

# Third Sunday of Easter

Year B

Sunday 14th April, 2024

## Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

## First Reading Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.*

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

### The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

**(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.**

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;  
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;  
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **(R.)**
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.  
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **(R.)**
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,  
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **(R.)**

## Second Reading 1 John 2:1-5

### A reading from the first letter of St John

*Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.*

I am writing this, my children,  
to stop you sinning;  
but if anyone should sin,  
we have our advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ, who is just;  
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,  
and not only ours,  
but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God  
only by keeping his commandments.  
Anyone who says, 'I know him',  
and does not keep his commandments,  
is a liar,  
refusing to admit the truth.  
But when anyone does obey what he has said,  
God's love comes to perfection in him.

### The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation See Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel Luke 24:35-48

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

*It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.*

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

### The Gospel of the Lord



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

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## WEEKEND MASSES

<b>Leongatha</b>	<b>Korumburra</b>
Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 9.30am
Sunday 11.00am	

**Tarwin Lower NO MASS 20th Apr or 18th May**

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 **NO MASS 5th May**  
Liturgy with H/C 9.30 Sunday 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th

**Meeniyon NO MASS 27th Apr, 11th May**

Mass— Mass Saturday before 2nd & 4th Sunday at 4.00pm  
Liturgy with H/C 9.30am on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday's

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

### KORUMBURRA

<b>Wednesday</b>	No Mass or Liturgy	
<b>LEONGATHA</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	Litugy —Church	5.00pm
<b>Thursday</b>	No Mass or Liturgy	9.30am
<b>Friday</b>	Funeral Prayers—John Bowler	1.00pm

### LEONGATHA

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Recently Deceased:** John Bowler, Geoff Michael, Rodney Emmerson,

**Anniversaries:** Margaret Kindellan, Maria Ciccia, Laura Colombo, Alfredo Sr, Peter Veltri, Jon Veltri, Lisa Clark,

The deceased Clergy of the Diocese of Sale

**Sick:** Vin McDonald, Nellie McDonald, Cathy Abood, Brodie Gollop

## PARISH ROSTERS

<b>LEONGATHA:</b>	<b>20th April</b>	<b>21st April</b>
Flowers:	Shirleyanne Wright	
Cleaning:	M Dortman / K McDonald	
Greeter:	D Knez	J Schelling
Reader:	J Bleaser	N Dudman
Special Minister:	S Fraser	S Seabrook

## KORUMBURRA:

28/4 Cleaning: D Brookes  
21/4 Greeter: B Hosking

## April

Reader: M Ludenia  
Commentator: D Matthews  
Special Minister: J Rattle  
Laundry: D Brookes  
Flowers: Jackson Family

## 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*

# SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

## Post-resurrection accounts

All four gospels include post-resurrection appearances of the risen Jesus. The gospel of Mark – historically, the first written – gives the briefest account of the resurrection discovery and it is only in a later addition to the gospel that a post-resurrection account appears. However, by the time the gospel of John was written, some 20-30 years later, the theological importance of the resurrection had gained more significance as it became more obvious that Jesus' return to the world was not going to happen within the foreseeable future. The gospel of John devotes two whole chapters to the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus.

### OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

#### St Laurence's Parish:

Stewardship envelope: \$905.00  
 Stewardship cash (1st offering) \$1,329.95  
 Presbytery (2nd offering) \$298.00  
 Holy Land Special Collection \$866.65

#### St Joseph's Parish

Stewardship envelope: \$147.00  
 Stewardship cash (1st offering) \$240.65  
 Presbytery (2nd offering) \$351.70  
 Holy Land Special Collection \$433.25

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

New Parishioner  Change of Address or Phone #

Thanksgiving: Envelopes  or Electronically

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate Ghosts, meals and humanity

When Jesus appeared to them, the disciples thought they were seeing a ghost, a sort of projection of a human image on the screen of the world but with no human depth and vitality. In fact, ghosts seem to drain life and warmth from those they encounter.

The disciples became convinced that they were in the presence of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ when he assumed a characteristic way of acting – sharing a companionable meal (of fish).

His bodily presence of *that* sort is now withdrawn from us. But we are now encountered by him in the Mass which has many dimensions, one of which is that of a sacred meal. When we share in the sacramental signs of his Real Presence in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion, he brings us the life and warmth of the Risen Son.

In fact, he shares his very life with us, and because his life is gloriously fully human, we become less ghost-like as he heals those parts of our personality which drain goodness and vitality from the world.

We could take a moment to pray to take greater opportunities to share in the Real Presence of Our Risen Lord under the appearance of bread and wine. This will move us from the illusion of being alive to that vitality which is nourished by his glorified humanity.

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"They offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes."

Luke 24:42-43

### 2024 St Joseph's & St Laurence's Sacramental Dates

Eucharist Parent and Child Workshop for families of Grade 4 students	Thursday, August 1 at 5:30pm
Eucharist Sacramental Celebratory Liturgy for families of Grade 4 students	Saturday, August 31 at 5:30pm
Confirmation Parent and Child Workshop for families of Grade 6 students	Thursday, May 30 at 5:30pm
Confirmation Sacramental Celebratory Liturgy for families of Grade 6 students	Thursday, July 25 at 5:00pm

# Parish/Diocese News

**Fr Stanly** will be away on annual holidays from 15<sup>th</sup> April to 23<sup>rd</sup> May. During this time, Fr Peter Bickley and Fr Peter Kooloos will be supplying during the weekend at Leongatha and Korumburra. There won't be Masses celebrated at Mirboo North, Meeniyan and Tarwin Lower during this time.

**Project Compassion Boxes/Envelopes** can be returned at your earliest convenience.

**Reminder** that all volunteers who have not returned the signed "Code of Conduct" for Safeguarding to office, to please do so at your earliest convenience. If you have misplaced the form please contact Ann at the Parish office.

## LEONGATHA PARISH:

**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:** 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, 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 group united in prayer to save our children.

## KORUMBURRA PARISH:

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



## FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN

"Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world."

- Pope Francis -

## Saint Mary's Maffra Church Building Centenary 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**11 a.m. – Mass with The Most Reverend Bishop Of Sale, Greg Bennet.**

**12 Noon – Catered lunch at St. Mary's Hall, Duke St. Maffra.  
B.Y.O. drinks. Cordial tea and coffee provided.**

**R.S.V.P. – With numbers for catering essential by 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
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