



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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - 15th JANUARY 2023



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Ours is an historical religion. It not only unfolds within the joys and disappointments of time and place, but it is rooted in actual events that took place in the lives of real people. The Christ to whom we commit ourselves is not a mythic character, a figment of communal religious imagination. He is someone who was born into history, at a specific period of time, in a particular place. He was known by real people like John the Baptist; he submitted himself to historical rituals like baptism. He had followers who testified to the truth of both his existence and his life. Jesus was a man of history.

Like Paul, we too have been called to be apostles. We received this call when we were baptised. The beginning of the year, with its custom of making new resolutions, is a wonderful time to remember to what we have committed ourselves. At times it seems that our own apostleship is no less daunting than was Paul's. However, it is no less immediate either. Whether the period of history is the first half of the first century, as was the time of Jesus, or the second half, as was the time of Paul, or the twenty-first century, as is our time, salvation unfolds within the events of time. Furthermore, the followers of Jesus always return to the events of his life in order to discover the meaning of the events in their lives. These past events are reinterpreted in the ongoing present. Discipleship is never otherworldly.

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Cardinal George Pell



With the death of Cardinal George Pell in Rome the Vicar General of Broken Bay Diocese, Very Rev Dr David Ranson has written a pastoral letter to the people of Broken Bay Diocese.

There will be copies of the letter available for you to read in each church this weekend.

There is also an invitation to attend the **Memorial Mass** for Cardinal George Pell which will be held **Monday 16th January 6pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.**

Please see the notice board in each church for more details.



Join us for a World Youth Day BBQ Fundraiser This weekend!
We will be cooking up a storm on Sunday 15th January after the 6pm Mass at St Leonard's. Stop by for a sausage sizzle and meet the pilgrims!
Donations towards our pilgrimage are warmly appreciated.
For more information, please contact Adeline Kassis via the Parish Office.

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading

Is 49:3. 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

**(R.) Here I am, Lord;
I come to do your will.**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **(R.)**

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **(R.)**

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. **(R.)**

4. Your justice I have proclaimed

in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Cor 1:1-3

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

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 1:14. 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted Him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to

me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

Fr Chima's Farewell Mass and morning tea



When- Sunday 19th February

Where- St Thomas' Church

Time- 9.30am

Cuppa N' Conversation



We gather in the Front Room of the Parish Hall every Wednesday between 9.30am and 11.00am. All welcome. Marie Harris 0417 077 020

WILLOUGHBY ANTIOCH 40 YEARS

Willoughby Antioch 40 years Reunion. Spread the word.

When: 21st January 2023
Where: St Thomas' Willoughby.
Info:

willoughbyantioch@gmail.com

HEALING MASS

Including Anointing of The Sick & Novena to the Sacred Heart

January

St Leonard's 9am– Saturday 21st

Feast & Memorial Days This Week

Tuesday–St Anthony, abbot
Saturday–St Agnes

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Recently Deceased: Boso Kevric and Phornie Soteros, David and Jamie Bugeja

Anniversaries: Angela Ryan, Giovanni & Rosa Squadrito

The Sick: Franny Fisher, Albert Hodges





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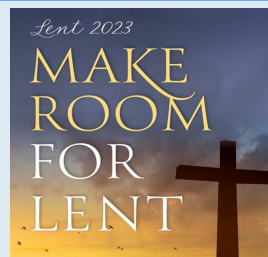
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St Thomas' Primary School

2 Horsley Ave, Willoughby
Principal: Enrica Bova
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During Lent you are warmly invited to pause and reflect on The Beatitudes. These 'sayings of Jesus' provide us with a portrait of how to deepen our call to discipleship. These reflections offer time to gently deepen your spirituality in a comfortable and quiet setting where listening, open sharing and quiet reflection can take place.

When: Wednesday mornings March 1, 8, 15 & 22

Where: St Thomas' Parish Hall

182 High St, Willoughby

Time: 9.45am - 11.15am

Sign-up Sheets will be placed in all Church Foyers from this weekend alternatively Please ring

Parish Office 9958.8846

Facilitator: Leonie Puckeridge



Pope Francis said:

"Being a Catechist is a Vocation"

Is it Your Vocation? Join Us and Find Out...

For further information, please contact Henny at ccd@lms.org.au



We warmly welcome Fr Vincent Nguyen to our Lower North Shore Parish this week.

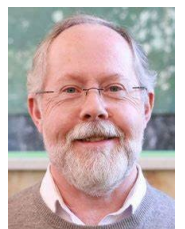
Fr Vincent will commence his appointment here as our new Assistant Priest on the 19th January 2023. You might have the opportunity to say hello and welcome him at one of the Masses next weekend. Fr Vincent will then take some already planned leave back in his home country, Vietnam, for a few weeks.

Parish Discernment Discussions

Session 1- St Philip Neri Hall 3pm on Sunday 26th February

Session 2- St Thomas Hall 7pm on Tuesday 7th March

Session 3- St Leonard's Hall 7pm on Wednesday 15th March



Facilitated by Deacon Peter McCulloch

The meetings are intended to determine a community response to the mission of our parish through inter-Parish cooperation allowing parishioners to share and give their feedback on what is working well within our parish, where we are going and what dreams and goals we might have for our community. It is our hope that a new Parish Missionary Council will spring forth from these discussions. If you are unable to attend on one of the times proposed you are most welcome to submit your interest via email to Fr Jose at:

