



Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore

Serving the communities of
St Leonard's Naremburn, St Philip Neri Northbridge, St Thomas' Willoughby
Twinned with the Parish of Letefoho, Timor Leste

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, the Cammeraygal and the Wallumedegal peoples, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this Country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – 11 October 2020



WEDDING GARMENTS AT BAPTISMS!

The servants of the king went out and gathered in 'all whom they found, good and evil alike'. They respond, drawn by the attractive prospect of sharing in the life of the Lord of the Feast, and they are welcomed, whether good or evil.

What about the king's (God's) question to the wedding guest? 'My friend, how come you are here without a wedding garment?' The guest might have replied: 'Because of dire poverty', or 'Lack of time', but the story goes on, 'But the guest was silent'. The guest was tongue-tied because he was caught out having decided not to enter into the spirit of the occasion.

That is why, at every baptism, we look for a signal of commitment to respond to the spirit of the occasion, by the wearing of a white garment. This anticipates the later receiving of Holy Communion which is a foretaste of the Feast of Heaven.

We could pause for a moment at this Mass to enter into the Spirit of the occasion wearing the garment of our baptismal commitment.

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We Are Still Here

With the COVID-19 pandemic headlining the news each day, and as we see Australia start to ease restrictions, it can

be easy to forget that there are many countries around the world where the full extent of the impact has not yet been discovered. Priests, sisters and missionaries around the world are doing all that they can to ensure that those in need are given the best practical and pastoral support, however these Church-run programs often rely on generous donations from people like you.

Will you join with us today to be there for those in need during this crisis?

For more information and to give generously to support vital mission programs through COVID-19, please go to <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/our-work/prop20-covid-19-appeal>



If you would like to join a small group reading and studying Mark's gospel, on Zoom on Monday nights, contact Tricia Gemmell at pgemmell@tpg.com.au. The group will be starting on Monday 19 October at 7.30pm, with an introduction to the gospel and a look at Chapter 1.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Recently Deceased: Anna Dicarolo, Sr Jan Cetta rsj

Anniversaries: Elena Agnese, Giuseppe Bellia, Josefa Hajdora, Melwin & Selvam Selvakumaraswamy.

Deceased: Fr Basil Rosen





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OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Many popes and saints have spoken of the importance of the rosary with the greatest recommendation coming from Our Lady herself in Fatima in 1917 when she identified herself as the Lady of the Rosary and asked that the rosary be said at least daily for world peace and conversion of sinners. The Church recognizes the importance of the rosary by setting aside October as the month of the rosary and dedicating 7th October (last Wednesday) as the feast day of the Holy Rosary.

The rosary schools us in the events of our salvation as we tell the beads and implore Our Lady's intercession for us along with the Creed, Our Father and Glory Be. Said with intent the rosary is a most powerful weapon against evil and for our growth in holiness. The family rosary is also a wonderful tradition. The founder of the Family Rosary Crusade *Fr Patrick Peyton CSC (1909-1992) said "the family that prays together stays together". We invite parishioners to participate in the rosary said in conjunction with weekday Masses and to incorporate the rosary into their personal and family prayer life (**The Legion of Mary**). *The life of Fr Patrick Peyton has been made into a documentary/ movie which is released in the US on 9 October – watch the trailer "Pray". Just Google PRAY: THE STORY OF PATRICK PEYTON.

A CONCERT OF HOPE AND STRENGTH

Join us for an afternoon of music while we raise funds for our brothers and sisters in Letefoho. Sunday 29th November 3pm St Leonards Church Naremburn. Book via the following link <https://www.trybooking.com/BKWDS> or call the Parish Office. Tickets are \$10, strictly limited to 100 people so book now to avoid disappointment.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good
will. We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father, you take away the sins of the
world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the
dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

MASS BOOKING DURING COVID

Follow the Trybooking link to book next weekends Mass;

<https://www.trybooking.com/BLYTK>

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 129:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand? But with you is
found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading

Is 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
*The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe
away the tears from every cheek.*

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all
people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of
fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained
wines.

On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our
God

in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

POSITION VACANT – ACCOUNTANT

MATERNITY LEAVE POSITION)

The Chancery is recruiting for a full
time Accountant (Maternity Leave
Position). Please see the Diocesan
website for the
advertisement: [https://
www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/
positions-vacant](https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant)

WEEK DAY READINGS

12 Mon Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1
/Lk 11:29-32

13 Tue Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41

14 Wed Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46

15 Thu Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54

16 Fri Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7

17 Sat Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22. R. v.6

**(R.) I shall live in the house of the
Lord all the days of my life.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. If I should walk
in the valley of darkness no evil would
I fear. You are there with your crook
and your staff; with these you give me
comfort. (R.)

