

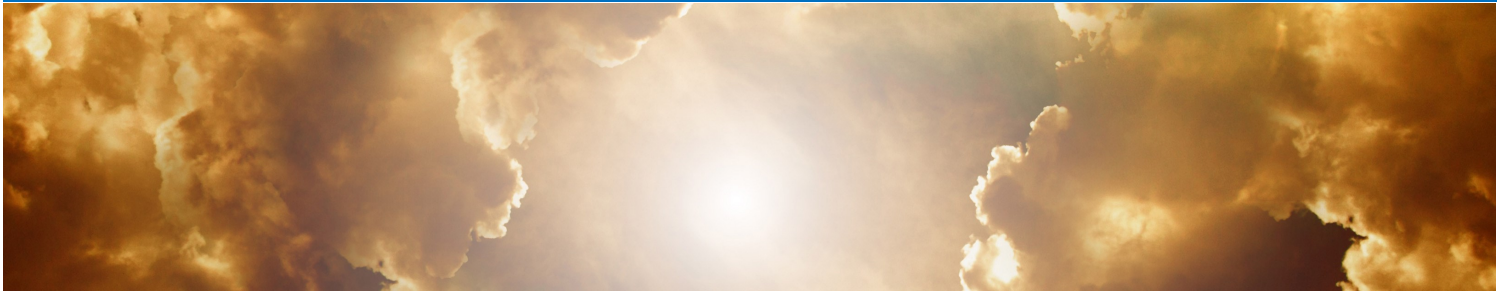


# Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore

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.*

## Most Holy Trinity Year C – 12 June 2022



### Painting the Picture of God

The Feast of the Trinity of God comes about because Jesus painted a picture of the most intimate communion of Divine Life between Himself, the Father, and the Holy Spirit. This is a relationship and yet the most perfect unity. God is Divine pulsating, shimmering light dancing in threefold exchange of love. In fact, the best name for God is 'Being-in-Love'. What does this mean for us?

How often have you heard: 'You are made in the image and likeness of God'? If God is threefold Being-in-Love, then you and I are made to live in relationship – not in solitary. We are totally on the wrong track if we think that the ultimate good is to be self-sufficient. It will turn out to be a Hellish choice. When we live as much self-giving as is possible, we are closest to Divine Life. In fact, we are Divine Life pulsating into a particular time and place through us.

Each time we bless ourselves, a bit of a Catholic routine, we are invoking the threefold exchange of love and calling its power into our life. Be careful, there will be consequence! You could become more God-like!

We could pause for a moment, slowly make the Sign of the Cross which recalls our baptism: 'In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit', and promise to image that Name in our lives.

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**Sunday the 3rd of July** is the Feast of St Thomas. Please mark the date in your diary and join us for 9:30am Mass at Willoughby for a special parish celebration. Bring a plate of morning tea to share.

### COMMUNION SERVICES

All the clergy of the diocese will be attending the annual clergy conference beginning 13th June. We will have communion services on **Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th of June** in place of the usual weekday masses. Regular Mass times resume Friday 17th June.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

**Recently Deceased:** Rosemary Radovan & Rose Periera.

**Anniversaries:** Fr Carol Grew, Anna & Frank Drago, Rocco Lopresti, Domenico Rosa Macri, Sue & Dell Hodges, Leo Noel Manapat, Ivan Byok, Mara Byok & Joe Mikan.

**Please Pray For:** Remegio Sioson, Elipdio Jala, Maria Trani & Clifford Sun.



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

## FIRST READING

**Prv 8:22-31**

A reading from the book of Proverbs  
*Wisdom was born before the earth was made.*

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his  
purpose first unfolded,  
before the oldest of his works.  
From everlasting I was firmly set,  
from the beginning, before earth  
came into being.  
The deep was not, when I was  
born,  
there were no springs to gush with  
water.  
Before the mountains were settled,  
before the hills, I came to birth;  
before he made the earth, the  
countryside,  
or the first grains of the world's  
dust.  
When he fixed the heavens firm, I  
was there,  
when he drew a ring on the surface  
of the deep,  
when he thickened the clouds  
above,  
when he fixed fast the springs of  
the deep,  
when he assigned the sea its  
boundaries  
– and the waters will not invade  
the shore –  
when he laid down the foundations  
of the earth,  
I was by his side, a master  
craftsman,  
delighting him day after day,  
ever at play in his presence,  
at play everywhere in his world,  
delighting to be with the sons of  
men.

