# Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Year A - Sunday, 25th October 2026**

## First Reading Exodus 22:20-26

**A reading from the book of Exodus**

*If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.*

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."'

**The Word of the Lord**

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

**(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.**

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

## Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians**

*You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.*

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

**The Word of the Lord**

## Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

## Gospel Matthew 22:34-40

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

*You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

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## WEEKEND MASSES

**Wonthaggi**

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 10.30am

**Inverloch**

Sunday 9.00am

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

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| **Inverloch** | | |
| **Tuesday** | Adoration<br>Mass | 10.00am<br>11.00am |
| **Wonthaggi** | | |
| **Wednesday** | Adoration<br>Mass | 8.30am<br>9.30am |
| **Thursday** | No Serivce | |
| **Friday** | Adoration<br>Mass | 8.30am<br>9.30am |
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## Benedicition

**Wonthaggi:** 8.30am before First Friday of Month
**Inverloch:** 10.00am before First Tuesday of Month

## RECONCILIATION TIMES

**Wonthaggi:** Before 5.30pm 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***

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Recently Deceased:** Agnese Crestani,
Padraig (Patrick)Connelly
**Anniversaries:** George, Cassie & Paul Kavanagh
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:** | **31st Oct** | **1st Nov** |
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| Greeting/Reader | A Chisholm | B Heesh |
| Sacristan: | K Carew | C Gow |
| Special Minister: | J Coldebella | M O'Callaghan |

| **INVERLOCH:** | **Sunday 1st Nov** |
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| Reader: | M Readie |
| Special Minister: | P Warby |

## OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

**St Joseph's Parish:**

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| Presbytery (1st Collection) | $1,083.60 |
| Planned Giving | $1,080.00 |
| *(planned giving pledge per week $1,975.68)* | |
| Loose cash (2nd offering) | $288.55 |
| Catholic Missions Special Collection | $341.70 |

## 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 (please circle)




## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Our religious tradition is founded on love. Actually, life itself is grounded in love. We may not always feel this love, but if we allow ourselves to reflect on life, we will realise this truth. We have been called into being by God's love; and we will only be happy if we live in that love. Thus, when we are directed to love God and love one another, we are not being asked to do something contrary to our nature. Rather, we are being told to live in accord with that nature. We come from God who is love, and so it is in our very nature to love and to be loved.

We may sometimes think that it is easier to love God than to love others. It may actually be just the opposite. Other people are tangible. We can see and hear them, interact with them. Their influence in our lives can permeate our consciousness. That is not the way it is with God. Like Moses on the mountain, we can only see the traces of divinity as God passes by (see Ex 33:23). However, we show that we love God in the way we love our neighbour.

Love, the foundation of the reign of God, is contagious. When we love others, the reign of God spreads throughout the world. The compassion that we show toward others is a form of evangelisation. It proclaims much louder than any words that the reign of God has been established.

## St Joseph's Wonthaggi

**Cuppa after Mass** will be held on the First weekend of the month

## Our Lady Star of the Sea—Inverloch

**Cuppa after Mass** will be held on the first Sunday of the month

**CWL** next cake stall will be held on Sunday 1 Nov after the 9am Mass. Donations of homemade goods would be greatly appreciated.

# Parish/Diocese News

**The annual toiletry collection will be held during October,** shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant, etc are gratefully appreciated. Please place donations in the containers at both Churches.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Fr Mark will be offering a training session for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and those who take Communion to the home bound for both Wonthaggi and Inverloch Volunteers on Friday 30 Nov at Wonthaggi at 5.00pm.

**St. Joseph's Parish Meditation Group—**the Meditation Group meets every Tuesday during School Term from 1.30pm in the Annexe at the Inverloch Church followed by Gospel Reflection. All welcome

**World Youth Day 2027 will be held in Seoul, South Korea:** The Catholic Diocese of Sale and DOSCEL are jointly coordinating the Diocese of Sale pilgrimage to World Youth Day, Seoul 2027, led by Bishop Greg Bennet. The approximate date is 30 July 2027 to 8th August 2027 and the pilgrimage is open to young people aged 16-35 years. For more information please contact Fr Aneesh

**Prayer Shawl Group next meeting** Wed 28th Oct at 10.30am in Inverloch church Annes. Please contact us if you know anyone who would benefit from receiving a shawl or rug or anyone who would like to join our group . Wool & simple patterns are available .
Save the Date: Wednesday Nov 25th for our end of year night out . Details TBC.
Enquiries: Philippa Warby 0408 331 340 Maureen Maartensz 0407 055 447

