

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Year C

Sunday, 18th May 2025

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 97:1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v. 1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign. **(R.)**
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading Revelation 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men.'

He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.
My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples.'



The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon Cf John 15:1,5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.



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

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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. **No Mass on Saturday 14th June—Liturgy with
Holy Communion will be held.**

Mirboo Nth

Mass— Mass 1st Sunday at 4.00pm
Liturgy with H/C 9.30 Sunday 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th
**No Mass will be held on Sunday 1st Jun. Liturgy will Holy
Communion will be at 9.30 Sunday**

Meeniyar

Mass— Mass Saturday before 2nd & 4th Sunday at
4.00pm
Liturgy with H/C 9.30am on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday's
**No Mass held on 24th May & 7th June. Liturgy with Holy
Communion will be held on the Sundays at 9.30am**

Weekday Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Times

KORUMBURRA

Wednesday	No Service
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LEONGATHA

Tuesday	Liturgy with Holy Communion	5.00pm
Thursday	Liturgy with Holy Communion	9.30am
Friday	Liturgy with Holy Communion	9.30am

RECONCILIATION TIMES

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

Korumburra: Sun before 9.30am Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Antonietta Aloe

Anniversaries: Salvatore Materia

The deceased Clergy of the Diocese of Sale

Repose of the Soul: Frank Mamone

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

Sick: Ann Denbrok

PARISH ROSTERS

LEONGATHA:

24th May

25th May

Flowers:	E Stephens	
Cleaning:	A Fleming / K Joseph	
Greeting:	T Murphy	N Dudman
Reader:	T Murphy	N Dudman
Special Minister:	S Fraser	S Seabrook

KORUMBURRA:

25/5 Cleaning:	V&T Ferrone
25/5 Greeter:	B Hosking

May

Reader:	D Matthews
Commentator	D Whiteside
Special Minister	Maree, Lima, Sue
Laundry:	T Ferrone
Flowers:	M Trewin

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*

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

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Laurence's Parish:

Stewardship envelope:	\$664.00
Stewardship cash (1st offering)	\$244.65
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$660.00

St Joseph's Parish

Stewardship envelope:	\$92.00
Stewardship cash (1st offering)	\$234.90
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$356.70

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 ☐

Dear Parishioners,

Appeal for Volunteers I earnestly invite more members of our parish community to become actively involved in the life and mission of our parishes through volunteer service. As many of you may have observed, especially during the Easter season and on weekends, the same few individuals are forced to take on multiple responsibilities during our liturgical celebrations and parish activities. I warmly encourage anyone who is willing, especially **our youth** to consider serving as a **sacristan, reader, extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, Altar Server**, or in other roles as needed. A sign-up sheet will be available in the church foyer in the coming weeks, where you may indicate your availability and willingness to assist. (Training will be provided in due course)

Visit to India From 19th May to 19th June, I will be away in India visiting my parents and family. During this time, **Fr Marin Dixon** and **Fr Peter Bickley** will celebrate the weekend Masses at **Korumburra** and **Leongatha** churches. Please note that there will be **no Masses celebrated** during this period in **Meenyan, Mirboo North, or Tarwin Lower**. Kindly refer to the **weekly parish bulletin** for details regarding other liturgical arrangements during the weekdays in this time.

With every blessing and assurance of my prayers,

Fr Stanly Devasia Parish Priest

Baptism Workshop Members of the Diocesan Pastoral Life and Mission Team are workshopping a resource for use in the Baptism Preparation of Infants across the diocese in 2025. This new resource will provide parishes with an easy-to use-preplanned resource which can support both those new to the role and those who have been in the role for a while. Anyone involved in Baptism preparation are invited to attend one of the sessions. Those invited include Clergy, Baptism Preparation Teams, Sacrament Coordinators, Pastoral Associates and interested parishioners thinking about this important ministry. To be held at St Laurence's Parish Centre Leongatha on June 24th 7.00pm until 8.30pm

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

Eucharist Parent and Child Workshop for families of Grade 4 students	Thursday, 29 May 2025 at 5:30pm St Joseph's Primary School
Eucharist Sacramental Celebratory Liturgy for families of Grade 4 students	Korumburra 27 July 2025 at 9.30am Leongatha 26 July 2025 at 5.30pm Leongatha 27 July 2025 at 11.00am
Confirmation Parent and Child Workshop for families of Grade 6 students	Thursday, 24 July at 5:30pm St Joseph's Primary School
Confirmation Sacramental Celebratory Liturgy for families of Grade 6 students	Thursday, 21st August 2025 at 5:00pm St Joseph's Korumburra

Parish/Diocese News

Fr Stanly will be away on leave from Mon 19th May—20th Jun 2025

Bursary Fund Special Collection will be held this weekend for the training of Seminarians and Priests.

Jubilee Year Celebrations: Jubilee of Clergy and Religious

As part of the ongoing Jubilee Year of Hope, Leongatha and Korumburra Parishes have been invited to serve as a *pilgrim centre* for the month of June, in honour of the Jubilee of the Clergy and Religious within our diocese.

This celebration will include two key events:

- **On the weekend of 21st/22nd June**, all Sale diocesan clergy will participate in a “*pulpit swap*,” visiting neighbouring parishes to celebrate Masses and Sacraments. This initiative aims to promote prayer and awareness for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

On Friday, 27th June at 4:00 PM, Bishop Greg will celebrate a special Jubilee Mass in Leongatha, joined by clergy, religious, and pilgrims from across the diocese. This will be followed by a light dinner and refreshments.

Korumburra Parish will also participate in this Jubilee celebration in a unique and prayerful way. On **Friday, 27th June**, the **Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in Korumburra Church from 12:00 PM onwards**, offering a special time of Adoration focused on *praying for vocations*. Parishioners are warmly invited to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament, asking that more young people may hear and respond to God’s call in their lives—especially to the priesthood within our diocese.

From **12:00 PM to 3:30 PM**, pilgrims travelling through Korumburra will also be welcomed to stop at our church to join in silent prayer for this important intention. At **3:30 PM**, we will conclude Adoration and travel to Leongatha for the Jubilee Mass at 4:00 PM.

Jubilee of Workers – Sunday 25 May at Cowes The Jubilee of Workers honours the essential contribution of all workers to our society — whether in trades or professions, as employees or volunteers. It also acknowledges St Joseph, the model and patron of all workers.

This special Jubilee celebration will be held at St Mary’s, Cowes, on Sunday 25th May at 9:00am. All are warmly invited to make a pilgrimage to this celebration as part of their journey through the Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope

LEONGATHA PARISH:

Results of CWL Mothers Day Raffle:

1st Hyancinth Holloway, 2ns John Schelling,
3rd Loretta McDonald 4th Angelina Polato
Thank you to all for the support \$504 was raised

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, 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.

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KORUMBURRA PARISH:

Following Mr. Eddy Hams’ appeal: We have been heartened by the generous response from many of you regarding the purchase of a new lawn mower. Your support is sincerely appreciated.

For those who wish to contribute further, a small donation box will be placed on the desk in the foyer. Any additional contributions toward this cause would be most welcome. Thank you once again for your continued generosity and support.

Cuppa after mass on the First Sunday the Month

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“Love one another:
just as I have loved you.”

John 13:34