

Third Sunday of Lent

Year A

Sunday, 23rd March 2025

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

First Reading

Ex 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

**(R.) If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.' **(R.)**

Second Reading

Rom 5:1-2. 5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners..

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

See Jn 4:42. 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Jn 4:5-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering
and who it is that is saying to you:
Give me a drink,
you would have been the one to ask,
and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water
will get thirsty again;
but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give
will never be thirsty again:
the water that I shall give
will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to
eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming
when you will worship the Father
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.
You worship what you do not know;
we worship what we do know;
for salvation comes from the Jews.
But the hour will come – in fact it is here already –
when true worshippers will worship the Father in
spirit and truth:

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

St Laurence O'Toole Leongatha

St Kevin's Meeniyar

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

Mirboo Nth
 Mass— Mass 1st Sunday at 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

Anniversaries: Paolo Calafiore
 The deceased Clergy of the Diocese of Sale
 Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light
 shine upon them. May they rest in peace.”

Sick: Mel Bolge

PARISH ROSTERS

LEONGATHA:

29th Mar	30th Mar
Flowers: No Flowers—Lent	
Cleaning: K Clark / J Sing	
Greeting: A Vaughan	M Patterson
Reader: A Hemming	J Schelling
Special Minister: G Mounsey	J Schelling

KORUMBURRA:

06/04 Cleaning:	B Hosking/M Barrett
30/03 Greeter:	J Loughnan

March

Reader:	F Fowles
Commentator	D Brookes
Special Minister	M Ludenia
Laundry:	M Trewin
Flowers:	No Flowers

Weekday Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Times

KORUMBURRA

Wednesday	Mass	9.30am
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LEONGATHA

Tuesday	Mass	5.00pm
Thursday	Mass	5.00pm
Friday	Parish/Class Mass Stations of the Cross	9.30am 5.30pm

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

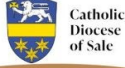
RECONCILIATION TIMES

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

Come and See

A call to the priesthood



AN OPPORTUNITY

To meet with others who are also discerning a vocation to ministry, and hearing from priests, stories of their life and call to ministry.

Sunday, 30th March 2025
3:00-4:30 pm

St Michael's Parish
33-35 Kay St, Traralgon VIC 3844

A stirring in your heart for God?
What this might mean for you?

Could Jesus be inviting you to
share in his ministry as a Priest?

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

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The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people, 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him.

Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat'; but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said:

'My food
is to do the will of the one who sent me,
and to complete his work.
Have you not got a saying:
Four months and then the harvest?
Well, I tell you:
Look around you, look at the fields;
already they are white, ready for harvest!
Already the reaper is being paid his wages,
already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life,
and thus sower and reaper rejoice together.
For here the proverb holds good:
one sows, another reaps;
I sent you to reap
a harvest you had not worked for.
Others worked for it;
and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Word

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Laurence's Parish:

Stewardship envelope: \$986.00
Stewardship cash (1st offering) \$751.50
Presbytery (2nd offering) \$697.25

St Joseph's Parish

Stewardship envelope: \$139.00
Stewardship cash (1st offering) \$177.00
Presbytery (2nd offering) \$322.80

Thank you for your contributions, they are greatly appreciated.

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

Parish Office will be closed on Thursday 27th March 2025

LEONGATHA PARISH:

Palm Sunday & Easter Choir Practice will be held at in Parish Centre 7.30pm on Tues 1st, 8th, 15th April. New Members are welcomed

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, grand-children 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:

Maintenance of Church grounds: For several years one of our kind parishioners has undertaken regular slashing of the land on the western side of the Church. We are now looking for volunteers to maintain the remainder of the lawns and grounds around the rest of the Church & Presbytery. Enquiries please to Vic Ferrone 0490 049 786

Cuppa after Mass on the First Sunday the Month

A Prayer for the Elect

Life-Giving Father, you desire that we may be one in Christ, so that all creation may give you praise.

Look kindly upon the Elect whom you have fed at your table of your Word, and strengthen them as they approach the waters of Baptism to be reborn and anointed as your own.

We pray especially for the Elect of our Diocese. Through the power of your Word, our life of prayer, and the example of Christ's love we share with those in need, may they soon rejoice at the table of the Eucharist.

There we shall stand as one body united in the Holy Spirit to offer you praise and thanksgiving through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



St Laurence's Leongatha Parish & St Joseph's Korumburra Parish

HOLY THURSDAY 17th April

Leongatha: 7.30pm
Korumburra: 7.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY 18th April

Stations of the Cross

Meeniyah: 10.00am
Mirboo North: 10.00am

GOOD FRIDAY 18th April

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Leongatha: 2.30pm
Korumburra: 2.30pm

EASTER VIGIL 19th April

Leongatha 7.30pm
Korumburra 7.30pm

EASTER SUNDAY 20th April

Meeniyah: 9.00am Mirboo North 9.00am
Tarwin Lower: 11.00am at Mechanics Institute Hall
Leongatha 11.00am

Reconciliation

Leongatha: Wednesday 16th April 7.00pm
Korumburra: Wednesday 9th April 7.00pm



Third Sunday of Lent 22nd and 23rd of March 2025

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.



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