



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.

32nd Sunday Ordinary Time Year B – 7 November 2021



THE WIDOW'S MITE

This is the most commonly misunderstood passage in the Gospels. It is usually read in a 'pat on the back' tone of voice, commending the widow for her generosity. But it should be read with the tone of white hot anger which Jesus had displayed against the money dealers whom he expelled from the temple only days earlier.

This vulnerable widow was exploited and brainwashed by the scribes and temple authorities so that she gave 'all she had to live on'. She was left destitute, unable to afford the necessities of life.

On the contrary, Jesus wanted to create a band of followers who would look after widows and orphans. Look at Acts 4:32-37 to see that in operation. In fact, deacons were created in the early Church precisely to care for non-Jewish widows.

The message for the Church from this Gospel story is that it must never exploit the religious fervour of the poor to build up its own resources. Pope Francis is emphasising that the flow must be the other way if we are to be authentic Christians.

We could pause a moment to pray that, imitating the earliest Christian communities, our parish practises true concern for the marginalised and vulnerable, ensuring that they have all the necessities of life in all its dimensions.

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LOWER NORTH SHORE SIGNS UP FOR THE LAUDATO SI' ACTION PLATFORM

Joining the Laudato Si' Action Platform as a parish means creating one or more small groups, in which we accompany one another in prayerful faith, listening and discernment, to initiate actions to look after our common home. How that might work in practice depends very much on who turns up. However, one thing is certain – in a collective "we-space" (you and me together) we are so much more powerful than as separate individuals. And, furthermore, I promise you, it will be deeply satisfying.



LAUDATO SI'
Action Platform

Look at the Laudato Si' Action Platform online at <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org> and contact Patricia Gemmell at pgemmell@tpg.com.au or phone the parish office to register your interest in being part of this journey.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Recently Deceased: Michael Toohey, Anita de Pina, Andrew Lee, Sang– Yon Jeon, Steven Vrandich, Chandra Shekar & Dr Greg Kesby.

Anniversaries: Johnny Kohandi, Ante Zaknic (1st), Smiljana Milina, Deceased members of the Donjerkovic & Andrijic families, Cosmo & Vaccarella.

Please Pray For: Clifford Sun, Tony Harris, Jenny Petkovic & Imelda Dickeson.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

FIRST READING

1 Kgs 17:10-16

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."' The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free. (R.)

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger. (R.)

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

SECOND READING

Heb 9:24-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
Alleluia!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

At 6pm Mass on Saturday 6th
November we welcome to the
Catholic Community
Kin Fok, Angela Leung & Peng Li
Congratulations!

Baptism this Weekend



**Matilda & Tobey
Paterson, Eddie Li,
Aiden & Brenden Fok**
Welcome!

GOSPEL

Mk 12:38-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

A Prayer for Year 12 Students

Lord, we ask that our students feel your presence during the exam period. We pray that you give them calm nerves and quiet confidence in the knowledge that you hold them in the palm of your hand. Bless them with keen understanding, retentive memories and the ability to grasp questions correctly. We pray that you will send them your gifts of wisdom and knowledge. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

WEEK DAY READINGS

Mon 8 Wis1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6
Tue 9 Ezek 47: 1-2, 8-9,12; Jn 2: 13-22
Wed 10 Wis 6: 1-11; Lk 17: 11-19
Thur 11 Wis 7:22-8:1; Lk 17:20-25
Fri 12 Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17: 26-37
Sat 13 Wis18:14-16, 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8



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2021 CHILDREN'S JOY THROUGH TOYS COLLECTION

NOV 12-28

Children's Toy and Books Collection for approved charity.

Distribution for Christmas.

We collect and then redistribute pre-loved toys as an initiative of the Combined Churches of Northbridge, NSW. Please ensure they are unbroken and in **Very Good to New Condition**. No large items such as bikes or swing sets.

Please drop off any time Nov 12-28 in the box at the top of the church hall steps at St Marks Anglican Church - 1 Malacoota Road, Northbridge.



St Edmund's College for the disabled, one of five long-term beneficiaries of donations, is the featured charity for the November appeal. St Edmund's, a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition, supports 120 students with a range of disabilities such as intellectual, sensory impairment or autism.

