

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Sunday, 11th August

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 73:20,19,22,23

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading 1 Kings 19:4-8

A reading from the first book of Kings

Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **(R.)**
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **(R.)**
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **(R.)**

Second Reading Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Walk in love, just as Christ.

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation John 6:51

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!**

Gospel John 6:41-51

A reading from the gospel according to John.

I am the living bread come down from heaven.

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me
unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me,
and I will raise him up at the last day.

It is written in the prophets:

They will all be taught by
God,

and to hear the teaching of the
Father,

and learn from it,

is to come to me.

Not that anybody has seen the
Father,

except the one who comes
from God:

he has seen the Father.

I tell you most solemnly,

everybody who believes has
eternal life.

I am the bread of life.

Your fathers ate the manna in
the desert

and they are dead;

but this is the bread that comes down from heaven,
so that a man may eat it and not die.

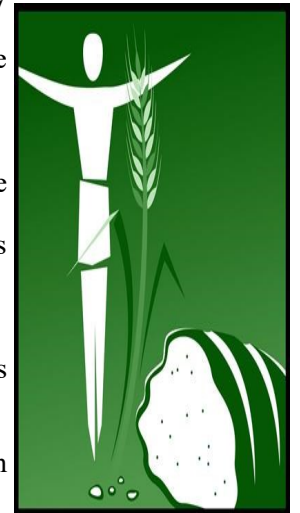
I am the living bread which has come down from
heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;

and the bread that I shall give

is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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

St Laurence O'Toole Leongatha

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WEEKEND MASSES

Leongatha	Korumburra
Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 9.30am
Sunday 11.00am	
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	
Mirboo Nth	
Mass— Mass 1st Sunday 4.00pm	
Liturgy with H/C 9.30 Sunday 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th	
Meeniyan	
Mass— Mass Saturday before 2nd & 4th Sunday at 4.00pm	
Liturgy with H/C 9.30am on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday's	

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Anniversaries:

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: Maureen Casey, Denise Collard, Cathy Abood, Brodie Gollop

PARISH ROSTERS

LEONGATHA: 17th August 18th August

Flowers:	E Stephens	
Cleaning:	J Shea / L Fidlears	
Greeter:	A Vaughan	J Schelling
Reader:	M Dortmans	J Salvatore
Special Minister:	J Bleeser	J Schelling

KORUMBURRA:

25/8 Cleaning:	B Hosking / M Barrett
18/8 Greeter:	A D'Souza

August

Reader:	D Jackson
Commentator	F Fowles
Special Minister	J Rattle
Laundry:	A Whiteside
Flowers:	M Trewin

Weekday Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Times

KORUMBURRA

Wednesday	Mass-Church	9.30am
Thursday	Parish/School Mass The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary— Holy Day of Obligation	11.30am

LEONGATHA

Tuesday	Mass —Church	5.00pm
Thursday	Parish/School Mass The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day of Obligation	9.30am
Friday	Parish/Class —Church	9.30am

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

GOSPEL FOCUS

Living Bread

There is an obvious connection between this week's reading and the sacramental celebration of Eucharist. Jesus describes himself as living bread and then says whoever eats this living bread will live forever. These words capture the essence of the Church teaching about the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Jesus is present in several ways at the celebration of Eucharist, particularly present in the bread and wine that become his body and blood. Through our celebration of the Eucharist, Jesus offers us his continuing, enduring presence.

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Laurence's Parish:

Stewardship envelope:	\$540.00
Stewardship cash (1st offering)	\$155.80
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$499.00

St Joseph's Parish

Stewardship envelope:	\$149.00
Stewardship cash (1st offering)	\$169.00
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$305.35

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

Enwombed in the Maternal Christ

Your mother and my mother, carrying her baby in the womb for nine months, effectively said: 'Take, eat, this is my body.' A mother able to breastfeed continues this communion as she offers her body to give life to her child.

Our Lord Jesus Christ adopts maternal language to express his deepest desire for us! He gives us his risen and glorified Humanity: 'Take, eat, this is my body', and a sort of life-giving mutual indwelling occurs: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them.' This is as intimate as a baby dwelling in the womb of its mother. As St Paul put it in a different context, 'In Him we live and move and have our being.'

The Saviour of the World, the Conqueror of Death, dwells in my body and I dwell in his glorified body. This gives us 'eternal life' which is not something which begins after death, but is simply a label for Our Lord's Divinehuman life which we can share right now. However, because it is the life of the Conqueror of Death it will certainly impel us beyond the grave: 'The one who eats this bread will live forever.'

We could take a moment to pray to more fervently realise and take advantage of the fact that, at every Mass, we can respond to the invitation to come forward to Holy Communion so as to be enwombed in the maternal Christ.

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

2024 St Joseph's & St Laurence's Sacramental Dates

Eucharist Sacramental Celebratory Liturgy for families of Grade 4 students

Weekend, August 31 & 1st September

Parish/Diocese News

Information Evening for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) for Leongatha & Korumburra Parishes

Has someone in your family or group of friends expressed an interest in exploring the Catholic faith and life? Perhaps they/you have been baptised but haven't gone on to receive any other Sacraments?

An **RCIA Information Night** will be held on Thursday **August 15th**, 7.30pm at St Laurence's Parish Centre Leongatha. Bring your friend or **Come & See** for yourself!

This is followed by 5 weeks of Inquiry Sessions that give a basic overview of the Catholic Faith.

For those who are interested to go further, RCIA continues preparing people for entry into the Catholic Church at Easter 2025. For further information phone Anne Vaughan on 0421 083 110.

Ecumencial Pleasant Sunday Afternoon held at Scots Pioneer Church 1191 Mardan Road Mardan. Sunday 25th Aug at 2pm. The afternoon will feature "The Evans Family" -musicians whose passion is to serve the Lord Jesus Christ with their gift. Contact Sam Nicita 0447 205 434 samnicita@outlook.com

LEONGATHA PARISH:

MASS HYMNS. It has been suggested that some older hymns would be appreciated. This will depend on availability. Please list any hymn preferred on Clip board in foyer. If anyone has CD recordings of preferred hymns we could borrow that would be most helpful. These can be left at the computer desk.

Gospel Reflection Group meets on Mondays in 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 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.



Diocesan Consultation - Phase 1 Completed!

During June and July, a significant number of people across the whole Diocese of Sale participated in the first phase of the Diocesan Consultation process. Bishop Greg wants to thank all those who chose to participate by sharing their stories and experiences of the past five years and listened attentively to others. Thank you to those people who helped to organise and facilitate the meetings. Phase 1 is now complete! During the month of August, the feedback will be compiled into a report. During September & October, the second phase of the consultation, "Looking to the Future," will take place. Keep an eye out for the dates and times of the meetings in your Parish. Everyone is welcome. Holy Spirit of wind and fire, come! (Diocesan Animation Team)

Help for those accompanying Catholics facing end-of-life decisions

Australia's Catholic bishops have released a new document to guide priests, chaplains and pastoral workers who are asked to provide pastoral support to Catholics who are considering accessing the Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) scheme. The *Companion Guide* has been written as a tool to help Catholics reflect and learn from *To Witness and to Accompany with Christian Hope*, a document endorsed by the bishops in November 2023.

For more information visit: <https://tinyurl.com/2xde6n3r>