

First Sunday of Advent

Year C

Sunday, 1st December 2024

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.
In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be called:

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1

(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)
3. His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Psalm 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your redemption is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon Psalm 84:13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.



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

St Laurence O'Toole Leongatha

St Kevin's Meeniyan

St Joseph's Mirboo North

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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	

Weekday Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Times

KORUMBURRA

Wednesday	Mass	9.30am
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LEONGATHA

Tuesday	Mass	5.00pm
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Thursday	Parish & Grade 6 Graduation Mass	6.00pm
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Friday	Mass Parish/Class	9.30am
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RECONCILIATION TIMES

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

Korumburra: Sun before 9.30am mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Anniversaries: Attilio Stefani, Stuart Rattle, Peg McAlpine, Kevin Brown

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: Denise Collard, Cathy Abood, Brodie Gollop

PARISH ROSTERS

LEONGATHA:	7th Dec	8th Dec
Flowers:	No Flowers	
Cleaning:	Mary Dortman	
Greeting:	R Yates	L Dal Santo
Reader:	K Blencowe	N Dudman
Special Minister:	B Mathew	N Campisi

KORUMBURRA:

15/12 Cleaning: V&T Ferrone

8/12 Greeter: M Harper

December

Reader: F Preston

Commentator M Ludenia

Special Minister M Ludenia

Laundry: M Jackson

Flowers: No Flowers

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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

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



Christmas Mass Times 2024

Christmas Eve Mass

Tarwin Lower 5.00pm
 Mirboo Nth 5.00pm
 Leongatha 7.30pm
 Carols—7.00pm followed by Mass
 (Pioneer Hall - Mary MacKillop College)

Christmas Day Mass

Korumburra 9.00am
 Meeniyan 9.00am
 Leongatha 10.30am

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Laurence's Parish:

Stewardship envelope: \$710.00
 Stewardship cash (1st offering) \$849.25
 Presbytery (2nd offering) \$795.65

St Joseph's Parish

Stewardship envelope: \$107.00
 Stewardship cash (1st offering) \$182.75
 Presbytery (2nd offering) \$367.10

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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

God's Ecumenical Men Servants



Annual end of year dinner 2024 (Ladies Included)

Wednesday December 4th 6.30 pm @RSL Leongatha Dinner Meeting

(Dinner Selection From Menu)

Presentation By: **LUCY STEPHENS**

Topic: Bible Stories behind Stained Glass

*** PLEASE SUPPORT THIS ONCE A YEAR ECUMENICAL EVENT**

Event Includes: Christmas Carol Singalong with Music and Guest Singers

RSVP samnicta@outlook.com 0447205434

Parish/Diocese News

Dear Parishioners,

As I mentioned to you last Sunday, we will gather for a Parish Assembly and the installation of the new Pastoral Council members on the 15th of December, 2024, for both the Korumburra and Leongatha Parishes.

The Mass at Korumburra Parish will be held at 9:00 AM, followed immediately by the Parish Assembly. This change in Mass time will provide me with sufficient time to travel to Leongatha for the 11:00 AM Mass, followed by the Assembly there.

I kindly request that all parishioners remain for the Parish Assembly following the Mass. Your attendance will allow you to hear reports from the chairs of the Pastoral and Finance Councils, the School Principals, and to address any questions or concerns you may have regarding these reports, and our parish in general.

We will mark this occasion with a special cuppa in Korumburra and a BBQ lunch in Leongatha. Please bring a plate to share. Thank you for your attention and participation. **Fr Stanly**

Congratulations to John Schelling on being re-elected onto the South Gippsland Shire Council and being elected as the Mayor.

Please Note Korumburra Mass on Sunday 15th December will be held at 9.00am followed by Parish Assembly

Piety Stall - St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards – Pack of 5 for \$3, also beautiful Columban Calendars for 2025 for \$11

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 clip board is available in the foyer to sign up to help. Attention to 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.

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 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 pray 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.

Choir Practice for Christmas Vigil Mass will be held on Tues 3, 10, 17 December at 7pm. New members are welcome. Please note that you will require a Working with Children Check.

C.W.L Leongatha will be selling tickets for their Christmas Raffle on the weekends of 7/8 and 14/15 Dec. To be drawn on Sunday 15th Dec. 3 prizes to be won. \$2 per ticket.

KORUMBURRA PARISH:

2025 Roster: If you would like to be part of the roster as a greeter, reader/commentator, flowers or laundry, please contact Maree Ludenia. If you would like to be part of the cleaning roster please contact Ann at the parish office. Please note that all volunteers will require a Working with Children Check. Ann at the Parish Office can assist if you don't have one

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

Diocesan Consultation & Assembly Prayer 24-25

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 Us.

