Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A - Sunday, 8th November 2026

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

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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 Mass	10.00am 11.00am
Wonthaggi		
Wednesday	Adoration Parish Mass	8.30am 9.30am
Thursday	Mass - Rose Lodge	10.15am
Friday	Adoration Mass	8.30am 9.30am

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: Robbie Kennedy
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:	**14th Nov**	**15th Nov**
Greeting/Reader	A Chisholm	A Kelly
Sacristan:	K Carew	C Gow
Special Minister:	K Carew	L Busanna

INVERLOCH:	**Sunday 15 th Nov**
Reader:	D Leslie
Special Minister:	V Baskerville

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Joseph's Parish:

Presbytery (1st Collection)	$1,352.90
Planned Giving	$2,037.00
(planned giving pledge per week $1,975.68)	
Loose cash (2nd offering)	$204.15

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.

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).

Parish/Diocese News

Parish Office is closed until further notice due to Ann being on Jury Duty. Emails will be checked and responded to as soon as possible.

Working Bee will be held at Wonthaggi Church on 28th November at 9.00am. Work will be carried out on the inside and outside of Church.

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

Cuppa after Mass will be held on the first Sunday of the month
Cake stall- Thankyou to everyone who supported the CWL cake stall in Inverloch on Sunday - we raised $267

Toiletry Collection - Special thanks to the generous people who donated to the toiletry collection.
CWL meeting - Monday 9th November at 10.30 in Inverloch -All ladies are welcome to come along. Please bring lunch to share.

Hymns for St Joseph's Wonthaggi Church

SING A NEW SONG

Dan Schutte

Sing a new song unto the Lord;
Let your song be sung from mountains high. Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing
Alleluia.

Shout with gladness! Dance for joy!
O Come before the Lord. And play for God on glad tambourines and let your trumpet sound.

Rise O children from your sleep;
your Savior now has come. He has turned your sorrow to joy, and filled your soul with song. Glad my soul for I have seen the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.
I know my Savior lives.

O LORD HEAR MY PRAYER

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.

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

Brian Boniewll

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow, wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.
Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways, valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

Refrain

I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow, wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

And while on the journey to where we are going, he promised to be there to help us along.
And over the mountains we'll walk on together, to know all the wonders he's given to me

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

John Foley

Refrain:

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless and we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.

Many the gifts, Many the works, One in the Lord of all.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown
Gathered to one for All.

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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

Ask, and it shall be given unto you seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia!

Man shall not live by bread alone, But by every word That proceeds out from the mouth of God.
Allelu, Alleluia!

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.

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.



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