Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A - Sunday, 15th November 2026

First Reading Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and
let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. (R.)

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

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

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation John 15:4. 5

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."'

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

Inverloch		
Tuesday	Adoration Healing Mass	10.00am 11.00am
Wednesday	Mass- Inverloch Coast Care	11.00am
Wonthaggi		
Wednesday	Adoration Mass	8.30am 9.30am
Thursday	Mass - Rose Lodge	10.15am
Friday	Healing Mass	11.00am

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

Anniversaries: Anthony Fitzgerald
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:	**21st Nov**	**22nd Nov**
Greeting/Reader	Janice Coldebella	P Kelly
Sacristan:	C Napoli	C Gow
Special Minister:	Jo Coldebella	A Kelly

INVERLOCH:	**Sunday 22nd Nov**
Reader:	S Fitzgerald
Special Minister:	J Leslie

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Joseph's Parish:

Presbytery (1st Collection)	$1,010.65
Planned Giving	$1,811.00
(planned giving pledge per week $1,975.68)	
Loose cash (2nd offering)	$187.75

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)

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 are now officially opened.

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)

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

If you are baptised Catholic and have received your first holy communion and are spiritually prepared, you may receive Holy Communion either on the tongue or by opening your palms - left over right palm as you approach the priest or eucharistic minister.

If you are a baptised Catholic and have not received your first holy communion or not spiritually prepared, or you are a non-catholic you may receive a blessing. You may do so by crossing your hands over your chest as you approach the priest or eucharistic minister.

Faith in Action: An election guide from the Bishops of Victoria

Ahead of the 2026 Victorian election, the Bishops of Victoria have issued an election statement highlighting key issues for Catholics to consider when deciding their vote. You are invited to read the statement and prayerfully discern how your vote can contribute to the common good. View the statement online at: bit.ly/StateElection2026.

Parish/Diocese News

Catholic Masses will be held at Inverloch Coast Care each Wednesday's at 11am unless otherwise advised.

Working Bee will be held at Wonthaggi Church on 28th November at 9.00am and Inverloch at 10.00am. Work will be carried out on the inside and outside of Church please bring cleaning equipment and shared lunch.

Volunteers Thanksgiving Mass will be held on the weekend Masses at both Churches on 21/22 November.

Healing Masses will be held at Inverloch on Tuesday 17 Nov at 11 am and Wonthaggi on Friday 20 Nov at 11am

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

Prayers Shawl Group end of year dinner will be held on Wednesday 25th November 6pm @ The Wonthaggi Hotel. Please RSVP by Saturday Nov 21st
Maureen Maartensz 0407 055 447
Philippa Warby 0408 331 340
Julie de Bondt 0407 535 032
LAST PRAYER SHAWL GROUP MEETING for this year Wednesday 18th November @ 10.30 in the Inverloch Church Annex .

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.

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

2027 Columban Calendars are now available to purchase. $11 each.

Parking at Wonthaggi Church: For Liability and Emergency Exit reasons, parking cannot be permitted at the front of the Church. If you need assistance please drive up to the front door and a parishioner will park the car in the carpark and collect and return at the end of Mass. Thank you for your understanding

St Joseph's Wonthaggi

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

Our Lady Star of the Sea—Inverloch

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Hymns for St Joseph's Wonthaggi Church

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.

O LORD HEAR MY PRAY

Jacques Berthier

O Lord hear my prayer,
O Lord hear my prayer.
When I call answer me
O Lord hear my prayer
O Lord hear my prayer
Come and listen to me

The Lord is my song,
The Lord is my praise:
All my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song
The Lord is my praise:
God the well-spring of life.

SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Karen Lafferty

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you;

Chorus:
Alleluia! Alleluia
Alleluia! Allelu, Alleluia

UNANG ALAY

Fr Rey Magnagye SJ

Chorus
Kunin at tanggapin ang alay na ito
Mga biyayang nagmula sa pagpapala Mo
Tanda ng bawat pusong 'pagkat inibig Mo
Ngayo'y nananalig, nagmamahal sa 'Yo

Tinapay na nagmula sa butil ng trigo
Pagkaing nagbibigay ng buhay Mo
At alak na nagmula sa isang tangkay ng ubas
Inuming nagbibigay ng lakas
Chorus
Lahat ng mga lungkot, ligaya't pagsubok
Lahat ng lakas at kahinaan ko
Inaalay kong lahat buong pagkatao
Ito ay isusunod sa 'Yo

Chorus
*(Bridge)

Ang bayang inibig mo, ngayo'y Umaawit
SA 'Yo ay sumasamba't Nananalig
Umaasang diringgin ang bawat Dalangin
Sa alay na ito'y nakalakip

Chorus
Coda
Ngayo'y nananalig (Umaasa), dumudulog (Sumasamba)
Umaawit (Sumasamba), sa 'Yo

IN HIM ALONE

Fr. Manoling Francisco

Chorus: In Him alone is our hope
In Him alone is our strength
In Him alone are we justified
In Him alone are we saved

What have we to offer
That does not fade or wither
Can the world ever satisfy
The emptiness in our hearts in vain we deny

When will you cease running
In search of hollow meaning
Let His love feed the hunger
In your soul till it overflows
With joy you yearn to know

In Him alone is our hope
Unto Him I pour out my heart
He alone will save me
With His love and mercy

HERE I AM LORD

Dan Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save I who make the stars of night I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Chorus:
Here I am, Lord it is I, Lord
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart.

I the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away
I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my work to them
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts by satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?

I WILL SING FOREVER

By Fr Manoling V Fancisco SJ

Refrain: I will sing forever of your love, o lord
I will celebrate the wonder of Your name
For the word that You speak is a song of forgiveness
And a song of gentle mercy and of peace

Let us wake at the morning and be filled with Your love
And sing songs of praise all our days
For Your love is high as the heavens above us
And Your faithfulness as certain as the dawn.

Refrain

I will sing forever of Your love, O Lord
For You are my refuge and my strength
You fill the world with Your life-giving spirit
That speaks Your word
Your word of mercy and of peace

Coda:
And I will sing forever of Your love, O Lord
Yes I will sing forever of Your love, O Lord.

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