

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Sunday, 17th November 2024

Entrance Antiphon Jeremiah 29:11,12,14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading Daniel 12:1-3

A reading from the prophet Daniel

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

‘At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.’

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1

(R.) Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**
2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**
3. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness forever. **(R.)**

Second Reading Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Luke 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 13:24-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

‘Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.’

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon Psalm 72:28

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God 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	
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	
Meeniyar	
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

Confirmation: Livinia Hermans

Baptism: Oliver McDonald

Anniversaries: Harry Polato, Agnes Doyle, Francesco Ciccia, Maria Ciccia, Michele Ciccia, Antonino Ciurleo
 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: 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	Mass	5.00pm
Thursday	Mass Parish /Class	9.30am
Friday	Mass Parish/Class	9.30am

PARISH ROSTERS

LEONGATHA:	23rd Nov	24th Nov
Flowers:	No Flowers	
Cleaning:	K Battersby / J Walsh	
Greeting:	T Murphy	Shirleyanne Wright
Reader:	J Kemper	??
Special Minister:	S Fraser	S Seabrook

KORUMBURRA:	
1/12 Cleaning:	D Brookes
24/11 Greeter:	A Nicholson
	November
Reader:	24/11 D Matthews
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

RECONCILIATION TIMES

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

Korumburra: Sun before 9.30am mass

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

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Laurence's Parish:

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

St Joseph's Parish

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

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 Angelic Swords of Light

Have you ever seen those pictures of angels? They are like babies with delicate gossamer wings. How sentimental, how pathetically trivial, how untrue. Angels are more like the light-swords wielded by Luke Skywalker in Star Wars. The good angels are lightning flashes of energy serving God's purpose in the battle against evil forces which can seem to dominate our worlds, private and social.

God loved us into existence in order to share in his life, but there are forces at work trying to frustrate that. There is a cosmic-scale battle going on. Who is on our side in that battle? The angels. Who are they?

They are non-bodily beings of great intelligence and power. Those are the angels, and those who have chosen to love and serve God are on our side.

Some are archangels with a cosmic-scale brief. We hear of one in the first reading: 'Michael, the great Prince who stands guard over your people'. Others are our individual Guardian Angels so that when powers of darkness seem to engulf us, we can turn to our Guardian Angel and say: 'Fight for me', and that light-sword of God will engage in battle because that is that sort of angel's way of serving God.

We could pause a moment to pray, thanking God for the Archangels who guard our church community and for our personal Guardian Angels, and asking our Lord Jesus Christ to command those angels to gather us as his chosen to share His glory.

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Living the Gospel – People of Hope

Whilst the community who were the intended audience of the Gospel of Mark were expecting the return of Jesus and the end times to occur during their lifetimes, nearly two thousand years later we realise that wasn't the case. Today, as in Mark's time, many people approach the future and change with fear and apprehension. As Christian people we are called to be optimistic and hopeful as we approach the future. We know that God is good, that God loves us unconditionally and that God has a dream for us. That is the simple basis of Christian hope.

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

Shining the Light—Domestic Violence Awareness



In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the dark times to come and the hope of His return in glory. Domestic violence brings its own darkness into our world, but we are called to work toward healing and peace in our communities.

Parishes across the Diocese of Sale are uniting in Shining a Light on Domestic Violence, 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>

Piety Stall - Advent & Christmas daily Reflection books for the period 1 Dec – Jan 12 available for \$7 each Also beautiful Columban Calendars for 2025 @ \$11 each.

Situation Vacant: Catholic Diocese of Sale Operations Accountant

The Diocese of Sale is seeking a qualified Accountant to assist the Diocesan Business Manager in the day-to-day financial operations of the Diocese and its associated entities. This is a permanent part time role of 30 hours per week with flexible days to be negotiated. The salary for the successful candidate will be based on experience, education and skill level. Applications will be open until 5pm Monday 25 November 2024.

For further information please see the Positions Vacant section of our <https://www.cdsale.org.au/operations-accountant> or contact Mary Winter (Diocesan Business Manager) by email at maryw@sale.catholic.org.au

LEONGATHA PARISH:

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 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 & 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