Donations to Pastoral Works Broken Bay help provide vital fee assistance to families in our Catholic community so that their children can access the services offered by St Edmund's.

Watch the attached short film to see the amazing impact your donations support <https://youtu.be/3r5BE26o2H4>.

To donate, complete the collection envelope in your parish, or visit www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks.

'RECLAIMING EVANGELISATION' – A NEW ONLINE SERIES

A new series of talks is being launched this month by the Archdiocese of Sydney on Reclaiming Evangelisation.

The inaugural speaker will be **Bishop Robert Barron** speaking on the topic 'Why Make Disciples? The case for the Evangelising Mission of the Church'.

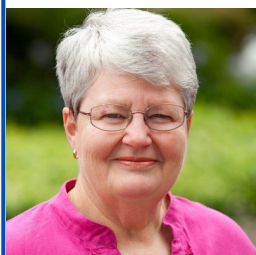
Date: Saturday 13 November 2021, 11:00am – 12:30pm

Register at: <https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/>

DO YOU HAVE CAPACITY TO VOLUNTEER IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING MINISTRIES?

Just once a month ...please contact the parish office for more information

- ◇ SPN 9am – Projectionist (3rd Sunday)
- ◇ SPN 9am – Prayers of the Faithful (4th Sunday)
- ◇ STT 9.30am - Proclaimer 2nd Reading (5th Sunday)
- ◇ STT 9.30am – Prayers of the Faithful (5th Sunday)
- ◇ STT & SPN Morning Tea volunteers



Australian Women Preach - Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time -Mk:12:38-44

Michele Connolly rsj is a Sister of St Joseph of Lochinvar in the Hunter Valley. She is an Associate Professor of Biblical Studies and Biblical Studies Discipline Coordinator at the Sydney College of Divinity and lectures in Biblical Studies at Catholic Institute of Sydney, a pontifical institute of theology.

After teaching in secondary schools for about ten years, she studied theology, graduating in 2008 with the PhD from GTU, Berkeley, CA.

Michele's principal area of interest is the Gospel of Mark.

In 2018 her doctoral thesis was published by T&T Clark, under the title, Disorderly Women and the Order of God: An Australian Feminist Reading of the Gospel of Mark.

Michele speaks regularly around Australia at conferences on the Scriptures.

<https://anchor.fm/awp/episodes/35--Michele-Connolly-RSJ---7-November-2021-e18op2a>

WEEKEND MASSES	CHURCH	CLERGY 13 & 14 Nov
Sat 5:00pm	St Philip Neri	Fr Brian
Sat 6:00pm	St Thomas'	Fr Chima
Sun 8:00am	St Thomas'	Fr Chima
Sun 9:00am	St Philip Neri	Fr Biju
Sun 9:30am	St Thomas'	Fr Chima
Sun 10:30am	St Leonard's	Fr Brian
Sun 6:00pm	St Leonard's	Fr Brian
Sun 4:00pm	RNSH	Fr Chima

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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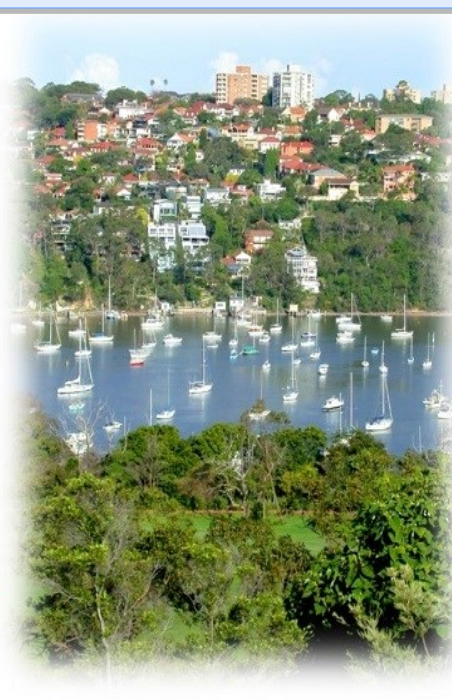
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