

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Sunday, 10th November 2024

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 1 Kings 17:10-16

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord who protects the stranger. **(R.)**
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading Hebrews 9:24-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf.

And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 12:38-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Best Wishes to VCE Students for their Exams from their Parish Family

Loving God, be with me now, as I prepare for my exams. Thank you for the many talents and gifts you have given me and for the opportunity of education.

Calm my nerves and anxiety, help me to remember all that I have studied, to express it clearly and to answer the questions the very best that I can. Holy Spirit, sit with me in my exam—and always.

In Jesus' name Amen.

St. Laurence O'Toole, Leongatha and St. Joseph's, Korumburra

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WEEKEND MASSES	
<p>Leongatha Saturday 5.30pm Sunday 11.00am</p> <p>Tarwin Lower Mass— Mass on Saturday before 3rd Sunday at 4.00pm Liturgy with H/C Saturday 5.30pm before 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday</p> <p>Mirboo Nth Mass— Mass 1st Sunday 4.00pm Liturgy with H/C 9.30 Sunday 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th</p> <p>Meeniyam Mass— Mass Saturday before 2nd & 4th Sunday at 4.00pm Liturgy with H/C 9.30am on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday's</p>	<p>Korumburra Sunday 9.30am</p>

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Kevin Howard

Anniversaries: Norma O'Loughlin, Michele Rao, Bruno Croatto, Mario Croatto, Robbie Kennedy
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: Ben Croatto, Lena Calaforie, Kath McDonald, Denise Collard, Cathy Abood, Brodie Gollop

Weekday Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Times		
KORUMBURRA		
Wednesday	Mass	9.30am
LEONGATHA		
Tuesday	Liturgy (Clergy Formation Day)	5.00pm
Thursday	Mass Parish /School St Laurence Feast Day	9.30am
Friday	Mass	9.30am
	Funeral Mass—Kevin Howard	1.00pm

PARISH ROSTERS

LEONGATHA:	16th Nov	17th Nov
Flowers:	E Stephens	
Cleaning:	M&B Thomas	
Greeting:	A Vaughan	J Schelling
Reader:	G Mounsey	J Schelling
Special Minister:	J Bleaser	N Campisi

KORUMBURRA:	
17/11 Cleaning:	M Trewin
17/11 Greeter:	B Fowles
	November
Reader:	17/11 D Brookes
Commentator	D Brookes
Special Minister	J Rattle
Laundry:	T Ferrone
Flowers:	M Trewin

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

RECONCILIATION TIMES

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

Vocation Prayer 2024

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

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Laurence's Parish:

Stewardship envelope:	\$1,051.00
Stewardship cash (1st offering)	\$488.55
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$581.55
Oct 24 EFT	\$3,188.00

St Joseph's Parish

Stewardship envelope:	\$92.00
Stewardship cash (1st offering)	\$171.00
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$311.15
Oct 24 EFT	\$996.00

Thank you for your contributions, they are greatly appreciated.

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Widow's Mite

This is the most commonly misunderstood passage in the Gospels. It is usually read in a 'pat on the back' tone of voice, commending the widow for her generosity. But it should be read with the tone of white hot anger which Jesus had displayed against the money dealers whom he expelled from the temple only days earlier.

This vulnerable widow was exploited and brainwashed by the scribes and temple authorities so that she gave 'all she had to live on'. She was left destitute, unable to afford the necessities of life.

On the contrary, Jesus wanted to create a band of followers who would look after widows and orphans. Look at Acts 4:32-37 to see that in operation. In fact, deacons were created in the early Church precisely to care for non-Jewish widows.

The message for the Church from this Gospel story is that it must never exploit the religious fervour of the poor to build up its own resources. Pope Francis is emphasising that the flow must be the other way if we are to be authentic Christians.

We could pause a moment to pray that, imitating the earliest Christian communities, our parish practises true concern for the marginalised and vulnerable, ensuring that they have all the necessities of life in all its dimensions.

