

Second Sunday of Easter

Year C

Sunday, 27th April 2025

Entrance Antiphon 1 Peter 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
2. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**
3. O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the true God is our light. **(R.)**

Second Reading Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet,

'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book.

These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord

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**

Meeniyen

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**

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Pope Francis, Mary Pickersgill

Anniversaries: Arnald Stewart, Eileen Stewart,
Brian Sheehan

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."

PARISH ROSTERS

LEONGATHA:

3rd May

4th May

Flowers:

E Stephens

Cleaning:

K Battersby/J Walsh

Greeting:

M Patterson

S Cannata

Reader:

K Blenkowe

D Knez

Special Minister:

J Bleaser

N Dudman

Cuppa after Mass

R Yates

K Joseph

J Sing

H Holloway

KORUMBURRA:

20/04 Cleaning:

M Trewin

4/05 Greeter:

M Jackson

May

Reader:

D Matthews

Commentator

D Whiteside

Special Minister

M Ludenia

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

Weekday Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Times

KORUMBURRA

Wednesday

Mass

9.30am

LEONGATHA

Tuesday

Mass

5.00pm

Wednesday

Valerie O'Loughlin Funeral
Mass

1.00pm

Thursday

Mass

9.30am

Friday

Mass

9.30am

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The disciples did not purge their group of 'doubting Thomas'. They remained his companions, waiting for something or Someone to be revealed to him with them.

Doubt and questioning are a normal and proper part of being human. We should allow for this within the community of the Church. A point may come where a person may no longer remain in the Church with any integrity. But a dismissive, excluding Church is not the Church of this gospel story.

Within the companionship of the Church a doubter may hear the words: 'Peace be with you.' What sort of peace? It is that inner assurance that, in the midst of all the tribulations and the turmoil and the myriad precursor deaths which we suffer on all sorts of levels, the Conqueror of Death wants to be with us.

How can the Risen Lord be with us? In Holy Communion, and in those counted as least in the world. According to Matthew 25, He *is* those without the necessities of life: food, shelter, medical care, comfort in distress.

We could pause for a moment to savour that Peace which comes from faith in the Conqueror of Death and in his Real Presence in Holy Communion and in those in dire need.

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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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THANK YOU!

Caritas Australia would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return them next week at Mass.

Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty. Together, we are creating a better tomorrow, helping vulnerable communities build stronger futures for themselves and empowering them to break free from the cycle of poverty. Thank you for standing with us!



It's not too late to donate.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Laurence's Parish:

Stewardship envelope:	\$1,540.00
Stewardship cash (1st offering)	\$1,892.50
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$1,293.25
Holy Land Special Collection	\$1,044.55

St Joseph's Parish

Stewardship envelope:	\$52.00
Stewardship cash (1st offering)	\$238.30
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$315.55
Holy Land Special Collection	\$523.75

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

Dear Parishioners, Hope you had a wonderful Easter with your family and friends. I want to thank everyone who participated in several ways to make our liturgies and celebrations solemn, beautiful and enriching during the Holy Week. The celebrations of the last week would not have been grand and solemn without the generous participation of many of our parishioners. Thankyou.

Parish Office will close at 1.30pm on Monday 28th April 2025

Project Compassion Box/envelopes can be returned to the Church or Parish Office

Tarwin Lower Liturgy Services will now be held on Saturday evenings at 4.00pm

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>

Divine Mercy Sunday will be held on this Sunday 27th April 2025 at St. Ita's Church Drouin.

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

LEONGATHA PARISH:

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.

God's Ecumenical Men Servants Wed 7th May 6.30pm @ RSL Leongatha for a Dinner Meeting. Presentation by Terry Murphy on Mechanical Farming.
Contact Sam Nicita 0447 205 434 or samnicita@outlook.com

Ecumenical Pleasant Sunday Afternoon held at Scots Pioneer Church 1191 Mardan Road Mardan on 27th April 2025 at 2pm. Presentation by Lyn Skillern from Historical Society.
Contact Sam Nicita 0447 205 434 samnicita@outlook.com

KORUMBURRA PARISH:

Cuppa after Mass on the First Sunday the Month

Prayer for Pope Francis

Loving God, today, we grieve for our beloved Pope Francis. We know you join us in our grief, that you too weep at the death of your dear friend and companion as Jesus did at the tomb of Lazarus.

Welcome our beloved Pope Francis into your waiting arms. Envelop him in your eternal love. And comfort us in our mourning as we strive to continue to follow his Gospel example to encounter Christ in all people and in all places.

We thank you for the gift of Pope Francis. Through his life and teaching, you showed us how to love and serve one another, how to hear the cries of the poor and the cries of the earth and respond in compassionate love. Pope Francis, pray for us. Mary, Mother of Sorrows, comfort us.

Amen