



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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B – 2 May 2021



SPIRITUAL DRINK

We are too familiar with today's gospel. Christ is the vine and we are the branches, sometimes in need of a good pruning. But God's purpose is not to produce a perfect vineyard. It is to produce a full-bodied wine at the end of history.

There is a foretaste of this at every Mass. The wine we offer – 'fruit of the earth and work of human hands' – becomes the spiritual drink which best serves the purpose of our Heavenly Father. How does this happen?

For the Jewish people observing an animal whose throat is cut, it is obvious that the life drains out with the blood. 'Life' and 'blood' became synonyms. So, when the Jewish Jesus says of the wine in the chalice at the Last Supper: 'This is my blood', amongst other things he is saying: 'This is my life force, this is my very life given unreservedly for you.'

So, when we drink from the chalice at Holy Communion, the life of the Risen Lord courses through our bodies just as the sap of the vine courses through its branches. We share the same ultimate vitality so that our bodily existence builds into the Body of Christ. He becomes truly 'full-bodied' as the Divine Vignerone desires.

We could take a moment to pray that we respond to the pruning and the tending and the pressing by our Heavenly Father so as to contribute our distinctive character to the vintage at the end of history, the spiritual drink of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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SPECIAL SPEAKING EVENT:

The Gratefulness Guide: Next Level Thinking



Jacqui Jones is the founder of the Greatfulness Wellbeing Program, delivered in primary schools throughout Australia.

She is also the author of The Greatfulness Guide, a fantastic book for tweens, teens and their parents about the power of the mind and strategies for healthy thinking.

The whole family are invited to this event where Jacqui will share her thoughts on setting the foundations for strong mental health and positive resilient thinking.

With over 20 years' experience in the field of education and social work, Jacqui's focus is on helping young people make better choices for themselves.

Time: 7pm, Tuesday 18 May

Location: St Thomas' Parish Hall

Enquiries: Parish Office 9958 8846 Or office@lins.org.au

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Recently Deceased: Mary Haylen, Kitty Collins, Beth Manning, Mara Cetinic, Doris Schneider & John A. Jamieson.

Anniversaries: May Spies (2nd), Patricia Hodges, Luigi Fontana, Benedetto Drago, Leonardo Cascio, Vesna Camuglia (1mth), Elizabeth Beckitt & Selvam Selvakumaraswamy.

Deceased: Fr Basil Rosen & Maria Sciarrone.

Sick: Clifford Sun & Bill Eyre





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2 Horsley Ave, Willoughby

Principal: Jenny McKeown

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CHARITABLE WORKS FUND – MAY APPEAL – 8/9 MAY 2021

Many thousands of young people and families in our community receive help from the charities that CWF supports. They can arise with new strength. We give thanks to God for the

blessing these pastoral works offer to those in hospital, at school, across neighbourhoods and local parishes of Broken Bay. Please give generously to the final CWF appeal of the Financial Year 2020/21. Donations are 100% tax deductible and support five charities.



O dearest St. Joseph,

I consecrate myself to thy honour and give myself to thee, that thou mayest always be my father, my protector, and my guide in the way of salvation.

Obtain for me a great purity of heart and a fervent love of the interior life.

After thine example, may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God,

in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary!

And do thou, O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me

that I may share in the peace and joy of thy holy death.

Amen.

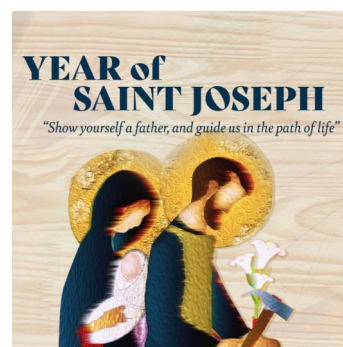
CATECHISTS NEWS

Year 5 students learnt about St Thomas' story.

In this lesson, children are guided towards believing without seeing and to build on and nurture their Faith.

They also wrote messages about "How Jesus is present in us".

Gina Shortis, Angela Rossello and Charles Morris - Year 5



Trish Madigan is a Dominican Sister who has ministered for many years in the Catholic Church in Australia in ecumenical and Interfaith relations. She is preaching on the Gospel reading for the Fifth Sunday after Easter (John 15: 1- 8). The other readings are Acts 9: 26-31 and 1 John 3: 18-24.

<https://soundcloud.com/andrea-dean/8-may-2-trish-madigan>

INVITATION TO ST BENEDICT'S MONASTERY FOR SUNDAY 16 MAY

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia on Sunday, 16 May.

Arrival from 10.00am, QR code in use, 10:30am start, Presentations, Introduction to Meditation, period of Meditation for ongoing meditators, BYO picnic lunch and other refreshments, Mass, conclusion at 3.00pm. No need to register ahead of time. Donations welcome.

Enquires Ann Bergman: anniebergman@hotmail.com or

Ann Lomas: atlomas@bigpond.com or 9653 2637.

BARTELS FAMILY GROUP

Lunch Sunday 16 May 12.30pm Millers Kitchen
(formerly Wild Sage) Stockland Mall Cammeray
\$35 p.p Reply Kerrie 9958 8837 by 13 May.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 97:1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
*He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul
and spoke to him on his journey.*

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R.)

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. (R.)

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Jn 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

My children,
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,
but something real and active;
only by this can we be certain
that we are the children of the truth
and be able to quieten our conscience
in his presence,
whatever accusations it may raise
against us,
because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.
My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him,
we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.
His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another
as he told us to.
Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.
We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,
and my Father is the vinedresser.
Every branch in me that bears no fruit
he cuts away,
and every branch that does bear fruit
he prunes

to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already,
by means of the word that I have
spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make
mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by
itself,

but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in
me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in
him, bears fruit in plenty;

for cut off from me you can do
nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me
is like a branch that has been thrown
away

– he withers;

these branches are collected and
thrown on the fire,
and they are burnt.