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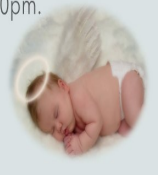


Mass of the Angels

For all those who have suffered the loss of an infant. In the womb through stillbirth, miscarriage, SIDS or in infancy.

St Agatha's Church

Friday 15th November 2024 at 7.00pm.

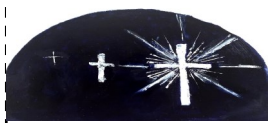


Up Coming Mass

Mass for Bereaved Families 30/11 11.00am
(St Joseph & St Laurence Parish)
Held at St Joseph's Church Korumburra

Parish/Diocese News

Parish Office will be closed on Monday 11th Nov and Tuesday 12th Nov



Shining the Light—Domestic Violence Awareness

In today's Gospel, Jesus praises the poor widow's humble offering, contrasting it with the exploitation of the vulnerable. Domestic violence similarly preys on the weak and vulnerable, contradicting Christ's call for compassion and justice.

From **October 27th to November 17th**, parishes across the Sale Diocese will unite in **Shining a Light** on domestic violence and praying for its end. Let us stand together to create a safer, more compassionate community. For more information visit: <https://www.cdsale.org.au/sal>

LEONGATHA PARISH:

Mass Ministry: We greatly value our current roster members and are looking for new people to also participate in Mass Ministry as Greeters, Readers, Special Ministers or as Cuppa helpers. We really encourage new or younger parishioners to become involved. A clipboard is available in the foyer to sign up to help. **Attention:** Any current members who wish to come off the Roster please indicate this on the clip board or you will automatically be included in the next Roster. Please Note that all volunteers will require to have a current Working With Children Check and Ann in the Parish Office is able to assist anyone that needs any assistance.

CWL AGM will be held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 12th Nov at 1.30pm. All Welcome

Gospel Reflection Group meets on Mondays during school term from 1.30-3pm in the Parish Centre. This is a small friendly group that reads the coming Sunday's 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 11 to 12 noon in St Laurence's church. We will say the Rosary and sing hymns but there will be lots of time for quiet personal prayer where you can just sit with the Lord or read the Scripture, etc.

St Laurence's Mothers Prayer Group - prayer group for those wanting to pray for their children, Grandchildren or nieces and nephews etc. To be held after 9.30 Mass on the second Friday of the month in the Parish Centre. You are most welcome to join this group united in prayer to save our children.

KORUMBURRA PARISH:

Cuppa - after mass on the 1st Sunday of the month.

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Living the Gospel – Hypocrisy

Throughout the gospels, what Jesus appears to abhor more than anything else is hypocrisy. His harshest condemnation of the scribes and the Pharisees is that they are hypocrites. In this passage, whilst Jesus hates the scribes' parading around and claiming honour that is not their due, what really sees him condemn them is their mistreatment of widows 'while making a show of lengthy prayers'. We cannot praise God in prayer while at the same time mistreating our neighbour. That is hypocrisy! Our actions are an extension of our prayer. We cannot celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays and fail to live it the rest of the week!

Diocesan Consultation & Assembly Prayer 2024-2025

Holy Spirit of Wind and Fire, come!

Startle us anew with your power and energy.
Blow fresh life through our tired dreams.
Fan into a flame the gifts you have given us.
Light up the windows of our joy and purpose.
Spark bright fires of optimism deep within us.
Reveal more clearly a vision of what is possible.

May we listen attentively
to your quiet whisper at our very core.
May we discern your call
expressed in the voices and stories of others.
May we build a Church
that radiates and nourishes our unity of faith.
May we be at one with all of humanity
and the rest of God's creation.

May we develop the courage to be people of mission,
alert to opportunities,
always on the move,
bringing Good News to our needy world,
Wind and Fire for one another.
Amen.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Pray for

