

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Sunday 19th November, 2023

Entrance Antiphon Jeremiah 29:11,12,14
The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31
A reading from the book of Proverbs

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1
(R.) **Happy are those who fear the Lord.**

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. (R.)
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Thessalonians

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you,
brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very
well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief
in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and
peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly
as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there
will be no way for anybody to evade it.
But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for
that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons

of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the
night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as
everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation John 15:4. 5
Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30
A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew

*Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into
the joy of the Lord.*

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom
of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who
summoned his servants and entrusted his property to
them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a
third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set
out. The man who had received the five talents promptly
went and traded with them and made five more. The man
who had received two made two more in the same way.
But the man who had received one went off and dug a
hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a
long time after, the master of those servants came back
and went through his accounts with them. The man who
had received the five talents came forward bringing five
more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents;
here are five more that I have made." His master said to
him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have
shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you
with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."
Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir,"
he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two
more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well
done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can
be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater;
come and join in your master's happiness." Last came
forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I
had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have
not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so
I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the
ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But
his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant!
So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and
gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should
have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my
return I would have recovered my capital with interest.
So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man
who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will
be given more, and he will have more than enough; but
from the man who has not, even what he has will be
taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw
him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and
grinding of teeth.'"

The Gospel of the Lord

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

St Laurence O'Toole Leongatha

St Kevin's Meeniyar

St Joseph's Mirboo North

St Andrew's Tarwin Lower

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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

Meeniyar

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

Recently Deceased: Cris Torquator

Anniversaries: Agnes Doyle, Monica Cummins, Jack Cummins, Michele Rao, Fr Edward O'Malley, Bishop Jeremiah Coffey, Fr Tim McInnes, Mgr Bill Caffrey

Sick: Rita Lamers, Vin McDonald, Nellie McDonald, Cathy Abood, Leon Gray and Brodie Gollop

PARISH ROSTERS

LEONGATHA:

25th Nov

26th Nov

Flowers:

E Stephens

Cleaning:

J Shea / L Fiddlears

Greeter:

J Casey

S Cannata

Reader:

T Bourke

S Seabrook

Special Minister:

M Casey

J Fiddelaers

KORUMBURRA:

26/11 Cleaning:

M Trewin

19/11 Greeter:

B Hosking

Nov

Reader

Speekman Family

Commentator

D Brookes

Special Minister

J Rattle

Laundry:

T Ferrone

Weekday Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Times

KORUMBURRA

Wednesday

No Mass or Liturgy

LEONGATHA

Tuesday

Liturgy

5.00pm

Thursday

Friday

Liturgy

9.30am

RECONCILIATION TIMES

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

Korumburra: Sun before 9.30am mass

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*

Exploring the Gospel according to Mark

For Year B (2024)



You are invited to an evening over Zoom with Fr Francis Otobo, while he takes us through the Gospel of Mark in preparation for Year B.

- Context
- Central question
- Structures to address this central question
- Recontextualisation
- Year B in the Lectionary

Venue: Zoom
Date: Tuesday, 21st November 2023
Time: 7:30pm to 9:00pm
Presenter: Fr Francis Otobo
RSVP: Please register to receive the link



Fr. Francis Otobo is a dynamic scholar with a PhD from the University of Divinity (2019). He lectures in New Testament at Yarra Theological Union. He earned a Bachelor of Sacred Theology in 2001 and a Graduate Diploma in Biblical Studies in 2014. His research focuses on the early followers of Jesus and the Holy Spirit's role, especially in the Gospels and Acts. Fr. Francis also serves as the Dean of St Mary's Cathedral, Sale and chaplain to the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Diocese of Sale.

Registration: <https://www.trybooking.com/CMOVR>
Email: sijiD@sale.catholic.org.au / 03 5614 5163



Mary's Advent Journey

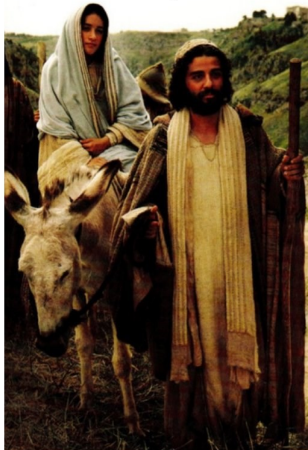
Journey with Mary in her response to God's call
Become aware of God's presence this Advent

Four Thursdays: 30 Nov, 7 Dec, 14 Dec, 21 Dec
Two time options: 10.30am or 7.00pm
Our Lady Help of Christians Church
496 Princes Highway Narre Warren



BOOKINGS: Parish Centre:
03-9704-7935, olhc@olhc.org.au
FREE to attend, donations towards the ministry are welcome, thank you

Facilitators: Theresa Denny and Geraldine Naismith,
Emmaus Spirituality Ministry
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OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Laurence's Parish:

Stewardship envelope:	\$520.00
Stewardship cash (1st offering)	\$366.55
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$562.50

St Joseph's Parish

Stewardship envelope:	\$72.00
Stewardship cash (1st offering)	\$115.00
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$347.00

Thank you for your contributions, they are greatly appreciated.

