Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A- Sunday, 8th November 2026

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading Wisdom 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)

3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.
We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon Cf Psalm 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.



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WEEKEND MASSES

Leongatha	**Korumburra**
Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 9.30am
Sunday 11.00am	

Tarwin Lower
Mass held on Saturday before 3rd Sunday at 4.00pm
Liturgy with H/C Saturday 4pm before 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday

Mirboo Nth
Mass held 1st Sunday at 4.00pm
Liturgy with H/C 9.30 on 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday

Meeniyan
Mass held on Saturday before 2nd & 4th Sunday at 4.00pm
Liturgy with H/C Sunday 9.30am on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

WEEKDAY MASS or LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH HOLY COMMUNION TIMES

KORUMBURRA

Wednesday	Funeral Mass	
	Anne Speekman	2.00pm
Friday	Mass	9.30am

LEONGATHA

Tuesday	Mass	5.00pm
Wednesday	Mass	9.30am
Thursday	Mass	9.30am
Friday	St Laurance Feast	
	Parish /School Mass	9.30am

RECONCILIATION TIMES

Leongatha: Friday after 9.30am Mass & before or after 5.30pm Mass on Saturday .
Korumburra: Sun before 9.30am Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Anne Speekman, Fr. Brendan Lane, Carmel Fish
Anniversaries: Paddy Cummins, Norma O'Loughlin, Mario Croatto, Bruno Croatto, Harry Polato, John Patterson, Antonio Ciurleo, Francesco Ciccia, Maria Ciccia, Michiele Ciccia

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: Cathy Abood

Please keep Bella Gregory in your prayers as she becomes a member of the Catholic Church this weekend

PARISH ROSTERS

LEONGATHA	**14th Nov**	**15th Nov**
Flowers:	Shirleyanne Wright	
Cleaning:	R Yates / L Clark	
Greeting:	M Patterson	A Rundle
Reader:	P Justine	M Stephan
Special Minister	S Fraser	N Holloway
	B Mathew	J Salvatore
	A Hemming	N Dudman

KORUMBURRA:

15/11 Cleaning:	M Trewin
15/11 Greeter:	D Matthews
November	
Reader:	P McKillop
Commentator:	S Ward
Sacristan:	Maree, Denise, Mark
Special Minister:	Derek & Frank
Altar Server	M Ludenia
Laundry:	M Trewin
Flowers:	Jackson Family

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

Safeguard our Parish—Our Responsibility



There will be a fundraiser on the weekend of 14 and 15 of November after mass to raise funds for youth parishioners wanting to go to WYD in Korea.

How you can help:

1. Bring cash to purchase items on sale.
2. Donate items to sell: Baked items / food (will need an allergy warning sticker), Plants, Prayer books, Statues of saints or any Holy items such as prayer cards or prayer books you want to donate to a new home.
3. Spread the word and bring a friend.

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Laurence's Parish:	
(Amount Pledged per Week)	*$2,307.08*
Pledged amount received last week	$1,250.00
Church Loose (1st collection)	$402.70
Presbytery (2nd collection)	$686.90
St Joseph's Parish	
(Amount Pledged per Week)	*$871.69*
Pledged amount received last week	$480.00
Church Loose(1st collection)	$188.15
Presbytery (2nd collection)	$661.25

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 (please circle)

Come and Be Filled: CCR Day of Renewal with Bishop Greg

Are you spiritually exhausted, seeking deeper/inner peace, or longing for a fresh encounter with the Holy Spirit? Come and join us for a powerful day of prayer, praise, and transformation at this year's Renewal Day with Bishop Greg.

Our theme is: "Come and Be Filled," inspired by Jesus' Beatitude: *"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."* (Matthew 5:6).

Come empty and leave overflowing with God's grace, love, and spiritual gifts.

- **Date:** Saturday, 14th November 2026
- **Time:** 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM
- **Venue:** St Michael's Church Traralgon

Featuring:

- Uplifting praise and worship
- Inspiring teachings and testimonies
- Holy Mass and Adoration
- Individual prayer ministry for in-filling, healing, and empowerment

Bring a friend, an open heart, and a hunger for more of God!

