

# Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Sunday, 15th September

## Entrance Antiphon Cf Sirach 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant,  
and of your people Israel.

## First Reading Isaiah 50:5-9

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

*I gave my body to those who struck me.*

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand.  
Does anyone start proceedings against me?  
Then let us go to court together.  
Who thinks he has a case against me?  
Let him approach me.  
The Lord is coming to my help,  
who dare condemn me?

**The Word of the Lord**

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9

**(R.)** I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.

1. I love the Lord for he has heard  
the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me  
in the day when I called him. **(R.)**
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death,  
with anguish of the tomb  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.  
O Lord my God, deliver me! **(R.)**
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me. **(R.)**
4. He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears  
and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living. **(R.)**

## Second Reading James 2:14-18

**A reading from the letter of St James**

*Faith without good works is dead.*

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

**The Word of the Lord**

## Gospel Acclamation Galatians 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel Mark 8:27-35

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

*You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.*

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**



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

**St Laurence O'Toole Leongatha**

**St Kevin's Meeniyán**

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Anniversaries:** John Polato, Maria Ciccia  
 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

Weekday Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Times		
KORUMBURRA		
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mass—Korumburra	9.30am
LEONGATHA		
<b>Tuesday</b>	Mass —Church	5.00pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Parish Mass	5.00pm
<b>Friday</b>	Parish/Class Mass	9.30am

**PARISH ROSTERS**

<b>LEONGATHA:</b>	<b>21st Sep</b>	<b>22nd Sep</b>
Flowers:	E Stephens	
Cleaning:	E Stephens/L Dal Santo Henshall	
Greeting:	T Murphy	Shirleyanne Wright
Reader:	K Blencowe	??
Special Minister:	J Kemper	M Holloway
<b>KORUMBURRA:</b>		
22/9 Cleaning:	D Brookes	
22/9 Greeter:	B Hosking	
	<b>September</b>	
Reader:	K Loughnan	
Commentator	F Preston	
Special Minister	D'Souza Family	
Laundry:	M Trewin	
Flowers:	Jackson Family	

**RECONCILIATION TIMES**

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

**Korumburra:** Sun before 9.30am mass

**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

## 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:	\$729.00
Stewardship cash (1st offering)	\$257.60
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$564.20

#### St Joseph's Parish

Stewardship envelope:	\$100.00
Stewardship cash (1st offering)	\$181.00
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$327.00

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

**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**

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### Peter: earthquaked and then upside down

Here in our Australian democracy we hardly feel the force of the famous gospel passage in which Jesus forewarns his disciples of the high cost of following him. We trivialise the meaning of taking up the cross to make it refer to bearing a chronic ailment, or putting up with a particularly irritating family member or work colleague: 'It/he/she is the cross I have to bear.'

No, our Lord was referring to the terrible reality which could be inflicted on his followers, as even happens today: the beheadings by ISIL in Iraq, the rape and enslavement of women in Nigeria, the displacement from homelands in Syria. The True Cross is not to be found in splinters of wood but in the various means by which suffering is inflicted on those whose allegiance to Jesus Christ does not waiver.

Peter could not, would not, grasp this. His head was full of political fantasy, easy sovereignty. Jesus rebuked Peter quite savagely: 'Satan, get behind me.' Only after the resurrection, believing that our Lord had conquered the worst that death could do, did Peter follow Jesus to crucifixion, upside down at the base of the Vatican Hill.

We could take a moment to pray for and, where possible, give appropriate political support to, our fellow Christians wherever they are persecuted, forced to bear the true cross of suffering. May God give those Christian martyrs victory in the embrace of the resurrection power of Jesus Christ.

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SAVE THE DATE

"FIRE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT"

A DAY IN THE SPIRIT

ST. MARY'S PARISH YARRAM

Saturday 26th October 2024

10.00am to 4.00pm

This is a first for Yarram, so please mark your calendars.

Further information: Jan Allgood on 0408 842 568

# Parish/Diocese News

**Dear Parishioners,** I would like to express my appreciation for your thoughtful contributions to the Diocesan Consultation Process, Phase I. Your insights and reflections have been invaluable.

As we prepare for Phase II, which will involve planning for the next five years, I invite you to prayerfully reflect on the following question: *“What pastoral priorities and actions do we believe the Holy Spirit is calling us as individuals, and as faith communities, to focus on, during the next five years, to give renewed life and purpose to our shared mission?”*

This question highlights several important themes: our pastoral priorities and actions, the Holy Spirit’s invitation to each of us personally and collectively, the renewal of our life and purpose, and our shared mission of spreading the Gospel through our lives, actions, and words.

As we approach Phase II of the consultation, which will take place in September and October, I encourage you to meditate on this question deeply. Additionally, please take the time to discuss it with your family and friends when there are opportunities. When we come together for the conversations in Phase II, we will have the opportunity not only to share our own insights but also to listen to the thoughts and responses of others, all under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Let us continue this journey with open hearts and minds, seeking the Spirit’s guidance as we discern the path forward.

Yours in Christ Fr Stanly Devasia

**Ladies Retreat - Save the Date:** Presented by Fr Martin Dixon at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Inverloch on Monday 14th October 2024 commencing at 9.30am followed by mass at 3pm. More information to follow soon.

## LEONGATHA PARISH:

**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.

## 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 Us.



## Diocesan Consultation – Report on Feedback from Phase One – Review of the Past Five Years (19-24):

A report has been compiled from the feedback received from all those people who participated in Phase One of the Diocesan Consultation. In reviewing the past five years (2019-2024), people responded to four questions: What experiences during 2019 to 2024 have had a significant impact on our loved experience of faith in our faith communities? What important pastoral initiatives, activities, or developments have occurred since the 2019 Diocesan Assembly? What are our greatest strengths as a Catholic community/Diocese? As people of faith and mission, what has God’s Spirit been doing in and through us during these past five years? The feedback and insights are fascinating! You can read the report on the Diocese of Sale website: <https://www.cdsale.org.au>

## KORUMBURRA PARISH:

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