



Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A - Sunday, 18th October 2026

First Reading Isaiah 45:1.4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:
It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)

2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)

3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)

4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Philippians 2:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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WEEKEND MASSES

Wonthaggi

Saturday 5.30pm
Sunday 10.30am

Inverloch

Sunday 9.00am

Weekday Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Times

Inverloch

Tuesday	Adoration	10.00am
	Mass	11.00am

Wonthaggi

Wednesday	Adoration	8.30am
	Mass	9.30am

Thursday	Mass—Rose Lodge	10.15am
	Flo Barber Funeral Praeys -	1.00pm

Friday	Adoration	8.30am
	Mass	9.30am

Benediction

Wonthaggi: 8.30am before First Friday of Month
Inverloch: 10.00am before First Tuesday of Month

RECONCILIATION TIMES

Wonthaggi: Before 5.30pm Mass on Saturday
and upon request
Inverloch: Sun before 9.00am mass

BAPTISMS

Contact Parish Office to set a date. Baptisms are held either during Saturday Evening Mass or Sunday Mass in Wonthaggi on the 4th Sunday of the Month. 6 Weeks notice is required.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Wilhelmina (Flo) Barber

Anniversaries: Molly Smith

For 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."

We pray for the sick, lonely and those suffering from illness and pain. May God's merciful love shine on them.

PARISH ROSTERS

WONTHAGGI:	24th Oct	25th Oct
Greeting/Reader	A Tschiderer	J Bordignon
Sacristan:	C Napoli	C Gow
Special Minister:	Jo Coldebella	B Heesh

INVERLOCH: Sunday 25th Oct
Reader: E Leszkiewicz
Special Minister: N Van Grunsven

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Joseph's Parish:

Presbytery (1st Collection)	\$1,238.45
Planned Giving	\$1,292.00
<i>(planned giving pledge per week \$1,973.95)</i>	
Loose cash (2nd offering)	\$264.45

Newcomers or Update Details

Welcome and thanks for worshipping with us at St Joseph's Wonthaggi and Our Lady Star of the Sea Inverloch. 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 (please circle)

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



Nurturing Good Fruit in Our Communities

Weekday Services, Change Notice commencing the week of Monday 12th October 2026

Monday - No Mass (unless notified by the Priest)

Tuesday - Our Lady Star of the Sea, Inverloch: Every week unless Fr Mark is not available. Adoration from 10am followed by Holy Mass at 11am.

First Tuesday of the Month - Adoration with Benediction from 10am followed by Holy Mass at 11am

Wednesday & Friday - St Joseph's

Wonthaggi: Every week unless Fr Mark is not available. Adoration from 8.30am followed by Holy Mass at 9.30am.

First Friday of the Month - Adoration with Benediction from 8.30am followed by Holy Mass at 9.30am

Saturday Morning - No Mass (unless notified by the priest)

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 the Parish Child Safety Officer. The officer can be contacted through the Parish Office. 03 56 721 111

Parish/Diocese News

The annual toiletry collection will be held during October, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant, etc are gratefully appreciated. Please place donations in the containers at both Churches.

Catholic Missions special collection will be held this weekend. Your generous support helps Catholic missionaries bring hope, care and practical assistance to the communities in need around the world. Envelopes are available this weekend

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Fr Mark will be offering a training session for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If you would like to join, please place your name on the sheet provided in the foyer of either church.

St. Joseph's Parish Meditation Group—the Meditation Group meets every Tuesday during School Term from 1.30pm in the Annexe at the Inverloch Church followed by Gospel Reflection. All welcome

World Youth Day 2027 will be held in Seoul, South Korea: The Catholic Diocese of Sale and DOSCEL are jointly coordinating the Diocese of Sale pilgrimage to World Youth Day, Seoul 2027, led by Bishop Greg Bennet. The approximate date is 30 July 2027 to 8th August 2027 and the pilgrimage is open to young people aged 16-35 years. For more information please contact Fr Aneesh

Prayer Shawl Group next meeting Wed 28th Oct at 10.30am in Inverloch Church Annex. Please contact us if you know anyone who would benefit from receiving a shawl or rug or anyone who would like to join our group. Wool & simple patterns are available. Save the Date: Wednesday Nov 25th for our end of year night out. Details TBC. Enquiries: Philippa Warby 0408 331 340 Maureen Maartensz 0407 055 447

Prayer Group will meet Monday's at 1.15pm at Wonthaggi Church each week. New members welcome.

