General Secretariat of the Synod, invites the faithful around the world to participate through prayer to the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops that will open in the Vatican on October 4. With this letter, the Secretary General wants to remember that the Synod Assembly is above all a spiritual event, of prayer and listening to the Holy Spirit, the true protagonist of the event.

A copy of the letter and more information on the synod can be accessed through the diocesan website at <https://www.cdsale.org.au/synod-of-bishops>

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## GROWING IN CHRIST

DAY PROGRAM

HOSTED BY CCR - SALE DIOCESE  
 TOGETHER WITH BISHOP GREG BENNET & BRO LALITH PERERA

**SAT 21 | OCTOBER 2023 | 10:45AM TO 4:00PM**

Saint Ita's Catholic Church, 50 Victoria St, Drouin VIC 3818

**PRAISE & WORSHIP**

### ADORATION HOLY MASS

SHARING OF THE WORD

### HEALING MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP

LET US GROW TOGETHER IN THE GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST

2 PETER 3:18

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This is a special invite to a one day spiritual renewal program featuring Holy Mass, encouraging and inspiring talks, healing prayers, adoration, praise and worship, and fellowship. Our guest speakers are Bishop Greg Bennet (Bishop of Sale), and Bro Lalith Pereira (founder of the Community of the Risen Lord). May the good Lord bless you all as we come together to celebrate our faith and praise God's name.



# Parish Events

## ATTENTION ALL PARISH

**Come and See**—Bishop Greg has called for the young men of our Parishes of the Diocese to come to St Michael's Parish Support Centre - 121-123 High Street. Berwick on Sunday, 15th October at 2:00pm particularly those who sense a call from God to life as a priest. Or, who simply want to come and enquire. It will be an opportunity to meet and greet those living the life, to pray with them and have all your questions answered. And, remember, "the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it" Mt13:45

**Engaging Your Faith October 2023: Engaging Your Faith (EYF)** is a series of short, online presentations that invite participants to reflect on what it means to be people of faith in the contemporary world. Experienced lecturers from Catholic Theological College present on a variety of topics such as Philosophy, Spirituality, Biblical Studies, Christian Meditation, Theology, Interfaith Relations, and issues in Science and Religion. For more information and registration visit their website at [Engaging Your Faith – Catholic Theological College \(ctc.edu.au\)](http://Engaging Your Faith – Catholic Theological College (ctc.edu.au))

### LEONGATHA PARISH:

**Rosary** is recited weekly on Wednesday's at 2pm, followed by a cuppa and discussion afterwards at Venus Bay. All Welcome. Contact Trisha 0490 286 884 for more details.

**Gospel Reflection Group** meets on Mondays in 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:** 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.

**Josephite Companion Mass** followed by a shared lunch in Parish Centre on Sunday 22nd Oct at 11.00am

**Visit to the sick:** There is a list in the foyer of our parishioners that would appreciate a visit. If you can assist please write your name against the person you can visit or please contact Ann at the Parish Office.

### KORUMBURRA PARISH:

**Cuppa** - after mass on the 1st Sunday of the month.

## Living Gospel

### Saying "Yes!"

*In many ways, it is easy to say 'Yes' and not really mean it. Some people do it all the time in their lives. They say 'Yes' when they have no intention at all of following through on their commitment. It's easy to say 'Yes' and not mean it when it comes to faith as well. It's pretty easy to turn up at Church on a Sunday and be seen to be doing the 'right' thing. But if our faith doesn't change the way we live, then maybe we're really saying 'No' to God.*

### 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 ☐