### Baptism this Weekend

Marc Martinis, Cooper Mudge

& Lachlan Costain



Welcome

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 8:4-9. R. v.2**

**(R.) O Lord, our God,  
how wonderful your name in all the  
earth!**

When I see the heavens, the work of  
your hands, the moon and the stars  
which you arranged, what is man that  
you should keep him in mind, mortal  
man that you care for him? **(R.)**

Yet you have made him little less than  
a god; with glory and honour you  
crowned him, gave him power over  
the works of your hand, put all things  
under his feet. **(R.)**

All of them, sheep and cattle, yes,  
even the savage beasts, birds of the  
air, and fish that make their way  
through the waters. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

**Rom 5:1-5**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to  
the Romans

*To God through Christ in the love which is  
poured out through the Spirit.*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith  
we are judged righteous and at peace  
with God, since it is by faith and  
through Jesus that we have entered  
this state of grace in which we can  
boast about looking forward to God's  
glory. But that is not all we can boast  
about; we can boast about our  
sufferings. These sufferings bring  
patience, as we know, and patience  
brings perseverance, and  
perseverance brings hope, and this  
hope is not deceptive, because the  
love of God has been poured into our  
hearts by the Holy Spirit which has  
been given us.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**See Apoc 1:8**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the  
Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was,  
and who is to come.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

**Jn 16:12-15**

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John

*Whatever the Father has is mine. The  
Spirit will receive what I give and tell you  
about it.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I still have many things to say to  
you  
but they would be too much for  
you now.  
But when the Spirit of truth  
comes  
he will lead you to the complete  
truth,  
since he will not be speaking as  
from himself  
but will say only what he has  
learnt;  
and he will tell you of the things  
to come.  
He will glorify me,  
since all he tells you  
will be taken from what is mine.  
Everything the Father has is mine;  
that is why I said:  
All he tells you  
will be taken from what is mine.'

## PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY:

*God, Lord of all creation, lover of life  
and of everything, please help us to  
love in our very small way what You  
love infinitely and everywhere.*

*We thank You that we can offer just  
this one prayer and that will be  
more than enough, because in  
reality everything and everyone is  
connected, and nothing stands  
alone. To pray for one part is really  
to pray for the whole, and so we  
do.*

*Help us each day to stand for love,  
for healing, for the good, for the  
diverse unity of the Body of Christ  
and all creation, because we know  
this is what You desire: as Jesus  
prayed, that all may be one. We  
offer our prayer together with all  
the holy names of God, we offer our  
prayer together with Christ, our  
Lord, Amen.*



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### St Leonard's Church

Cnr Donnelly & Willoughby Rds  
Naremburn

### St Philip Neri Church

224 Sailors Bay Rd  
Northbridge

### St Thomas' Church

Cnr Horsley Ave & High St  
Willoughby

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67 Baringa Rd, Northbridge  
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### St Thomas' Primary School

2 Horsley Ave, Willoughby  
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## Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and children.

Your support this Winter will help provide emergency accommodation, financial support, as well as material assistance to help families like Leah and Charlotte start again.

### Food for women and children

Your donation can provide basics like food and toiletries for a woman and her child after they have fled from an abusive situation, so they can survive the first few days.

### Help with the essentials

Your donation can help cover essentials like bills, or larger expenses, such as whitegoods and furniture, so mothers like Leah can provide a safe home for their children.

### Support to keep safe

Your donation can help with rental bonds or payments so that women and children like Leah and Charlotte can have a place of their own to start again.

Tragically, the number of women experiencing domestic and family violence has increased significantly in the past two years, leaving many emergency refuges and support services unable to cope.

