

# Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

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Sunday 29th June 2025

## First Reading Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*Now I know it is indeed true: the Lord has saved me from the power of Herod.*

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

The Word of Lord

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-9. R. v.5

**(R.) The Lord set me free from all my fears.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. **(R.)**
3. Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. **(R.)**
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped  
around those who revere him, to rescue them.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **(R.)**

## Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*All that remains now is the crown of righteousness.*

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Gospel of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

## Gospel Matthew 16:13-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*You are Peter, and I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

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# St. Joseph's Wonthaggi & Our Lady Star of the Sea, Inverloch

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### WEEKEND MASSES

#### Wonthaggi

Saturday 6.30pm  
Sunday 10.30am

#### Inverloch

Sunday 9.00am

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

#### Inverloch

Tuesday	Mass	11.00am
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#### Wonthaggi

Wednesday	Mass	9.30am
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Friday	Mass	9.30am
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### Please Pray for:

**Anniversaries:** Leo O'Connor, Arteena O'Conor

For 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."*

We pray for the sick, lonely and those suffering from illness and pain. May God's merciful love shine on them.

### PARISH ROSTERS

#### WONTHAGGI:

**5th July**  
Greeting/Reader A Tschiderer  
Sacristan: K Carew  
Special Minister: L Akers  
Offertory: S Joseph  
B Akers

#### 6th July

P Morissey  
C Gow  
M O'Callaghan  
C Canter  
C Ribet

#### INVERLOCH:

**6th July**  
Reader: P Warby  
Special Minister: J de Bondt

### OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

#### St Joseph's Parish:

Presbytery (1st Collection)	\$1,084.40
Planned Giving envelope (2nd Collection):	\$ 696.00
<i>(planned giving pledge per week \$1,968)</i>	
Loose cash (2nd offering)	\$ 326.30

### RECONCILIATION TIMES

**Wonthaggi:** Before 6.30pm Mass on Saturday and upon request

**Inverloch:** Sun before 9.00am 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 the Parish Child Safety Officer. The officer can be contacted through the Parish Office. 03 56 721 111*

### Newcomers or Update Details

Welcome and thanks for worshipping with us at St Joseph's Wonthaggi and Our Lady Star of the Sea Inverloch.

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 ☐

## Holy Mass with Healing Prayers



By his wounds we are healed

Isaiah 53:5

St Laurence O'Toole Catholic Church Leongatha

Fr Rojan George Vincentian Priest

Saturday 12th July 2025

Rosary 5.00pm

Mass 5.30pm

Exposition and Healing Prayers 6.30pm

Please bring a plate to share

## Parish/Diocese News

**Parish Office will be opened next week on Tues 1st July and not on Wed 2nd July**

### St Vincent de Paul Conference

St Vincent de Paul Conference would be grateful if you could support our annual winter appeal.

Non perishable goods could be placed in the bins in the church foyer or monetary gifts placed in available envelopes.

Alternatively, donations could be made to the leaving collection on 5th or 6th July.

We are assisting approximately one hundred and forty households in our area.

You have been generous in your assistance in the past and we hope you can respond again this year.

Mary Morrissey, President.

**Stay Updated on Diocesan Events:** There are many exciting events happening across our Diocese! Stay informed and up to date by visiting the **Diocesan Events Page**. It's a great resource to find details on upcoming celebrations, gatherings, and important dates. Visit: <https://www.cdsale.org.au/events>

**Jubilee of Prayer Groups** - as part of the Jubilee celebrations, St Joseph's Parish Wonthaggi will Host this event on Saturday 16th August 2025. This will begin at Inverloch Church for Rosary and Stations of the Cross at 3pm followed by a Cuppa. Pilgrims will then travel to Wonthaggi Parish for prayers and chat with different Prayer Groups, followed by the evening mass at 6.30pm. More details to follow but please mark your calendars now for this Diocese of Sale Event

**Prayer Group** will meet on Monday's at 1.15pm at Wonthaggi Church each week. The Group read the Scriptures and reflect upon the coming Sunday's Gospel. Prayer is shared individually and as a group they endeavour to live their daily lives and strengthen their Faith. "Come Holy Spirit"

**St. Joseph's Parish Meditation Group**—the Meditation Group meets every Tuesday from 1.30pm in Inverloch. We are part of the World Community for Christian Meditation, which is based on the practice from the Benedictine desert fathers of the 4th Century. The WCCM is an ecumenical community led by FR Laurence Freeman OSB. We listen to motivational recordings, and then meditate for twenty minutes. After we meditate, we read the gospel for the next week, which leads onto an interesting discussion. Contact Julie de Bondt on 0407535032 for more information.

**Prayer Shawl Group** Plenty of wool & patterns are freely available. Come along to enjoy a cuppa & chat while knitting or crocheting!

For enquiries: Philippa Warby 0408 331 340 or Maureen Maartensz 0407 055 447

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Did you notice in the first reading that, whilst Peter was in prison, 'the whole Church kept on praying incessantly for him'? This constant prayer played its part in Peter's being freed from the chains which bound him, the shackles which fettered him. Prayer of the community was essential to his being freed from prison.

What are the shackles or chains which fetter the successor of St Peter? What prison walls need to be shattered so that he can preach the marvels of God in ways which affect the hearts of humanity? We know prayer of the community, i.e., of us, will be essential to his being freed – from what? A Pope could be imprisoned by a distorted or impoverished idea of 'the Church'.

In the Gospel, our Lord says to Simon son of Jonah: 'You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church'. 'My church' – the church desired by our Lord, not a church designed by all too earthly ambitions, a church whose structure owes much to the Roman empire, and later to Euro-centric models spanning the last millennia or so.

May the Church, the Church of the third millennium, be unshackled from the chains of various historical eras so that the Pope, in giving an account of his ministry to the Lord will be able to say with St Paul, 'I have fought the good fight to the end,' by doing my best to heed your call 'rebuild my Church'.

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### Our Lady Star of the Sea—Inverloch

**Cuppa after Mass** will be held after mass on the First Sunday of the Month

### St Joseph's Wonthaggi

**Cuppa after Mass** will be held on the first Saturday and Sunday of the Month