3. You have prepared a banquet for
me in the sight of my foes. My head
you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading

Phil 4:12-14. 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Philippians

*I am able to do all things in him who
strengthens me.*

I know how to be poor and I know
how to be rich too. I have been
through my initiation and now I am
ready for anything anywhere: full
stomach or empty stomach, poverty or
plenty. There is nothing I cannot
master with the help of the One who
gives me strength. All the same, it was
good of you to share with me in my
hardships. In return my God will fulfil
all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as
lavishly as only God can. Glory to God,
our Father, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

See Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the
hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew

*Whomsoever you find invite to the
wedding.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and
elders of the people: 'The kingdom of
heaven may be compared to a king
who gave a feast for his son's
wedding. He sent his servants to call
those who had been invited, but they
would not come. Next he sent some
more servants. "Tell those who have
been invited" he said "that I have my
banquet all prepared, my oxen and
fatted cattle have been
slaughtered, everything is ready.
Come to the wedding." But they were
not interested: one went off to his
farm, another to his business, and the
rest seized his servants, maltreated
them and killed them. The king was
furious. He dispatched his troops,
destroyed those murderers and burnt
their town. Then he said to his
servants, "The wedding is ready; but
as those who were invited proved to
be unworthy, go to the crossroads in
the town and invite everyone you can
find to the wedding." So these
servants went out onto the roads and
collected together everyone they
could find, bad and good alike; and
the wedding hall was filled with
guests. When the king came in to look
at the guests he noticed one man
who was not wearing a wedding
garment, and said to him, "How did
you get in here, my friend, without a
wedding garment?" And the man was
silent. Then the king said to the
attendants, "Bind him hand and foot
and throw him out into the dark,
where there will be weeping and
grinding of teeth." For many are
called, but few are chosen.'

Baptism this Weekend

Harriet Duffy



Welcome!

WEEKEND MASSES	CHURCH	CLERGY 17 & 18 Oct
Sat 5:00pm	St Philip Neri	Fr Philip
Sat 6:00pm	St Thomas'	Fr Vincent
Sun 8:00am	St Thomas'	Fr Philip
Sun 9:00am	St Philip Neri	Fr Trung
Sun 9:30am	St Thomas'	Fr Philip
Sun 10:30am	St Leonard's	Fr Vincent
Sun 6:00pm	St Leonard's	Fr Vincent
Sun 4:00pm	RNSH	Fr Trung

RECONCILIATION

St Leonard's Church

Sat: 9:30am - 9:45am

St Thomas' Church

Sat: 5:15pm - 5:45pm

St Philip Neri Church

Sat: 4:45pm

- Please remember to sanitise hands on your way into Mass.
- Sit 1.5m away from others.
- Follow the distance stickers on pews and for communion.

WEEKDAY MASSES	CHURCH
Mon 9:00am	St Thomas'
Mon 9:15am	St Philip Neri
Tue 9:00am	St Thomas'
Tue 9:00am	St Leonard's
Wed 9:00am	St Thomas'
Wed 9:15am	St Philip Neri
Thu 9:00am	St Leonard's
Thu 9:00am	St Thomas'
Thu 1:00pm	RNSH
Fri 9:00am	St Thomas'
Fri 9:15am	St Philip Neri
Fri 1:00pm	RNSH
Sat 9:00am	St Thomas'
Sat 9:00am	St Leonard's

BAPTISM PREPARATION

7:00pm Parish Office

2nd & 3rd Tuesdays of the month

Forms are available from the back of each Church, or our website.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH

If you would like to purchase a memorial plaque for a loved one, please contact the Parish Office.

CHILDREN'S BAPTISM

St Leonard's Church: 12:00noon

4th Sunday of the month

St Philip Neri Church: 12:00noon

2nd Sunday of the month

St Thomas' Church: 10:45am

2nd & 4th Sundays of the month

ADORATION

Tuesdays after 9:00am Mass at St Thomas' Willoughby concluding with Benediction at 10:30am.

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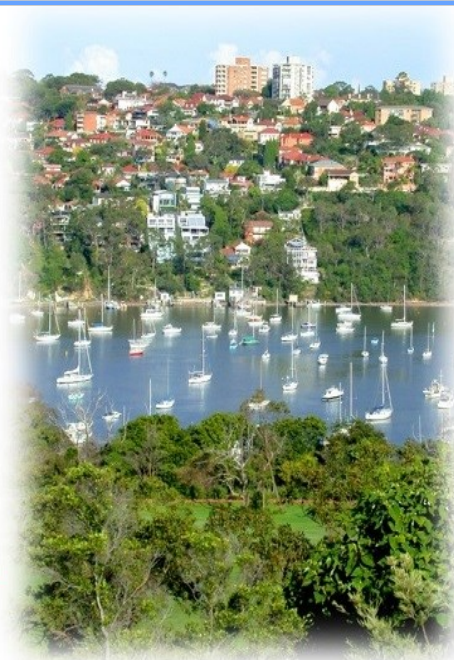
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[Pope Francis' latest encyclical letter *Fratelli Tutti*](#) is, as we might have anticipated, a reflection on our times. Its timing was fortuitous, bridging the inarticulate hostility of the presidential debate and Joe Biden's decision to forego negative campaigning in the aftermath of Donald Trump's COVID-19 diagnosis. The burden of the encyclical is to commend fraternity and social friendship and deplore selfishness and hostility in the response to the crisis.