Your gift this Winter will provide the emergency accommodation and material assistance needed for women and children like Leah and Charlotte to escape the danger and rebuild their lives. Please take an envelope to make your donation. You can place it on the collection plate, leave it at the Parish Office or place it in the poor box at the rear of the church.



### VISITS TO THE HOUSEBOUND

Fr Jose is available to visit parishioners who are house bound. If you know of someone who would like a visit please contact the parish office to arrange.

### PLENARY COUNCIL 2022

The *Final Framework for Motions* of the Plenary Council has now been published, and can be accessed through the Plenary Council website at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EiQBQV8U8-T5DemhN1TY-WSIT4uSzy-v/view>. If you have any interest at all in the possible future of the Australian Catholic Church, I do encourage you to have a look at the whole document. The eight themes that have emerged give you an idea of the scope of the discussions that will take place at the Second Assembly in early July, and perhaps some reassurance that many voices have been heard. Opinions will be strongly divided on the document in general and various motions in particular. I suggest you read it yourself and make up your own mind.

**Tricia Gemmell, St Leonard's Animator**

### LETS GATHER FOR COMMUNITY & CONNECTION

**Cuppa 'n Conversation.** Each Wednesday between 9.30 and 11.00. You are welcome to drop in. Parish Hall Willoughby. **Balance and Strength Exercises with Anna on 22<sup>nd</sup> June.** St. Thomas' Parish Hall. Contact: Marie Harris 0417 077020

### PASTORAL WORKS BROKEN BAY

Thank you for the many generous donations we have received for Pastoral works this financial year. In our August, November and recent May collections we raised \$24,063.33, towards our Parish Quota of \$95,120. We still have a balance of \$71, 056.67. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.



MASS/ SERVICE/ SCHEDULE	ST THOMAS' WILLOUGHBY	ST LEONARDS NAREMBURN	ST PHILIP NERI NORTHBRIDGE
<b>Sunday Masses</b>	6pm Vigil Saturday 8am & 9:30am Sunday	10:30am & 6pm Sundays	5pm Vigil Saturday & 9am Sunday
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	9am Mon to Sat	9am Tue -Thu - Sat	9:15am Mon - Wed - Fri
<b>Royal North Shore Hospital Chapel</b>	Weekday Mass Thursday & Friday 1pm	Weekend Mass 4pm Sunday	
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Saturday 5:15pm - 5:45pm	Saturday 9:30am - 9:45am	Saturday 4:45pm
<b>Youth Mass</b>		6pm Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> of the month	
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	During 9:30am Mass Each Sunday in school term.		
<b>Community Masses</b>		PNGCCAA 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday 7pm	
<b>Healing Mass/ Anointing Novena to the Sacred Heart</b>	9am Mass 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday		
<b>Adoration</b>	Tuesday after 9am Mass		
<b>Baptisms</b>	11:30am 2nd & 4th Sundays	12.00 Noon 4th Sunday	11:30am 2nd Sunday
<b>Baptism Prep Parish Office</b>	2nd Tuesday of the month 11am 3rd Tuesday of the month 7pm		
<b>Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group CCCR</b>	St Thomas' Parish Hall 7:15pm Tuesday Evenings Enquiries 0419 977 531		
<b>Legion of Mary</b>	Meets every Friday in the 'Blue Room' at the Parish Hall 9:45am All Welcome		

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## **Father Richard Rohr offers several images to help readers understand the dynamism of Trinitarian love.**

The Franciscan philosopher, theologian, and mystic St. Bonaventure (c. 1217–1274) described the Trinity as a “fountain fullness” of overflowing love. Picture three buckets on a moving water wheel. We can see these water wheels in rural areas of Europe. They usually have more than three buckets, but each bucket empties out and swings back, inevitably waiting to be filled again. And it always is! Most of us can’t risk letting go or emptying out. We can’t risk letting go because we aren’t sure we will be refilled. But the three Persons of the Trinity empty themselves and pour themselves out into each other. Each knows they can empty themselves because they will forever be refilled. To understand this mystery of love fully, we need to “stand under” the flow and participate in it. It’s infinite outpouring and infinite infilling without end. It can only be experienced as a flow, as a community, as a relationship, as an inherent connection.

