



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.

26th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B – 26 September 2021



SEASON OF CREATION by Nick Brodie

Twice in today's Gospel Jesus refers to the everlasting fire of hell. Better to lose a hand or an eye than endure that, he says, making some dramatic points about sin and sacrifice.

At this moment in human history Jesus' choice of imagery and his message about dramatic action are especially pertinent. As Pope Francis declares in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, climate change is an imminent threat to our world. For Christians, this raises two issues directly relevant to this passage from Mark.

On the one hand, we have a duty to protect ourselves and each other from catastrophe by checking our own sinful behaviours and habits. We should seriously consider what we can do to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels through personal usage, investment options, and political choices. We cannot dodge responsibility on this issue. Our faith demands action.

On the other hand, we also have a duty to find common cause with everyone else who shares this concern. Pope Francis encourages us to work with people of other religions 'for the sake of protecting nature, defending the poor, and building networks of respect and fraternity'. When it comes to protecting our common home, 'Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

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Light a candle and join us for an ONLINE

Simple meditative worship

Candlelight, song, prayer, silence.

Looking for some peace, stillness and a message of hope in a shaken world

Please join with us for this beautiful, guided, quiet time of spiritual nourishment. **Participate from home.**

A link will be shared from 26 September, through your church community bulletins.

Our Christian Church Communities have put together this online prayer experience for you.

Watch and pray at a time that suits you. [Go to the LNS Music](#) YouTube site and remember to subscribe

Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore- Willoughby- Northbridge Uniting Church - St Marks Anglican North-bridge

Taíze



Mass from our parish will be live streamed daily at 9:15 am on the parish FACEBOOK page <https://www.facebook.com/LNSPARISH/>

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries:

Deceased:

Fr Basil Rosen & Antonino Testa.

Sick:

Tony Harris.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Dn 3:31,29,30,43,42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING

Nm 11:25-29

A reading from the book of Numbers

Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **(R.)**

So in them your servant finds instructions; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me.

(R.)

From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Jas 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of St James
Your wealth is rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Jn 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,

*I believe that You are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.*

*I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my
soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my
heart.*

*I embrace You as if You were already
there and unite myself wholly to
You.*

*Never permit me to be separated
from You.
Amen.*

GOSPEL

Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Mark

*Anyone who is not against us is for us. If
your hand should cause you to sin, cut it
off.*

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. 'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

JOIN US FOR A CUPPA AFTER MASS

**Straight after the 9:15 live stream
Mass on Sunday, join fellow
parishioners for a ZOOM cup of
tea and some conversation just
click on the invitation below.**

Join Zoom Meeting

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BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES

An easy way to deal with this Gospel: 'anyone who is not against us is for us,' would be to emphasise the transformation of the relationship of Catholics with Protestants. Too easy. But what about our relationship with the Muslims? There is a huge gulf between Muslims and us about Jesus Christ. Muslims do not even believe that he was killed on the cross, let alone raised to life. We hold to the testimony and the faith of the Apostles.

But Catholics also believe that the Divine Wind blows where it pleases amongst all people of all religious traditions (and of none). In the early Church this was expressed by saying that the Seeds of the Word were sown by the Holy Spirit in the hearts of all human beings.

We need to recognise the Seed of the Word in Islam – our shared belief in the one God, Creator of the cosmos, Lord of history, merciful and just. The task of the Church is to bring that Seed closer to the illumination of Divine Light so that it may eventually grow in belief that God is indeed One in the loving relationship of Triune life.

The world is holding its breath over the encounter of the Catholic Church and Islam. There is a history of mutual violence and contemporary barbarities which are inhumane and blasphemous. But, in the face of indifference and hostility to religion, at least in the West, it is good to acknowledge what we share in common.

We may take a moment to pray for the grace to relate to those Muslims whom we know in our own society in light of our faith that the Divine Wind has sown and is nurturing the Seed of the Word amongst them.

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CELEBRATING OUR CATECHISTS

As Catechists we have the opportunity to see the students grow in faith. It is so fulfilling to realise that what they learn in the classroom is not just for class, it's for life.