Parking at Wonthaggi Church: Due to the wet ground, parking near the front entrance of the church is currently not permitted. For liability reasons, parking cannot be allowed in this area at present. The matter is being looked into and we appreciate your patience.

St Joseph's Wonthaggi

Cuppa after Mass will be held on the First weekend of the month

Our Lady Star of the Sea—Inverloch

Cuppa after Mass will be held on the first Sunday of the month

CWL next cake stall will be held on Sunday 1 Nov after the 9am Mass. Donations of homemade goods would be greatly appreciated.

Hymns for St Joseph's Wonthaggi Church

1. Let there be Peace on Earth

by Jill Jackson-Miller

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on Earth
The peace that was meant to be

With God as our Father
We are family
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow

To take each moment and live
each moment
In peace, eternally
Let there be Peace on Earth
And let it begin with me

2. Ang Tanging Alay ko (My Only Offering)

by Raymund Remo

[Verse 1]

Salamat sa iyo Aking Panginoong
Hesus Ako'y inibig Mo At inangking
lubos

CHORUS

Ang tanging alay ko sa'yo aking Ama
Ay buong buhay ko puso at kaluluwa
'Di makayanang makapagkaloob
Mamahaling hiyas ni gintong nilukob
Ang aking dalangin o Diyos ay
tanggapin
Tanging alay ko nawa'y gamitin
Ito lamang Ama, wala nang iba pa
Akong hinihiling

[Verse 2]

'Di ko akalain
Ako ay binigyang pansin
Ang taong tulad ko'y
'Di dapat mahalin

[Repeat CHORUS]

[Verse 3]

Aking hinihintay (aking hinihintay)
Ang Iyong pagbabalik Hesus
Ang makapiling mo'y
Kagalakang lubos

[Repeat CHORUS]

Ito lamang Hesus wala nang
iba pa
Akong hinihiling

3. Take and Receive

by Fr. Manuel Francisco SJ

[Verse 1]

Take and receive, O Lord, my liberty
Take all my will, my mind, my
memory All things I hold and all I
own are Thine Thine was the gift, to
Thee I all resign

[Verse 2]

Do Thou direct and govern all and
sway Do what Thou wilt, command,
and I obey Only Thy grace, Thy love
on me bestow These make me rich,
all else will I forego

Repeat VERSE 2 then fade

4. In Him Alone

by Fr. Manuel Francisco SJ

[Chorus]

In Him alone is our hope In Him
alone is our strength In Him alone
are we justified In Him alone are we
saved

[Verse 1]

What have we to offer That does
not fade or wither Can the world
ever satisfy The emptiness in our
hearts In vain we deny

[Repeat Chorus]

[Verse 2]

When will you cease running In
search of hollow meaning
Let His love feed the hunger In your
soul till it overflows With joy you
yearn to know

[Repeat Chorus 2x then fade]

5. Christ be our Light

Bernadette Farrell

Longing for light, we wait in
darkness longing for truth, we turn
to you. Make us your own, your holy
people light for the world to see.

Refrain:

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

**Shine in your Church gathered
today.**

Longing for peace, our world is
troubled, longing for hope, many
despair, your word alone has pow'r
to save us make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry,
longing for water, many still thirst,
make us your bread, broken for
others shared until all are fed.
Longing for shelter, many are
homeless, Longing for warmth, many
are cold. Make us your building,
sheltering others. Walls made of
living stone.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

What's in a face?

The question of coinage was a problematic one for first century Jews. The tradition – grounded in the commandments given to Moses on Mt Sinai – forbade the use of 'graven' or carved images. The people of Israel took this prohibition very seriously and did not portray the human face in artwork of any kind. Roman coins were minted with the face of the emperor on them and it was compulsory that taxes be paid with Roman coin. This helps to explain the role of the Temple money-changers who converted the Roman coin into Temple coin that could be used for religious purposes.