Another image we might use is that of a spinning, whirling top of perfect infinite love that is planted inside of everything. What we recognize is that everything is attracted to everything, that life is attracted to life, that love is attracted to love. Universal photosynthesis and gravity, one might say. This is what it means in Genesis 1:26–27 where it says everything is created in the image of God. God planted this whirling, alluring attraction of life toward life in everything created.

Once we allow the entire universe to become that alive and dynamic, we are living in an enchanted world. Nothing is meaningless; nothing is able to be dismissed. It’s all whirling with the same beauty, the same radiance. In fact, if I had to name the Big Bang in my language, I’d call it the Great Radiance. About 13.8 billion years ago, the inner radiance of God started radiating into forms. All these billions of years later, we are the continuation of that radiance in our small segment of time on this Earth. We can either allow it and let the Infinite Flow flow through us, or we can deny it, which is really what it means not to believe. This is not something I can prove to anyone.

This is nothing I can make logical or rational. It’s only experiential, and it’s only known in the mystery of love when we surrender ourselves to it, when we grant the other inherent dignity and voice—the plant, the animal, the tree, the sky, Brother Sun and Sister Moon as my Father Francis of Assisi put it. The contemplative mind refuses to objectify. It grants similarity, subject to subject relationship, likeness, symbolism, communion, connection, meaning. We can use whatever words or images are helpful, but suddenly we live in an alive universe where we can never be lonely again.

### **Reference:**

Adapted from Richard Rohr, *Trinity: The Soul of Creation*, sessions 1 and 4 (Albuquerque, NM: Center for Action and Contemplation, 2017), [MP4 download](#).

**Explore Further.** . . Watch Richard speak about our inherent [divine image and likeness](#); read Richard on the “[Great Chain of Being](#).”

## **RECEIVING LOVE**

*Catholic writer about the new cosmology Judy Cannato (1949–2011) suggests a practice of being on the “receiving end” of Love, which is essential to participating in the trinitarian flow. She writes:*

The entire history of the universe has been the history of the outpouring of love. Karl Rahner reminded us that grace is nothing other than the Divine’s self-communication in love. God creates in order to give God’s self away in love. All that creation has ever been invited to do is accept this gift of love. . . . Unfortunately, in our orientation toward action, we have forgotten that we are merely receivers. . . .

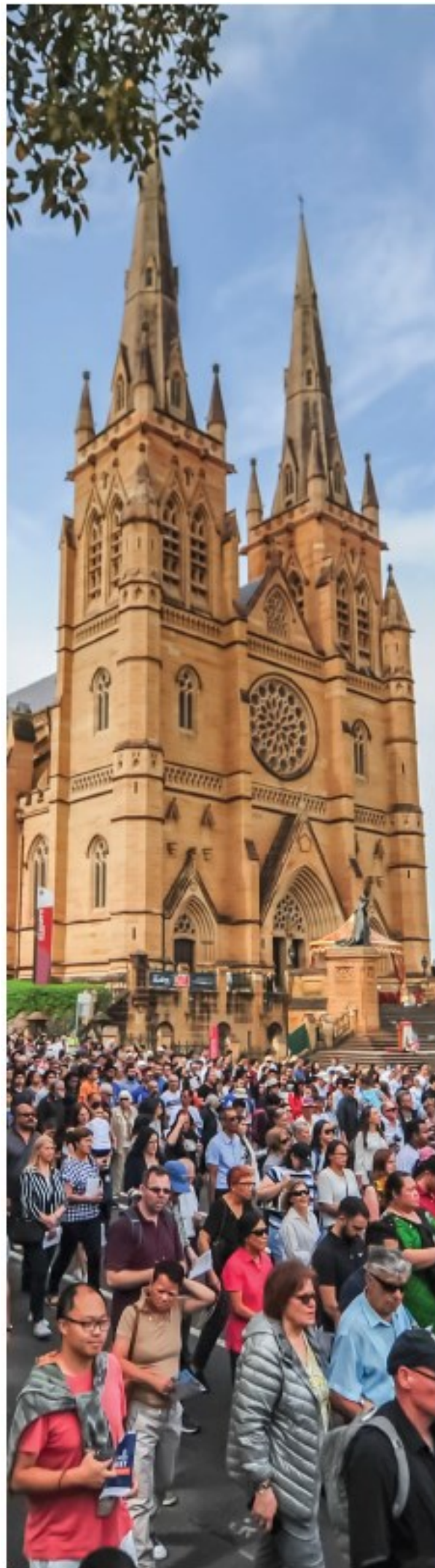
Being loved disarms us, brushes away our ego defenses, and then exposes us not only to the other, but to ourselves. And it is from ourselves that we most often hide our gaze. . . . Everywhere the Holy One is shouting and whispering, “Let me love you.” And all that is asked of us is to receive. In reality, that is our life’s work. Nothing more and certainly nothing less. *Cannato encourages readers to practice receiving love from both God and people in our lives:*

