

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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Sunday, 20th April 2025



EASTER SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

**(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **(R.)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord



**EASTER VIGIL
READINGS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN
THIS BULLETIN.**

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

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WEEKEND MASSES

Leongatha

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 11.00am

Korumburra

Sunday 9.30am

Tarwin Lower

Mass— Mass on Saturday before 3rd Sunday at 4.00pm

Liturgy with H/C Saturday 4pm before 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday

Mirboo Nth

Mass— Mass 1st Sunday at 4.00pm

Liturgy with H/C 9.30 Sunday 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th

Meeniyah

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: Valerie O'Loughlin

Anniversaries: Margaret Kindellan,

The deceased Clergy of the Diocese of Sale

Repose of Soul: Reg Jangao

Eternal rest grant unto them , O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace."

PARISH ROSTERS

LEONGATHA:

Flowers:

Cleaning:

Greeting:

Reader:

Special Minister:

26th April

E Stephens

M&B Thomas

T Murphy

A Hemming

M Thomas

27th April

Shirleyanne Wright

Sam Wright

M Holloway

KORUMBURRA:

20/04 Cleaning: M Trewin

27/04 Greeter: T Parisi

April

Reader: M Ludenia

Commentator D Matthews

Special Minister J Rattle

Laundry: M Trewin

Flowers: Jackson Family

Weekday Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Times

KORUMBURRA

Wednesday

No Service

LEONGATHA

Tuesday

No Service

Thursday

Mass

9.30am

Friday

Mass

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

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

Fr Stanly's Easter Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Easter, as we rejoice in the glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are also invited to live more deeply the grace of the *Jubilee Year of Hope*. A sacred opportunity to rediscover the hope found in Jesus, who *never disappoints us*. Even when all seems lost, He remains faithful.

The Gospel tells us of the women who went to the tomb early in the morning, their hearts heavy with grief, ready to anoint the body of their dear friend. What they found instead was an empty tomb — a moment of shock, confusion, and then overwhelming joy. Their sorrow was transformed into joy and hope. Their tears gave way to proclamation: *He is not here; He is risen!*

These faithful women became the first witnesses of the Resurrection, bearing news that would change the world. Like them, we are called to rise from fear and discouragement, and to carry the light of Easter into our homes, communities, and the world.

In this Jubilee Year, may we allow Jesus — Our Hope — to renew our hearts. Hope that is not rooted in fleeting things, but in the One who conquered sin and death. Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Easter.

In the Risen Christ, Fr Stanly Devasia

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 ☐



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Easter Sunday

20th April 2025

Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia!

As we celebrate this season of hope and renewal, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your support through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion this Lent.

As we reflect on the Easter message of love, compassion, and new beginnings, we are reminded of the incredible impact your contributions make. Together, we are building a world where no one is left behind.

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2025 Lenten appeal.



**UNITE
AGAINST
POVERTY**

this Lent

It's not too late to donate.

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
Or by calling: 1800 024 413

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Laurence's Parish:

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| Stewardship envelope: | \$616.00 |
| Stewardship cash (1st offering) | \$333.70 |
| Presbytery (2nd offering) | \$601.20 |

St Joseph's Parish

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| Stewardship envelope: | \$104.00 |
| Stewardship cash (1st offering) | \$218.40 |
| Presbytery (2nd offering) | \$353.50 |

Thank you for your contributions, they are greatly appreciated.

2025 St Joseph's & St Laurence's Sacramental Dates (Korumburra Host Parish)

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| 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

Easter is a time to celebrate faith, renewal, and the power of Love. May God's blessings fill your heart and home this season.

Parish Office will be closed on Easter Monday 21st April

Stay Updated on Diocesan Events: There are many **exciting events** happening across our **Diocese**! Stay informed and up to date by visiting the **Diocesan Events Page**. It's a great resource to find details on upcoming celebrations, gatherings, and important dates. **Visit:** <https://www.cdsale.org.au/events>

Divine Mercy Sunday will be held on Sunday 27th April 2025 at St. Ita's Church Drouin.

1st Hour 2pm-2.50pm Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist & Confessions. 2nd Hour Divine Mercy Sunday Mass 3pm with Bishop Greg and Fr Brendan. Cuppa and chat after the Mass.

Bishop Greg's Easter Message can be viewed on the link below:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TGH28wpl5fxDt22LqkzyjKFjhLPCR4g/view>

LEONGATHA PARISH:

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:

Cuppa after Mass on the First Sunday the Month

GOSPEL FOCUS

The disciple Jesus loved

In this week's gospel we see reference to a disciple as 'the one Jesus loved'. It is generally agreed that this disciple is John. There is some suggestion that the disciple, John, is in fact the John ascribed as the author of this gospel. If this is so, to describe himself as the disciple Jesus loved is merely a means of avoiding using a personal pronoun - I or me. Just as Jesus described himself as 'the Son of God' or 'the Son of Man' rather than say 'I', John uses the same convention to avoid naming himself. It is not to suggest that Jesus didn't love his other disciples.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.



May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of
the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

"Why look
among the
dead for
someone
who is alive?"

John 24:11

