Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A- Sunday, 15th November 2026

Entrance Antiphon Jeremiah 29:11,12,14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

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

Communion Antiphon Psalm 72:28

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

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WEEKEND MASSES

Leongatha
Saturday 5.30pm
Sunday 11.00am

Korumburra
Sunday 9.30am

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	Mass	9.30am
Friday	Mass	9.30am

LEONGATHA

Tuesday	Liturgy Service	5.00pm
Wednesday	No Service	
Thursday	Mass	5.00pm
Friday	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

Anniversaries: Mary Bleeser, Vincent Holloway, Cath Taylor, Albert Justine, Micnele Rao, Angela Mileto, Teresa Mileto, Jim Ciccia, Laura Colombo

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

PARISH ROSTERS

LEONGATHA	**21st Nov**	**22nd Nov**
Flowers:		
Cleaning:	E Stephens / L Dal Santo	Henshall
Greeting:	A Hemming	Shirleyanne Wright
Reader:	Allysa & Vall	N Dudman
Special Minister	J Bleeser	J Schelling
	M Murphy	N Holloway
	A Vaughan	M Stephan

KORUMBURRA:

22/11 Cleaning:	M Trewen
22/11 Greeter:	B Hosking
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

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is not enough that we wait patiently. We are expected to be industrious as we await the advent of the reign of God. We have all been entrusted with talents that really belong to God, and we must use these talents to the best of our ability in the interim between the Lord's departure and his final return. The ideal wisdom figure in the first reading is a model of such industriousness.

Fidelity to the reign of God requires that we be willing to take risks. We do not know the time of the Lord's coming, and so there will have to be a kind of tentativeness to all of our plans. We will never be able to be certain that they will be brought to fruition. We must spend and be spent without the assurance that we will be able to reap the rewards of our investment. To refuse to risk is to refuse to trust.

If we have been wise and have industriously employed the Lord's talents, which were entrusted to us, we will be richly rewarded. However, if we have not realised the potential that is possessed by our talents, and if we have not employed them as they were meant to be employed, we will be punished. The foolish man in the gospel knew that the householder was exacting. He had some idea of what to expect. He made his choice and he had to accept the consequences of that choice.

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Laurence's Parish:	
(Amount Pledged per Week)	*$2,307.08*
Pledged amount received last week	$1,815.00
Church Loose (1st collection)	$238.90
Presbytery (2nd collection)	$899.60
St Joseph's Parish	
(Amount Pledged per Week)	*$871.69*
Pledged amount received last week	$1,218.00
Church Loose(1st collection)	$152.20
Presbytery (2nd collection)	$546.65

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)

Living the gospel

Bring forth the Kingdom.

Like the original audience of Matthew's gospel, we can sometimes rely too much on God to bring about the Kingdom in our world. Like the lazy servant in the gospel, we can fall into the trap of handing the world back to God in exactly the same condition that we received it. We have to make a difference in the world! We are called to change the world and bring it closer to the realisation of the Kingdom. The only way that we can do that it is to live our lives as if the Kingdom is already here.

Vocation Prayer

HEAVENLY FATHER, Lord of the harvest, we earnestly ask you to bless our diocese and the Church with many priests, deacons and religious who will love you fervently, and gladly and courageously live their lives in service to your Son's Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Bless our families and parishes that we may be given the grace and strength to live our baptismal vocation to be holy, as You are. Bless us that we will respond to your invitation to be living witnesses and disciples of hope as we discern our life in your son, Jesus Christ.

Bless young men and women to respond openly and generously to your invitation to become ministers of your Word and Sacraments, or to serve You faithfully in the covenant of Marriage, or the dignity of single life.

Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "yes" to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation.

AMEN



Parish/Diocese News

DIOCESE OF SALE WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NOW OPEN

Expressions of Interest for the upcoming Diocese of Sale pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea are now being accepted 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. Please note that this does not confirm participation in the pilgrimage, with a formal application and selection process beginning later in the year.

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)

or use QR Code for more informaion

NOVEMBER CEMETERY MASSES:
(Please bring chair) Weather Permitting

Korumburra - Wednesday 25th November 10.3am

Leongatha - Saturday 28th Nov 10.30am

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

LEONGATHA PARISH:

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.

Mass Ministries: Leongatha's current Roster is coming to a close. We encourage you to be a part of our weekend Masses as a Greeter, Reader, Special Minister or to help with monthly Cuppa. Young parishioners are most welcome. If interested, please add your name to the clipboard in the foyer or if you want to come off the roster record this on the list as well. We particularly need more Special Ministers and training will be provided so give this serious consideration. Please get involved and don't leave it to the usual few. It is a great blessing to serve your fellow parishioners.

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.

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

.....Leongatha Continued

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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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.

KORUMBURRA PARISH:

Cleaning Roster: If you would like to volunteer to clean the Church please contact Ann at Parish Office by Thursday 26th November

Cuppa: first Sunday of the Month

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