**Try this exercise:** sit quietly and bring to mind those who care for you—in the present and in the past. As you recall each person, receive the love that is there for you. Let it into your heart. Even if someone has a quirky way of showing love, receive the love. Sift through the dysfunction if you have to, but receive the love. Never mind if the person has never said, “I love you.” Receive the love, one by one. Hold all that love in your heart. Let it penetrate your whole being. How does it feel to consciously, intentionally receive all of that love? Can you allow that to sustain your journey for today?

### **Reference:**

Judy Cannato, *Field of Compassion: How the New Cosmology Is Transforming Spiritual Life* (Notre Dame, IN: Sorin Books, 2010), 170, 171, 179.





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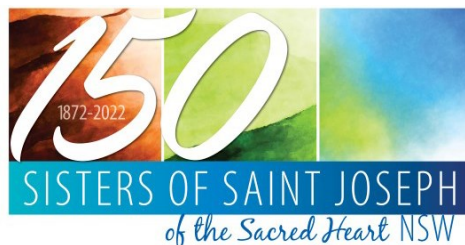
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*Sister Anne Porter and the NSW Regional Leadership Team  
extend a warm invitation to attend the Sesquicentenary Mass  
celebrating 150 years of the presence of the Sisters of Saint Joseph in NSW  
since their arrival in Perthville in 1872.*

***The Mass will be celebrated on  
Saturday 16 July 2022 at 10.30 am  
in the Cathedral of St Michael and St John Bathurst.***

*Celebrant: Bishop Michael McKenna  
Following the Mass there will be a light lunch in the Cathedral Hall.  
Everyone is very welcome - Parishioners, Friends, Companions  
and all those with a connection to the Sisters of Saint Joseph.  
The Perthville Heritage Centre will be open for visitors from 2 pm  
for the 2.30pm Launch of the audio app of the site.*

***RSVP by 13 June 2022 - needed for catering purposes***

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## **Sesquicentenary of Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart in NSW (1872-2022)**

The Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph was founded by Mary MacKillop and Father Julian Tenison Woods in 1866 in Penola, South Australia. Its first ministry was the opening of a school for all the children of that small distant town. The education being offered was an important step in breaking the cycle of poverty that had trapped so many of the children's parents, struggling to make a go of it in the pioneering times of colonial Australia. By the end of that first year there were 4 Sisters. By 1867 there were 10 Sisters and a school in Port Adelaide was opened. The following year, 1868, there were 50 Sisters ministering in 13 different towns in South Australia and responding as the various needs arose. In 1869 the rapid increase continued and the Sisters moved to Brisbane, Queensland.

By 1872 there were 127 Sisters and 3 of them arrived in Bathurst in response to Bishop Matthew Quinn's invitation to again open schools for poor children who were deprived of an education. Bishop Quinn decided that a small village was the place for them to begin. Sisters Teresa MacDonald, Joseph Dwyer and Hyacinth Quinlan, along with an enquirer, Ada Braham, arrived in Queen Charlotte Vale, now Perthville, on 16 July 1872.

The ministry of the Sisters grew and expanded into all 11 Dioceses in NSW. Throughout the journey of these past 150 years, with all its twists and turns, ups and downs, the grace of God has continued to meet the needs of the times through the ministry of the Sisters.