Many Catechists are parents of school children. Despite their busy lives they take the time to share their faith with the students in the hope of inspiring them.

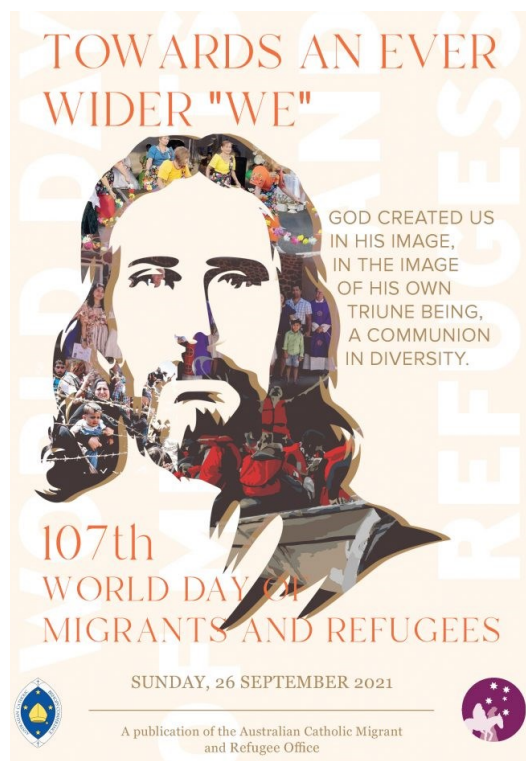
We have produced this video to show our gratitude to our wonderful Catechists, you and the students are in our prayers and we are

looking forward to catch up face to face very soon..

[Enjoy the video](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jUc5mUnPECwocEkp8pWYF6RWLjtOYImH/view?usp=drivesdk) : <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jUc5mUnPECwocEkp8pWYF6RWLjtOYImH/view?usp=drivesdk>

Holy, beloved Father,
your Son Jesus taught us
that there is great rejoicing in heaven
whenever someone lost is found,
whenever someone excluded, rejected or
discarded
is gathered into our "we",
which thus becomes ever wider.

We ask you to grant the followers of Jesus,
and all people of good will,
the grace to do your will on earth.
Bless each act of welcome and outreach
that draws those in exile
into the "we" of community and of the
Church,
so that our earth may truly become
what you yourself created it to be:
the common home of all our brothers and
sisters. Amen.



WEEKEND MASSES	CHURCH	CLERGY
Sat 5:00pm	St Philip Neri	
Sat 6:00pm	St Thomas'	
Sun 8:00am	St Thomas'	
Sun 9:00am	St Philip Neri	
Sun 9:30am	St Thomas'	
Sun 10:30am	St Leonard's	
Sun 6:00pm	St Leonard's	
Sun 4:00pm	RNSH	

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

MEMORIAL PLAQUES AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH

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

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

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St Thomas' Sunday during 9:30am Mass.

St Philip Neri 3rd Sunday of Month

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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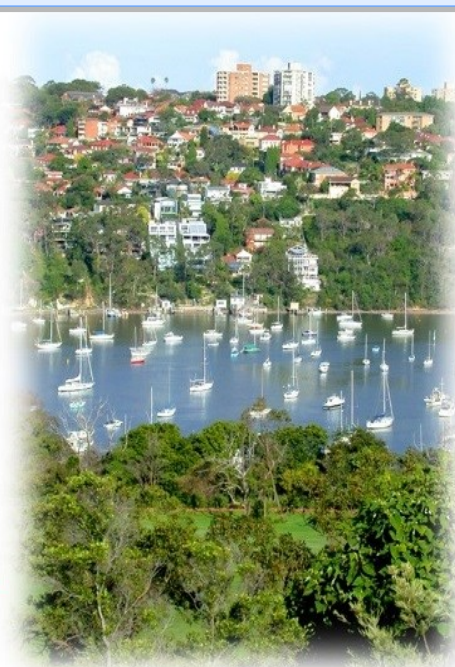
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