**Prayer Group** will meet Monday's at 1.15pm at Wonthaggi Church each week. New members welcome.

**Save the Date:** Parish Luncheon will be held on Sunday 13th Dec at Midday. Wonthaggi Hotel 16 McBride Ave Wonthaggi.

**All Souls Cemetery Masses:** (Weather Permitting)
*Inverloch* Mon 2nd Nov 9.00am
*Wonthaggi* Mon 2nd Nov 11.00am
**Please bring a Chair**

**Junior Legion of Mary** meet on Wed 4.30pm - 6.00pm at Wonthaggi Church.

**Legion of Mary** Annual Mass Sat 7 Nov 12pm Rosary procession Magnificat House Nth Mel, Holy Mass 12.30pm St Mary Star of the Sea West Melbourne followed by Shared lunch Magnificat House Nth Melb 1.45pm

# Hymns for St Joseph's Wonthaggi Church

## WE WALK BY FAITH

*Marty Haugen*

We walk by faith, and not by sight:
No gracious words we hear
Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
But we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,
Nor follow where he trod;
Yet in his promise we rejoice,
And cry 'My Lord and God!'

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
And may our faith abound;
To call on you when you are near,
And seek where you are found:

That when our life of faith is done
In realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are
In full and endless sight.

We walk by faith, and not by sight:
No gracious words we hear
Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
But we believe him near

## Christians, Let Us Love One Another

*By Claudo Foltz, SNJM & Armond Nigro*

Christians, let us love one another,
as we share the true living bread.
Jesus is our God and our brother;
with his flesh and blood we are fed
Everyone who loves is born of God.
Jesus is our life, God is love.

We who break this bread are one body,
we who share this cup are all one,
children of our Father in heaven,
sharers of the life of God's Son.
Everyone who loves is born of God.
Jesus is our life, God is love.

We who eat and drink at this table
die and rise again with our Lord,
drawing from our rock living water
for all men who thirst for accord.
Everyone who loves is born of God.
Jesus is our life, God is love.

Wheat and grape incarnate a mystery;
Jesus is the true living bread.
Let us eat with joy and thanksgiving,
trusting in the word he has said.
Everyone who loves is born of God.
Jesus is our life, God is love.

Jesus is the vine, we the branches;
we are grains of wheat, Christ the bread.
Those who eat this bread live for ever,
one with Christ, our Lord and our head.
Everyone who loves is born of God.
Jesus is our life, God is love.

## GATHER YOUR PEOPLE

*Bob Hurd*

**Refrain:**
**Gather your people O Lord,**
**Gather your people O Lord,**
**One bread, one body, one spirit of love.**
**Gather your people, O Lord.**

Draw us forth to the table of life:
brothers and sisters, each of us
called to walk in your light

We are parts of the body of Christ,
needing each other, each of us the
gifts the Spirit provides.

No more harm on the mountain of
God; swords into plow-shares.
Free us, O Lord, from hardness of
heart.

Wash us, Lord, in the waters of life;
waters of mercy, waters of hope that
flow from your side.

## SING TO THE MOUNTAIN

*Bob Dufford*

Sing to the mountains, Sing to the sea. Raise your voices, lift your hearts.
This is the day the Lord has made
Let all the earth rejoice.

I will give thanks to you, my Lord.
You have answered my plea You have saved my soul from death You are my strength and my song.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and rejoice.
He has turned all death to life.
Sing of the glory of God.

## EAT THIS BREAD

*Jaques Berthier*

Refrain:
Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never by hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

I am the bread of life, the true Bread sent from the Father.

Your ancestors ate mana in the desert, but this is the bread that came down from heaven.
Eat my flesh and drink my blood, and I will raise you up on the last day.

Anyone who eats this bread, will live forever.
If you believe and eat this bread, you will have eternal life.

## CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

*Bernadette Farrell*

Longing for light, we wait in darkness longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people light for the world to see.

**Refrain: Christ, be our light!**
**Shine in our hearts.**
**shine through the darkness.**
**Christ, be our light!**
**Shine in your Church gathered today.**

Longing for peace, our world is troubled, longing for hope, many despair, your word alone has pow'r to save us make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry, longing for water, many still thirst, make us your bread, broken for others shared until all are fed.
Longing for shelter, many are homeless, Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others. Walls made of living stone.

## MICAH'S THEME

*A Kelly*

**Refrain**
**Hear, then, what God asks of you:**
**To live justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God.**

I have come that you may have life and have it to the full.

Ask and you shall receive;
knock and it shall be yours.

Father your kingdom come
may your will be done.

Take up your cross and follow me
you shall share my life.

I am with you always,
till the end of time.

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