If you remain in me
and my words remain in you,
you may ask what you will
and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you
should bear much fruit,
and then you will be my disciples.'

Baptism this Weekend

Hallie Larcher



Welcome!

WEEK DAY READINGS

Mon 3 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

Tue 4 Acts 14: 19-28; Jn 14:27-31

Wed 5 Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

Thur 6 Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

Fri 7 Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

Sat 8 Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21



WEEKEND MASSES	CHURCH	CLERGY 8 & 9 May
Sat 5:00pm	St Philip Neri	Fr Brian
Sat 6:00pm	St Thomas'	Fr Biju
Sun 8:00am	St Thomas'	Fr Brian
Sun 9:00am	St Philip Neri	Fr Biju
Sun 9:30am	St Thomas'	Fr Brian
Sun 10:30am	St Leonard's	Fr Chima
Sun 6:00pm	St Leonard's	Fr Chima
Sun 4:00pm	RNSH	Fr Peter

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	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

Takes place 2nd Tuesday of each month 11am & 3rd Tuesday at 7pm Parish Office. 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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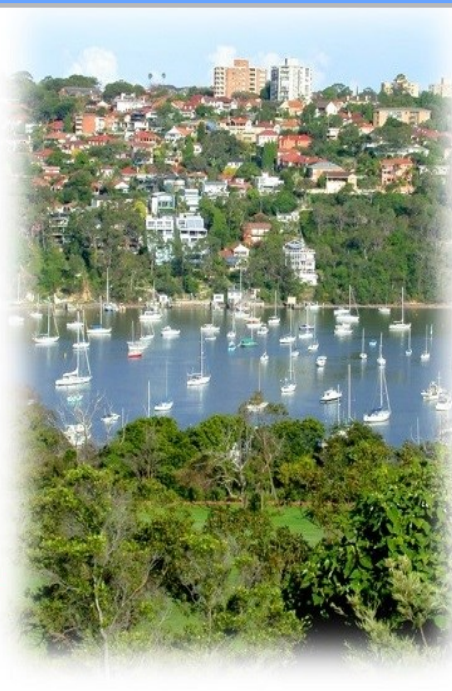
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Sunday 2 May 2021, 9am to 10.30am: You are invited to a webinar, a virtual **CONVOCATION OF CATHOLICS**, on the Future of Catholicism in Australia in this year of the Plenary Council or receive a recording later.

Sr. Joan Chittister will address the Convocation on renewal directions, priorities, hopes and aspirations. Archbishop Mark Coleridge as President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is supporting the Convocation with a greeting.

The Convocations will be public and free. Participants can register to attend from home via their computer, individually or with a group. A link and instructions will be sent to all registrants.

Register [here: https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/s1698nzm1qsjym3/](https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/s1698nzm1qsjym3/)

Those unable to attend live due to a Sunday Mass clash or some other commitment can still register as normal and they will be advised in due course of how to access a recording of the event whether they attend the live interactive event or not. (The Sunday morning timing is necessary having regard to Sr Joan's time zone in the USA and time differences across Australia, New Zealand and the world, noting also difficulties during the working week and Saturdays for some families.) Joan is a truly remarkable person with an extensive international reputation as a Benedictine religious sister with "a Passion for God, a Passion for justice and a Passion for life; she is a beloved and best-selling author, a soul-stirring speaker, and a gifted spiritual guide.

ONLINE PUBLIC LECTURE - LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS IN A COVID WORLD: RENEWAL NOT RESTORATION

Monsignor Kevin W. Irwin

Australian Catholic University, Centre for Liturgy

Date: Monday 17 May 2021

When: 10.00am – 11.30am

Where: Via Zoom

Registration: by 13 May www.acu.edu.au/PublicLectureCfl

Cost: \$10 or \$5 for student/pensioner concession.

With the chaos that came with the COVID-19 pandemic, the parishes had to quickly think of ways to stay connected and maintain an attachment to the Eucharist through video streaming over the internet. This has its benefits, but to the detriment of what? How can we begin to transition back to a face-to-face encounter with Christ, and what opportunities has this experience created as the danger of the pandemic slowly decreases?

A member of The Catholic University of America Theology Faculty for over thirty years, Msgr Irwin is the author of over twenty books and seventy journal articles. Prominent in his research are liturgical-theological method and the role of creation in liturgy and sacraments. Msgr Irwin's lecture is based off the topic for his most recent book of the same (Paulist Press, 2021).

For more information contact the ACU Centre for Liturgy centreforliturgy@acu.edu.au or call (02) 9701 4751.

PLENARY COUNCIL NEEDS THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY EUREKA ST

The biggest test for the Plenary Council, now less than six months from its first meeting, is to reconnect with the Catholic community. The elongated nature of the lead up and growing apathy have made that difficult, yet it remains essential. It may be asking too much to expect a church-wide buzz of excitement but there should at least be evidence of some increased momentum. There is a danger that the October event may become an isolated and introverted affair. [Read the full article here](#)



CATECHIST NEWS

After five years of dedicated Catechist Ministry, our wonderful teacher Peter Eliassen is leaving us to continue God's work in Dee Why Parish.

Peter has been a Catechist at Northbridge Public School and Willoughby Girls High.

We wish him all the best in his future plans and thank him so much for sharing his faith in our Parish Community.

Term 2 Start

We had a great start of the Term in our three Public Schools. The lessons are about Jesus appearance to the disciples after the Resurrection. Children are learning and reflecting about

their Faith and Trust in God.

Aida Moore Catechist Coordinator