

# Second Sunday of Lent

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Sunday, 16th March 2025

## Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face from me.

## First Reading Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

**A reading from the book of Genesis**

*God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.*

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land,  
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

**The Word of the Lord**

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1

**(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

1. The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life  
before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
Of you my heart has spoken:  
'Seek his face.' **(R.)**
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,  
hide not your face.  
Dismiss not your servant in anger;  
you have been my help. **(R.)**
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

## Second Reading Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

*Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.*

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

**The Word of the Lord**

## Gospel Acclamation Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Gospel Luke 9:28-36

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

*As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

**The Gospel of the Lord**

## Communion Antiphon Matthew 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him.

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

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## WEEKEND MASSES

<b>Leongatha</b>	<b>Korumburra</b>
Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 9.30am
Sunday 11.00am	
<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	
<b>Mirboo Nth</b>	
Mass— Mass 1st Sunday at 4.00pm	
Liturgy with H/C 9.30 Sunday 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th	
<b>Meeniyán</b>	
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

**Recently Deceased:** Caterina De Maria

**Anniversaries:** Joseph McDonald, Carmelo Calafiore, Billie Walsh, Corrie Schelling, Kevin Pocklington  
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."

**Repose of Soul:** John Arestia

## PARISH ROSTERS

<b>LEONGATHA:</b>	<b>22nd Mar</b>	<b>23rd Mar</b>
Flowers:	No Flowers—Lent	
Cleaning:	L&S Augustine	
Greeting:	T Murphy	N Dudman
Reader:	K Blencowe	J Salvatore
Special Minister:	M Murphy	M Holloway

## KORUMBURRA:

23/03 Cleaning:	T Mareko
23/03 Greeter:	M Jackson

## March

Reader:	F Fowles
Commentator	D Brookes
Special Minister	M Ludenia
Laundry:	M Trewin
Flowers:	No Flowers

## Weekday Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Times

### KORUMBURRA

<b>Wednesday</b>	Mass (Feast of St Joseph)	9.30am
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### LEONGATHA

<b>Tuesday</b>	Mass	5.00pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mass (Feast of St Joseph)	7.00pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Mass	9.30am
<b>Friday</b>	Mass Stations of the Cross	9.30am 5.30pm

## 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**

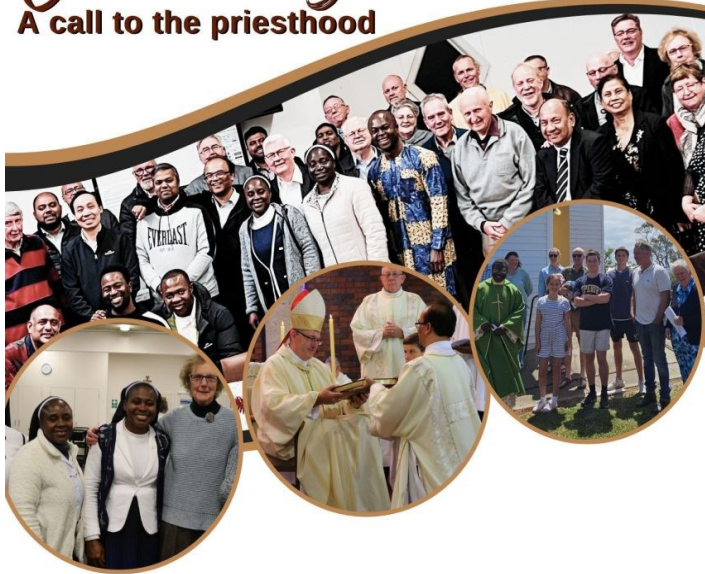
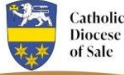
**Saturday:** Before 5.30 pm Mass—5.00pm

**Sunday:** Before 11am Mass—10.30am

*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*

# Come and See

## A call to the priesthood



### AN OPPORTUNITY

To meet with others who are also discerning a vocation to ministry, and hearing from priests, stories of their life and call to ministry.

**Sunday, 30th March 2025**  
3:00-4:30 pm

**St Michael's Parish**  
33-35 Kay St, Traralgon VIC 3844

A stirring in your heart for God?  
What this might mean for you?

Could Jesus be inviting you to  
share in his ministry as a Priest?

### OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

#### St Laurence's Parish:

Stewardship envelope:	\$690.00
Stewardship cash (1st offering)	\$440.20
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$598.00

#### St Joseph's Parish

Stewardship envelope:	\$ 96.00
Stewardship cash (1st offering)	\$148.25
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$339.25

*Thank you for your contributions, they are greatly appreciated.*

### Appropriate pastoral guidelines during the season of Lent

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (CCL97, 1251f).

In Australia and New Zealand, the obligations for Lent are:

- Catholics aged 18–59 should fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday
- Catholics aged 14 and older should abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday
- Catholics aged 14 and over should abstain from meat on every Friday of the year, including Lent, or substitute this with another form of penance, either in prayer, fasting or almsgiving.

Taking up some form of voluntary penance throughout the season of Lent is also expected.

What is the difference between fasting and abstinence?

On a day of fasting, Catholics are supposed to have one normal -sized meal and two 'snacks' (or 'smaller meals'), which cannot, put together, equal a full meal.

On a day of abstinence, Christians are asked to abstain from meat (although seafood is allowed).

Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial, and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised. Other celebrations in Lent (e.g. marriage) must take account of the spirit of penance.

Catholics are obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year, in Australia and New Zealand between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.

### 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

### 2024/25 St Joseph's & St Laurence's Sacramental Dates (Korumburra Host Parish)

Eucharist Parent and Child Workshop for families of Grade 4 students	Thursday, 29 May 2025 at 5:30pm St Joseph's Primary School
Eucharist Sacramental Celebratory Liturgy for families of Grade 4 students	Korumburra 27 July 2025 at 9.30am Leongatha 26 July 2025 at 5.30pm Leongatha 27 July 2025 at 11.00am
Confirmation Parent and Child Workshop for families of Grade 6 students	Thursday, 24 July at 5:30pm St Joseph's Primary School
Confirmation Sacramental Celebratory Liturgy for families of Grade 6 students	Thursday, 21st August 2025 at 5:00pm St Joseph's Korumburra

# Parish/Diocese News

**Baptism Workshop:** Members of the Diocesan Pastoral Life and Mission Team are workshopping a resource for use in the Baptism Preparation of Infants across the diocese in 2025. This new resource will provide parishes with an easy-to-use-preplanned resource which can support both those new to the role and those who have been in the role for a while. Anyone involved in Baptism preparation are invited to attend one of the sessions. Those invited include Clergy, Baptism Preparation Teams, Sacrament Coordinators, Pastoral Associates and interested parishioners thinking about this important ministry.

**TIME:** Start 7.00pm until 8.30pm You are invited to attend any session which works best for you. \*Please note the Bairnsdale gathering will run 2.30pm-4pm\*

**THE DATES AND VENUES ARE:** • February 25 at Bairnsdale • March 11 at the Marian Room in Warragul • April 29 at Moe • March 27 at Pakenham • June 24 at St Laurence O’Toole’s Church, Leongatha • August 5 at Cranbourne • August 26 at Sale .

**Sale Diocese Launch of Project Compassion-** On Tuesday, March 4, students from St Joseph's and St Laurence's Schools represented their schools at the official Launch of Caritas’ annual fundraiser. This year the event was hosted by Mary Mackillop Regional Catholic College. Bishop Greg Bennet joined students, teachers, and guests from school and parish communities to mark the beginning of Lent and to officially launch the 2025 Project Compassion appeal in the Diocese of Sale.

Caritas International is the Social Service arm of the Catholic Church. Each year during the season of Lent, Caritas International, through Project Compassion brings together thousands of Australian schools and parishes to stand in solidarity with the world’s most vulnerable communities to help end poverty, promote justice, and uphold dignity.

The theme of Project Compassion 2025 is *Unite Against Poverty*. As Catholic communities celebrate the Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*, Caritas invites people to action the theme of *Hope* by coming together to *Unite Against Poverty*. Actions taken today can make a lasting difference for future generation.

## LEONGATHA PARISH:

**Palm Sunday & Easter Choir Practice** will be held at Parish Centre 7.30pm on Tues 1st, 8th, 15th April. New Members are welcomed

**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 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, grand-children 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:

**The Korumburra Parish Family Dinner** will be at the fish & chip night Korumburra Golf Club Friday 21st March at 6pm. All welcome. Phone Fay 0409130360 or email Fay.fowles@bigpond.com

**Cuppa** after Mass on the First Sunday the Month



**Second Sunday of Lent**  
15th and 16th of March 2025

**Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.



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**Please donate today.**

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

**Or online at:** [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

**Or by calling:** 1800 024 413