

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

Sunday, 25th September 2022

Entrance Antiphon Dn 3:31,29,30,43,42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading

Am 6:1. 4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R.)**
3. He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Tm 6:11-16

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 16:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope.

This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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

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WEEKEND MASSES	
Leongatha Saturday 5.00pm Sunday 11.00am 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 Meeniyán Mass— Sunday 9.30am 2nd & 4th Sun Liturgy with H/C 9.30am 1st , 3rd & 5th Sun	Korumburra Sunday 9.30am

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Anniversaries: Mary Mounsey, Ricki Hanily, Pearl Connelly, Rosa Schinina, Benedetta Lomagno, Emanuele Lomagno, Matteo Materia
 Fr John Black, Fr John Dunlea

Sick: Pauline Kamphuis, Brodie Gollop

Weekday Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Times		
KORUMBURRA		
Wednesday	Mass—Church	11.30am
LEONGATHA		
Tuesday	Liturgy—Church	5.00pm
Thursday	Mass— Church	9.30am
Friday	Liturgy – Church	9.30am

PARISH ROSTERS		
LEONGATHA:	1st Oct	2nd Oct
Flowers	K Clark	
Cleaning:	M&B Thomas	
Greeter:	J Casey	L Dal Santo
Reader:	J or A Kemper	J Schelling
Special Minister:	P Bowler	S Seabrook
Cuppa after Mass	L Dal Santo	D&V O'Connor
	E Stephens	
KORUMBURRA:	2nd Oct	
Cleaning:	D Brooks	
Greeter :	B Hosking	
October		
Reader	D Brookes	
Commentator	L Hartley	
Flowers	D Collard	

RECONCILIATION TIMES	
Leongatha:	Friday after 9.30am Mass & before 5pm Mass on Saturday
Korumburra:	Sun before 9.30am mass

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

GOSPEL FOCUS

Rising from the dead

At the end of the passage, Abraham says that if the people of Israel have not been convinced to change their ways by the great prophets throughout time, then "they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead." This is obviously a reference to the fact that by the time of the writing of this gospel - some 50+ years after Jesus - most of the Jews remained unconvinced by the message of Jesus, despite his rising from the dead. It is an indication of the rising tension between Jews and Christians at the time of writing.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Insects, Heaven and Hell

The rich man ('Dives') is so totally *self*-absorbed in the *self*-indulgence of his wealth that he does not even notice poor Lazarus at his gate. *He* created such a huge chasm between himself and the poor that not one crumb of food or companionship could cross over to Lazarus.

This chasm, *created* by Dives, was fixed at the moment of his death so that not one part of the life of Paradise could cross over to him – not even a drop of water. Hell is not a punishment sent by God. It is simply the continuation of the Divide which some have chosen as that which defines who they are. Hell is of our own making.

We could pause for a moment to check that we are making such choices that we become amongst those 'carried gently by the angels into Paradise'

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OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Laurence Parish:

Stewardship envelope:	\$837.50
Stewardship cash (1st offering)	\$263.25
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$451.70

St Joseph Parish Korumburra

Stewardship envelope:	\$591.00
Stewardship cast (1st offering)	\$144.70
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$294.65

Thank you for your contributions, they are greatly appreciated.

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

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

ATTENTION ALL PARISHES

Please turn off all mobile phones or place on silent

Fr Peter will be away from Mon 26th Sep to Fri 30th Sep for a Clergy in-service.

The East Gippsland Parish Community invites you to this Rosary Prayer event via Zoom during the month of October.

The Rosary takes us on a spiritual journey along with Mary in contemplation with her son Jesus. This powerful prayer is the storehouse of countless blessings.

Details:

Rosary prayed online each evening from 7.00pm – 7.30pm commencing 1st October through to 31st October.

You are invited to join us whenever you can!

Via Zoom

Event is free but you do need to register your interest.

Email Michelle stm.michelleg@gmail.com to receive a link to join us online. Or phone St Mary's Parish Centre 03 5152 2942 to leave your contact details. A link will be emailed to you for your participation.

We are so excited for you to be part of something amazing and marvellous - encountering Jesus by praying the Rosary with others.

Ecumencial Pleasant Sunday Afternoon 110 year Anniversary Celebration held at Scots Pioneer Church 1191 Mardan Road, Mardan on 25th September 2022 at 2pm. Presented by Mardan Historian Jenny McIlwaine. Displays from 1pm

LEONGATHA PARISH:

Josephite Companions next meeting is on Wednesday 19th October held in the Leongatha Parish Centre at 11.00am followed by a shared lunch. Any interested parishioners are most welcomed.

Enquires to Mary Patterson 0428 622 099

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

St Joseph's Mirboo Nth hold a cuppa after Mass every 3rd Sunday.

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 small group united in prayer to save our children.

KORUMBURRA PARISH:

Thank you to those who decided to go to the Church Grounds on Saturday last week to do a tidy about .

Cuppa will be held after Mass on the 1st Sunday of every month.

