

# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Sunday, 5th February 2023

## Entrance Antiphon Ps 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.

## First Reading Is 58:7-10

### A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Your light will shine like the dawn.*

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,  
and shelter the homeless poor,  
clothe the man you see to be naked  
and turn not from your own kin.  
Then will your light shine like the dawn  
and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you  
and the glory of the Lord behind you.  
Cry, and the Lord will answer;  
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,  
the clenched fist, the wicked word,  
if you give your bread to the hungry,  
and relief to the oppressed,  
your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your shadows become like noon.

**The word of the Lord.**

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4

**(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.**

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:  
he is generous, merciful and just.  
The good man takes pity and lends,  
he conducts his affairs with honour. **(R.)**
2. The just man will never waver:  
he will be remembered for ever.  
He has no fear of evil news;  
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **(R.)**
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;  
open-handed, he gives to the poor;  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
His head will be raised in glory. **(R.)**

## Second Reading 1 Cor 2:1-5

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

*I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.*

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

**The word of the Lord.**

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 8:12

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
the man who follows me  
will have the light of life.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Mt 5:13-16

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

*You are the light of the world.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.'

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**



## Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 106:8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,  
his wonders for the children of men,  
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.

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

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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— 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

**Death:** Olga Stefani, Justin Fleming, Jackie Connolly

**Anniversaries:** Paul Patterson, Dollie Lawrence, Michele Pronesti, Fr Pat Walsh

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

## PARISH ROSTERS

### LEONGATHA:

### 11th Feb

### 12th Feb

Flowers:

K Clark

Cleaning:

Volunteer Please

Greeting:

J Casey

S Cannata

Reader:

Sandra & Sharon

S Nicita

Special Minister:

M Casey

S Seabrook

### KORUMBURRA:

### 12th Feb

Cleaning:

M Trewin

Greeter

B Hosking

### February

Reader

Michelle Brutzman

Commentator

David Jackson

Flowers

Collard Family

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

### KORUMBURRA

<b>Wednesday</b>	Mass—Church	9.30am
<b>Friday</b>	Funeral Mass –Justin Fleming	1.00pm

### LEONGATHA

<b>Sunday</b>	Rosary-Olga Stefani	7.00pm
<b>Monday</b>	Funeral Mass -Olga Stefani	11.00am
<b>Tuesday</b>	Mass—Church	5.00pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Mass—Church	9.30am
<b>Friday</b>	Mass-Church	9.30am

## 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

## RECONCILIATION TIMES

**Leongatha:** Friday after 9.30am Mass & before 5pm  
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*



Liturgical Resources in Preparation for the Assembly  
of the  
Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of  
Oceania

*Fiji, 5-10 February 2023*

**SYNOD OF BISHOPS:** The Church around the world has entered the Continental Stage for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality. Groups around the country are praying with and responding to the Document for the Continental Stage, which was published recently. Groups around Australia have spent time in responding to the Document which reflect the voices of the People of God from over 114 countries around the world. A collation of the Australian submissions is being prepared for the Bishops from the Oceania region when they meet in Fiji in February 2023. Access the Document for the Continental Stage

[www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch](http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch)

### **PRAYER FOR THE ASSEMBLY**

O God, you revealed yourself in Christ Jesus  
as loving, merciful and just.

Guide our Bishops of Oceania as they meet together  
to further Pope Francis' call to become a listening  
Church.

Open their hearts to the voice of the Holy Spirit,  
that they might truly discern and faithfully serve  
the needs of your People and your World.

Colour our way of life and give witness to your  
presence among us.

You who live and reign, God, for ever and ever.

**Amen**

## **REFLECTION** by Fr Michael Tate

### **Salty and Radiant**

You are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the cosmos. 'You' is in the plural. So these descriptions are meant to apply to us as a Christian community.

Salt in the ancient world was a preservative for food. So, we are the ones who are to preserve the earth, to prevent its deterioration, to keep it life-giving.