The first words of the encyclical are part of a quotation from St Francis of Assisi, in which he commends a fraternity that crosses all boundaries of distance and culture as central to his followers. Social friendship — which refers to the privileging of respect for persons and so for the common good over individual interests in social, economic and institutional relationships — flows from an attitude of fraternity.

St Francis has deeply influenced the Pope, who took his name, has attended gatherings of religious leaders in Assisi to pray, and signed this encyclical there. Francis of Assisi, who had a deep sense of God's presence in nature, also undertook a dangerous journey to meet the Sultan in Egypt and dissuaded his Friars from dispute when meeting Saracens. In an encyclical initially intended to focus on the fraternal relationships between religions, exemplified in the common statement Pope Francis signed in Abu Dhabi with Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, the association with the saint was apposite.

As the encyclical developed, Pope Francis expanded its scope to reflect on the COVID-19 crisis and on the dangers and opportunities created by the need to respond to it. Stylistically, the change of focus makes for a baggy elephant of a document. The influence of Francis of Assisi, however, hangs over it. He was contemplative, radical in his poverty and his association with people who were poor, was a standing reproach to the greed and violence of his own society, and had an influence out of proportion to his social standing.

The encyclical begins by examining the signs of a lack of fraternity in society that contribute to a closed world. The list is long and comprehensive, including the erosion of human rights, the dominance of ideologies of economic self-interest over the common good, the treatment of refugees, the poisoning of public conversation and communication, and the many forms of discrimination. All these evils find expression in disrespect for vulnerable human beings.

The moral compass of the document is then provided by an exposition of the Parable of the Good Samaritan with its emphasis on practical friendship for the wounded stranger. The love that looks to the good of the other represents a counterpoint to the attitude that underlies the dehumanising signs of a closed world, and a bridge to an open world. Pope Francis describes this bridge of fraternity in terms of the central principles of Catholic Social Teaching, recently elaborated in his recent [General Audience](#): respect for human beings for their intrinsic value and not for their use, solidarity based on their social nature and the primacy of the common good.

These principles are then drawn on in the body of the document to propose a better way to deal with the aspects of public life which the CV crisis has shown to be at risk. It encompasses relationships between nations and particularly the need to open closed borders that hurt refugees and minorities, and to strengthen international conventions and institutions to make possible the remission of debt. It calls also for a reform of political life based on respect for persons, respect for law and for human rights, and attention to the common good rather than to individual and sectional interests. All these things call for a culture marked by the search for truth and openness to others. They must also be built on a commitment to peace, the rejection of war and capital punishment, and the encouragement of processes of forgiveness and reconciliation within societies.

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The encyclical opens up little new ground in its argument, except perhaps in the priority it gives to the common good over private interest in the ownership of goods. It reflects the emphases of Pope Francis's life and writings, with a passionate assertion of the dignity of each human being and the respect owed to and expected from each other and society, and an equally passionate denunciation of the greed, violence and inequality that threaten the future of the world. Its detailed analysis of the world situation merits a close reading.

The tone of the *Fratelli Tutti* is urgent. It echoes the vision of a world at the crossroads where the path we take will decide whether the inheritance that we leave to our grandchildren will be wasted or saved. The way in which we set about rebuilding society in the face of coronavirus will be crucial. Its outcome will depend on the choice we make between individual greed and the commitment to the common good. Given the evidence that many governments throughout the world are attempting to return to tried and failed economic and social models, urgency is appropriate.

The apparently limited space given to the environment in the encyclical deserves mention, given Pope Francis' constant insistence on its importance. In fact, the broader understanding of integral ecology evident in *Laudato Si'* to include social and institutional relationships flows easily into the emphasis in *Fratelli Tutti* on social friendship. The document also emphasises attention to the world outside ourselves, the friendship to it imaged in the stories of Francis of Assisi, and the need to maintain this attention and altruistic care in all human relationships — institutional and transnational as well as personal and local. The perspective adopted here could enrich reflection on the environment.

In this cantankerous time the emphasis on fraternity in public conversation and advocacy will surely be welcomed. The encyclical strongly endorses the human rights of people made vulnerable by society — of women and children, of racial minorities, of refugees, of the aged and others. It views the public conversation about rights as one of engagement and persuasion in seeking the common good, not as a closed and adversarial struggle between allies and enemies. That at least would be an improvement upon the public discourse to which we have become accustomed.