jose.philip@bbcatholic.org.au

MASS/ SERVICE/ SCHEDULE	ST THOMAS' WILLOUGHBY	ST LEONARD'S NAREMBURN	ST PHILIP NERI NORTHBRIDGE
Sunday Masses	6pm Vigil Saturday 8am & 9:30am Sunday	10:30am & 6pm Sunday	5pm Vigil Saturday & 9am Sunday
Weekday Masses	9am Mon to Sat	9am Tue -Thu - Sat	9:15am Mon - Wed - Fri
Royal North Shore Hospital Chapel	Weekday Mass Thursday & Friday 1pm	Weekend Mass 4pm Sunday	
Reconciliation	Saturday 5:15pm - 5:45pm	Saturday 9:30am - 9:45am	Saturday 4:45pm
Youth Mass		1 st & 3 rd Sunday of the month at 6pm	
Children's Liturgy	During 9:30am Mass Each Sunday in school term.		9am Sunday dates to be advised for 2023
Community Masses		Italian Mass- 1st Friday 7pm PNGCCAA 1 st Saturday 7pm	
Healing Mass/ Anointing Novena to the Sacred Heart	9am Mass 1 st Friday	9am Mass 3rd Saturday	
Adoration	Tuesday after 9am Mass ALL YEAR		
Baptisms	11:00am 2nd & 4th Sundays	12pm 4th Sunday	12pm 3rd Sunday
Baptism Prep Parish Office	2nd Tuesday of the month 11am 3rd Tuesday of the month 7pm		
Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group CCCR	St Thomas' Parish Hall 7:15pm Tuesday Evenings Enquiries 0419 977 531		
Legion of Mary	Meets every Friday in the 'Blue Room' at the Parish Hall 9:45am All Welcome		

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WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON 2023



REGISTRATION UPDATE

- The excitement is certainly building as we continue to plan and prepare for WYD23 to Lisbon next year!
- Places for Over 18's on the full pilgrimage have reached capacity.
- We have a number of spaces on the Direct Pilgrimage 29 July to 11 August
- It's not too late to let us know that you'd like to journey with us on the Direct pilgrimage.
- Register to secure your place: <https://bit.ly/wyd2023bbc>



Letter to Clergy and Parishioners in the Diocese of Broken Bay

Thursday 12 January 2023 My dear brothers and

sisters

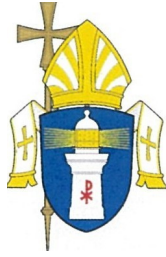
As Administrator of the Diocese whilst Bishop Randazzo is on leave, I offer this small tribute from our Diocese of Broken Bay to the late Cardinal George Pell who passed away in Rome on 11 January 2023.

When such a figure as colossal and as complex as Cardinal Pell passes away, we recognise that a particular moment in history has discovered us. It is a reflective moment that seeks to take stock of the influence of a person unequalled in the experience of the Church of Australia. The future will both further reveal and analyse the phenomenal nature of Cardinal Pell's life, his experience, his contribution. It is not for me now to offer insight into this. It is, however, for me to acknowledge that the Australian Church has been undeniably shaped by his leadership over so many decades. His passing represents a defining moment for the Catholic community in Australia, and of course, not only in Australia, but across the world given his international presence and ministry. No other Australian Catholic churchman has exercised such global influence.

Cardinal Pell's episcopal motto, *Be Not Afraid*, summarises that remarkable approach by which he sought both to arrest what he interpreted as an ecclesial life in danger of losing its identity and purpose, and to ensure that the Church did not lose its voice in the public domain. His stature and calibre, his determination, and his temperament, catapulted him into a status charged with significance of such complex dimensions, particularly given the challenges of the last twenty years through which we have struggled with the exposure of sexual abuse in our community. Yet, in the midst of this, Cardinal Pell retained always to those who knew him personally a compassionate camaraderie and disarming humour. There was a simplicity in him that was unmistakable to those closest to him.

My own personal association with Cardinal Pell extends nearly 40 years - I first met him when he was Principal of Aquinas College, Ballarat in the late 1970s. Through all his subsequent appointments as Rector of Corpus Christi Seminary, Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne, Archbishop of Melbourne and Archbishop of Sydney, our relationship developed through various twists and turns. Though we both tacitly accepted that we "did not read the same books," Cardinal Pell was unfailingly kind, generous and encouraging of me in my own appointments and engagements which often brought us together. I recall with fondness the morning spent with him in his office in Rome when he was Vatican Prefect of the Secretariat of the Economy I owe him a personal debt of gratitude for the manner in which he allowed me to make my own contribution to the Church.

Very Rev Dr David Ranson



Our own memories of Cardinal Pell will be a mixture, not least shaped by the media's perception of his indomitable character. Yet, all of us cannot but be in awe of his steadfastness, his loyalty, his perseverance, his fidelity, his commitment to what he believed was right and just. Robust and passionate, his death leaves an unmistakable vacuum.

At this time, I am especially conscious that many of those who exercise senior leadership in our Diocese of Broken Bay knew Cardinal Pell as a friend and colleague, having worked closely with him for many years when he was Archbishop of Sydney. This moment is a particularly sad one for them and on your behalf, I extend to them our deepest sympathy on the loss of such a confidante and mentor. I extend, too, our condolences to Cardinal Pell's family, particularly his brother, David.

The funeral details of the late Cardinal are currently being considered and we will join with the Archdiocese of Sydney in whichever way we can to ensure that the life and legacy of the Cardinal is given every fitting acknowledgement.

In the meantime, a Memorial Mass will be offered at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Waitara at 6.00pm on Monday 16 January, the day on which a funeral Mass for the late Cardinal will be celebrated in Rome. The faithful of the Diocese are invited to join together in prayer for Cardinal Pell.

We commend the soul of Cardinal George Pell to Almighty God in the knowledge that he fought the race of faith to the very end. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. And may his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Sincerely in Christ,

Very Rev Dr David Ranson Administrator of the
Diocese

In the absence of Bishop Anthony Randazzo

Very Rev Dr David Ranson