ALL SAINTS

Year A- Sunday, 1st November 2026

Entrance Antiphon

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints,
at whose festival the Angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.

First Reading Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. (R.)

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. (R.)

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.
Surely everyone who entertains this hope
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:
'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon Matthew 5:8-10

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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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

Monday	All Souls Day Mass	9.30am
Wednesday	Mass	9.30am
Friday	Mass	9.30am

LEONGATHA

Monday	All Souls Day Mass	9.30am
Tuesday	Mass	5.00pm
Wednesday	Mass	9.30am
Thursday	Mass	9.30am
Friday	Funeral Prayers-Brian Norton	11.00am
	Mass	5.00pm
Saturday	Cemetery Mass	10.30am

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: Brian Norton

Anniversaries: Samantha Wearne, Paolina Germano, Cam Abood

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	**7th Nov**	**8th Nov**
Flowers:	Shirleyanne Wright	
Cleaning:	R Yates / L Clark	
Greeting:	A Vaughan	L Dal Santo
Reader:	P&J Charles	J Salvatore
Special Minister	M Thomas	S Seabrook
	J Bleeser	G Bolge
	R Yates	N Hawkins

KORUMBURRA:

8/11 Cleaning:	B Hosking / M Barrett
8/11 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

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we celebrate the memory of all the baptised who have gone before us and whose lives were virtuous. The saints of God are all those who have been baptised into Christ, who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. We all know people whose lives were steeped in genuine holiness. The life of every one of us has been blessed by their goodness. This is a day for us to remember and to celebrate their holiness. We celebrate the lives of all those who have been marked with the sign of faith, those who have been canonised by the church, those whom we have known personally as well as those whose names we do not know.

In the beatitudes listed in today's gospel we are given examples of what it means to live lives of holiness. This gospel really does not present a blueprint for holiness. Rather, it offers a series of snapshots that demonstrate the holiness that is ours by virtue of our baptism. Those who have gone before us lived such lives. Today, as we remember them, we hold up their lives as examples of holiness and models for our imitation. The sentiments that are expressed and the commitment that it illustrated in the beatitudes clearly stand in opposition to the standards of the world. Their radicality may be more than some can understand, but they are traits that are recognisable by those who belong to the family of God, for they are genuine godly traits.

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Laurence's Parish:	
(Amount Pledged per Week)	*$2,307.08*
Pledged amount received last week	$3,236.00
Church Loose (1st collection)	$283.45
Presbytery (2nd collection)	$712.10
St Joseph's Parish	
(Amount Pledged per Week)	*$871.69*
Pledged amount received last week	$1,119.00
Church Loose(1st collection)	$143.65
Presbytery (2nd collection)	$149.60

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

Parish Office will be closed on Tues 3rd Nov, Thur 5th Nov but opened on Fri 6th Nov.
Also please be advised 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 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)

NOVEMBER CEMETERY MASSES: (Please bring chair)

Leongatha Cemetery - Saturday 7th November 10.30am

Korumburra - Wednesday 25th November 10.3am

Meeniyan -Saturday 21st November 4.00pm

Mirboo North Blessing of the Graves - Sunday 1st November 3.30pm prior to 4pm Mass

LEONGATHA PARISH:

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.

GEM's Meeting will be held on WED Nov 4th 2026
6.30pm @ St Andrews Uniting Church
AGM & Planning 2027 Events

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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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