God's Ecumenical Men Servants



Annual Dinner 2023 (Ladies Included)

Leongatha RSL Wed. 6th Dec

@ 6.30pm (Dinner Selection From Menu)

Presentation By Dean Richardson:

Crossing Central Aust. East To West

***PLEASE SUPPORT THIS ONCE A YEAR ECUMENICAL EVENT**

Event Includes: Christmas Carol Singalong with music. RSVP

UCA) Len Trease 0427625496. (Catholic) Sam Nicita 56649306. (Anglican) Bruce Campbell 0427 221 995
Mal Fletcher 56642391 (Salvation Army) Russell Spencer 5668 6230 (AOG) John Hermans
0408305880 (CRC) Otto Ippel 0491685664



Ecumenical Pleasant Sunday Afternoon

CHRISTMAS CONCERT (Outdoors weather permitting)

Scots Pioneer Church 1191 Mardan Rd Mardan

November 26th 2023 at 2 pm Music By **Shire Brass Band**



- *Christmas Carols
- *Local Artists
- *Community Singing
- *Afternoon Tea Provided

(Please byo chair if outside)

Contact
samnicita@outlook.com
0447205434

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 ☐

Parish Events

Fr Stanly will be away from Monday 20th November to Friday 24th November (incl)

Parish Office will be closed on Friday 24th November 2023



SHINE THE LIGHT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: We are called to be children of light not darkness. Today our Diocese joins together to Shine a Light on the Domestic Violence that occurs behind the shield of the family home. Pray for its end and find out what you can do by reading the resources available at: <https://www.cdsale.org.au/sa>

LEONGATHA PARISH:

Piety Stall SVDP Christmas cards (packs of 5) and Columban calendars for 2024, \$10 each, now available.

Mass Ministries Thank you to all those who serve our Parish in these roles. A new roster for 2024 will soon be made up. If you would like to be a Greeter, Special Minister, Reader or help with monthly Cuppa please add your name to the clip board in the foyer and indicate preferred Mass time. Current names will be carried forward so please record if you are no longer available.

Choir Practice will be held at St Laurence's Church on Tues 21st Nov at 7.30pm. Christmas Choir Practice will be held on 5th, 12th, 19th Dec at 7.30pm. New members welcomed.

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.

During the month of November if a mass is scheduled at St Joseph's Church Korumburra the church will remain open between the hours of 9 am to 11 am on Wednesdays for quiet prayer before and after 9:30 Mass.

Advent study group for St. Joseph's Korumburra will begin on Wednesday 29th November after the weekday Mass at 10:15. All are welcome. Please advise Maree Ludenia if you wish to attend, so that sufficient materials may be provided. 0490 517 790 mareelud@gmail.com

The Korumburra Family Group will get together at the Rainbow Palace chinese on SUNDAY 26th November at 12.30pm. All are very welcome to come along. Please ring Betty Fowles on 0438 575855 to book by 19th Nov

A perfect opportunity to enrich your Advent journey: a series of virtual Advent talks



by four Australian biblical scholars, Prof Mary Coloe PBVM, Dr Mary Reaburn

NDS, Dr Chris Monaghan CP, Dr Janina Hiebel from Yarra Theological Union, a College of the University of Divinity.

Each wee?k this group of accomplished guides will work together to explore the readings for the week. WHEN:

Tuesdays – 28 November and 5, 12, 19 December 2023,

TIME: 7.00pm – 8.00pm AEDT*, WHERE: Via Zoom

meeting, COST: Free For more information and registration please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/2pkez5pp>

French Christmas Market



Friday November 24th

3.30 pm to 7 pm

St Laurence O'Toole Primary School, 33-35 Ogilvy St, Leongatha.

- RIDES
- Free Activities

CHRISTMAS GIFTS
Make a Christmas list and get all your shopping done in one place. Every dollar you spend at this market is an investment in the community you belong to.

- LIVE MUSIC
- Meet Santa