Salt has to penetrate food to have an effect. We have to penetrate the world with our Sermon on the Mount values. Staying self-contained as a perfect little band of Christians is about as useful as salt remaining in the saltshaker. In Our Lord's scary opinion we would quite rightly be trampled underfoot.

How are we light for the cosmos? By 'good works'? No, a truer translation is by 'beautiful works'. These are those things we do which have grace, elegance and proportion and are therefore pleasing to observe: beautifully-good-works.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we remain salty and tangy, doing good beautifully and elegantly.

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### **OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD**

#### **St Laurence Parish:**

Stewardship envelope:	\$546.00
Stewardship cash (1st offering)	\$225.90
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$707.95

#### **St Joseph Parish**

Stewardship envelope:	\$92.00
Stewardship cash (1st offering)	\$178.10
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$277.60

*Thank you for your contributions, they are greatly appreciated.*

### **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: \_\_\_\_\_

# Parish Events

## ATTENTION ALL PARISHES

**Mirboo North Italian Festa** will be held on Sunday 12th Feb 2023. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Peter Bickley 10.00am at Baromi Park.

Italian Food Stalls, Bars, Live Music, Dancing and Free Family Fun.

**Healing/Anointing Mass** –in response to this request, Fr Peter will lead a Healing and Anointing Mass at St Laurence’s Church on Friday February 10th at 9.30am. We invite parishioners from both Parishes to this special mass as we pray for healing of memories, physical healing and spiritual strengthening. You may come in the person of loved ones and the housebound and parishioners not able to be present. Fr Peter invites you to place in the suggestion box at Leongatha in the foyer your requests for particular needs (eg –healing from Cancer and other illnesses, depression, loneliness, marriage worries, new school year for our young people and other needs). Korumburra Parishioners may give Fr Peter there intentions at mass on Sunday or to Fr Siju on Wednesday.

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## LEONGATHA PARISH:

**Fr Peter farewell** will be held after the 5pm mass Leongatha on Saturday 11th February. Please bring a plate. There will be a card in the foyer to sign with a donation box

**Lenten Reflection Booklets**—Can you believe that Lent is only 3 weeks away! This year’s Lenten Program booklet “Triumph” includes short daily reflections beginning Ash Wednesday (Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>) and going through to Easter Sunday. Each Sunday has an in-depth session on the Gospel with a related Art Reflection. “Triumph” can easily be used as an individual at home or you can join our weekly Lenten Discussion Group on Monday afternoons 1.30 – 3.30 in the Parish Centre beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup>. All most welcome to come along. Booklets cost \$10 and can be bought from the Leongatha Piety Stall.

**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 most welcome

**A Mass** will be offered at the Saturday 5pm mass on Sat 11th Feb for Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart, who ministered in the Community at St Laurence O’Toole’s Leongatha between 1914 and 2006.

A plaque will be placed in the Church by Fr Peter Bickley which he received from a mass at Warragul recently, by Bishop Greg Bennet.

## KORUMBURRA PARISH:

**Fr Peter farewell** will be held after the 9.30am mass Korumburra today.

**Korumburra Family Group** will be dining at Old Dalyston Church on SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> Feb at 12.30pm. If you are interested in joining us on this day could you please ring Barbara 0427 743 335.

**Parish Suggestion Box** - Over coming weeks St Joseph’s is introducing a Suggestion Box for Parishioners to make suggestions on any aspects of Parish Life and operations. Suggestion forms will be available adjacent to the Suggestion Box.

If Parishioners provide their name and contact details, Suggestions will be acknowledged and responded to as soon as practical by either the Parish Pastoral or Finance Council. Anonymous Suggestions are also welcome. The Suggestion Box and Suggestion forms are located on the rear wall of the Church adjacent to the Poor Box.

**St Joseph’s Parish** as a fundraiser will be holding a “Car Boot Sale” on the Church Car Park Grounds Saturday 25th February, 2023 for 7.00am to 1.00pm. For more information please contact David Jackson on 0474 136 469