For more information, please contact Cathy (Traralgon Prayer Group Leader: 0432588195); Lindsay (Diocesan CCR Chair: 0432375391); or Anushka (Diocesan CCR Sec: 0436961111).

175 Years of Faith & Heritage in Yarram – You're Invited!

Join the Catholic Parish of Yarram in celebrating 175 years of Catholic life across Gippsland. Bishop Greg Bennet will join Fr Darren Howie and diocesan clergy to celebrate a special Anniversary Mass at **11:00 am on Sunday, 15 November 2026** at St Mary's Catholic Church, Commercial Road, Yarram.

Following Mass, all are welcome in the St Mary MacKillop Hall for light refreshments, a brief local history talk, an exhibition of historical memorabilia, and school tours.

- **RSVP:** Please email Sue Benc at suebenc57@gmail.com with any dietary requirements.
- **More Details:** https://tinyurl.com/5n77pu6

Best Wishes to VCE Students for their exams

Loving God, bless all students preparing for their VCE exams. Give them calm minds, confidence and strength and guide them through this challenging time. May the Holy Spirit bring them peace and reassurance.

Parish/Diocese News

Please Note that the Parish Office will be closed closed from Mon 9th Nov until further notice, as Ann will be undertaking jury duty. Phone messages and emails will be checked regularly.

DIOCESE OF SALE WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST!

Expressions of Interest for the upcoming Diocese of Sale pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea will officially open on Monday 26th October!

We are now calling for all interested young people aged 16 to 35 years old to submit their Expression of Interest to be either a pilgrim OR small group leader.

Head to the Diocese of Sale World Youth Day website for all up-to-date information and the link to the form: cdsale.org.au/world-youth-day-seoul

For questions, please email WYD Project Officer, Tishan Lokuge (tlokuge@doscel.catholic.edu.au)

NOVEMBER CEMETERY MASSES: (Please bring chair)

Korumburra - Wednesday 25th November 10.3am
Meeniyan -Saturday 21st November 4.00pm

LEONGATHA PARISH:

ST VINCENT de PAUL MEETING: Our next conference meeting is at 3.00pm next Wednesday, 11th November in the Parish Centre. Anyone who is considering putting their faith into action by working with the St Vincent de Paul Conference is welcome to attend.

We will be arranging the distribution of Christmas vouchers and hampers to our friends in need.

PIETY STALL: Beautiful Advent & Christmas Daily Reflection Books are now available for $7. Titled "Presence" these booklets run from Sun Nov 29 till Sun Jan 10 and include a weekly Art Feature. They are great way to make time to prepare for Christ's coming in the Christmas Season. Also available are Columban Art Calendars for 2027 at $11 each and St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards – packs of 8 or individual.

LEONGATHA CWL: Sadly, after more than 90 years of operation the time has come for our Branch to close. Our AGM at 1.30pm on November 10 will be our very last meeting! We would like to thank all past and present members and our wonderful parishioners for their support over the years. It has been 9 decades of faith, purpose and friendship while at the same time raising funds for the Parish and many charities. Thank you all.

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 10am to 11am (after 9.30am Mass if available) in St Laurence's church. We begin with a hymn, prayer and the Rosary, then have quiet adoration and personal prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. All invited to participate for part of or full session.

Cuppa: first weekend of the Month

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St Laurence Parish Assembly

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend a Parish Assembly following Mass on Sunday 22 Nov. Lunch will be held in the Parish Centre. Please bring along either a salad or dessert to share. Meat and drinks will be provided.

KORUMBURRA PARISH:

Cuppa: first Sunday of the Month

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Dear Parishioners,

November is traditionally a month of remembrance in the Church. On All Saints' Day, we celebrate those who have reached the fullness of life with God. On All Souls' Day, we remember and pray for our brothers and sisters who have died, entrusting them to the infinite mercy of God.

As we enter the month of November, the Church invites us to remember and pray. We remember those who have gone before us, those who shaped our lives and vocation, those whom we accompanied in their final moments, and those who are in danger of being forgotten.

To remember is an act of love!

In Christ,

Fr Stanly Devasia