

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.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C – 3 July 2022



Although the gospel is a report of ministerial commissioning, it contains elements of discipleship in general. Most obvious is the disciples' dependence on Jesus. They are not independent missionaries; they are followers. Furthermore, there is a communal dimension of discipleship. While there is certainly a personal relationship between Jesus and each disciple, discipleship itself is not a singular privilege that one hugs to oneself to the exclusion of others.

Disciples minister to the needs of others, whatever those needs may be and with whatever abilities the disciple may possess. There are various kinds of healing: a friendly smile, a word of gratitude, a soothing touch. We can teach the lessons of life in classrooms, in playrooms, in kitchens, in boardrooms. There are many ways that we can cast out the demons that hold our world by the throat; demons of poverty and oppression, demons of addiction and slavery, demons of disdain and neglect, demons of hatred and violence. If they are not cast out by us, then by whom?

The life of discipleship is not an unmixed blessing. Because disciples are marked by the sign of the cross, they must expect suffering. Because they do not live according to the

standards of the world, disciples will be judged as fools. Some of them will be subjected to even greater suffering. Still, the disciple proclaims that true fulfilment is only found in God! In reality, it is the world that is upside down, not the life of discipleship. And it is the cross that sets things right. © Dianne Bergant CSA



ST. THOMAS was born a Jew and was called to be one of the twelve Apostles. His birth and death dates are unknown, but his **feast day is celebrated July 3.** He lived before the formal establishment of the Catholic Church but is recognized as the patron saint of architects. He was a dedicated but impetuous follower of Christ. When Jesus said He was returning to Judea to visit His sick friend Lazarus, Thomas immediately exhorted the other Apostles to accompany Him on the trip which involved certain danger and possible death because of the mounting hostility of the authorities.

At the Last Supper, when Christ told His disciples that He was going to prepare a place for them to which they also might come because they knew both the place and the way, Thomas pleaded that they did not understand and received the beautiful assurance that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

St. Thomas is best known for his role in verifying the Resurrection of his Master. Thomas' unwillingness to believe that the other Apostles had seen their risen Lord on the first Easter Sunday earned him the title of "doubting Thomas."

Eight days later, on Christ's second apparition, Thomas was gently rebuked for his scepticism and furnished with the evidence he had demanded - seeing in Christ's hands the point of the nails. Thomas even put his fingers in the nail holes and his hand into Christ's side. After verifying the wounds were true, St. Thomas became convinced of the reality of the Resurrection and exclaimed, "My Lord and My God," thus making a public Profession of Faith in the Divinity of Jesus.

St. Thomas is also mentioned as being present at another Resurrection appearance of Jesus - at Lake Tiberias, when a miraculous catch of fish occurred.

This is all that we know about St. Thomas from the New Testament. Tradition says that at the dispersal of the Apostles after Pentecost this saint was sent to evangelize to the Parthians, Medes, and Persians. He ultimately reached India, carrying the Faith to the Malabar coast, which still boasts a large native population calling themselves "Christians of St. Thomas."

According to tradition, Thomas was killed in an accident when a fowler shot at a peacock and struck Thomas instead. Following his death, some of his relics were taken to Edessa while the rest were kept in what is now known as India. They can still be found within the San Thome Basilica in Chennai, Mylapore, India.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 47:10-11

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

FIRST READING

Is 66:10-14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah I will send toward Jerusalem peace like a river.

Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her! Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her! That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast, that you may savour with delight her glorious breasts.

For thus says the Lord: Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river, and like a stream in spate the glory of the nations.

At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her lap. Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you. And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.

At the sight your heart will rejoice, and your bones flourish like the grass. To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)

'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)

He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. (R.)

Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul. Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

SECOND READING

Gal 6:14-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

The marks I carry on my body are those of Jesus Christ.

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Col 3:15.16

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!



Every year, on the first Sunday in July, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church. Today, we

acknowledge that God has been walking with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, making His Presence known through a continuous living culture over many thousands of years. For interesting information about First Nations people and the Catholic Church go to http:// www.natsicc.org.au/assets/natsicc a4booklet digital.pdf

GOSPEL

Lk 10:1-12. 17-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your peace will rest upon him.

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.' The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS				
Recently Deceased:	Gina Crapis, Rado Petkovic, Ivan Oreb,			
	Gabriel Almdrin.			
Anniversaries:	Antonino Graffeo.			
Please Prav For:	Remegio Sioson, Elipdio Jala, Maria Trani & Clifford Sun			

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LATEST FROM LETEFOHO

Sincerest thanks to the St Thomas Catholic Primary School community for their wonderful support for our brothers and sisters of Letefoho at the recent Trivia Night. The meticulously organised event mixed lots of fun with abundant generosity, raising \$21,587! These funds will be applied to programs providing ongoing educational opportunities for the youth of Letefoho,

primarily through sponsorship of high school and tertiary students including those at teachers college, the national university, the seminary and in trades. In a video message, Fr Helio PP conveyed the gratitude of the Parish of Letefoho to *"the organisers, the parents, the teachers, the school Principal, the Parents & Friends Committee and all who were involved"* in the event. Fr Helio's message followed by a song of thanks by Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Primary School's choir may be viewed at <u>https://www.dropbox.com/s/9447xjxw8h4kgcl/Letefoho%20thank%20you%</u>20video.mp4?dl=0

Such generosity gives significant impetus to achieving our goal of effecting generational change by helping the people of Letefoho to build a better future through education and training. Thanks again. Paul Arblaster – on behalf of LETS

ACCOMODATION REQUIRED

As part of the redevelopment of the Naremburn church precinct, Fr Jose and Fr Biju will be vacating the current presbytery at St Leonard's in mid September. Do you or someone you know have a suitable vacant property?

What is required:

- Proximity to the parish office and our churches, so the Priests can effectively continue their ministry.
 - 3 bedrooms, so we can accommodate our seminarian Hien.
- 2-3 Bathrooms.
- Off street parking for two cars.
- A couple of living spaces.

Please contact Fr Jose or the parish office if you know of something suitable.

RCIA or HOW TO BECOME A CATHOLIC

Many adults are welcomed into the Catholic Church each year through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

The RCIA takes place within a parish community in a relaxed and supportive environment to allow the candidate to share in the life of the Church expressed in a local faith community. It offers a way to grow in knowledge of Christ and the Catholic faith in company with others on a similar journey.

The non-baptised who are suitably prepared are welcomed into the Catholic Church by the reception of the three Sacraments of Initiation, namely Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

If you or someone you know would like to no more about the program please contact the parish office. Fr Jose will be speaking with candidates over the coming weeks, in preparation for a program to start in September.



Fr Jose visited our public schools over the last two weeks. He talked with the children from Kindergarten to year 6, giving them a chance to see up close the vessels used at Mass and the robes warn by the Priest during Mass. He faced a barrage of questions philosophical and practical about the Priestly life and his vocation. Thank you to our SRE teachers who bring the faith to the classes each week. Enjoy the holidays and see you back in Term 3.



MASS/ SERVICE/ SCHEDULE	ST THOMAS' WILLOUGHBY	ST LEONARDS NAREMBURN	ST PHILIP NERI NORTHBRIDGE	
Sunday Masses	6pm Vigil Saturday 8am & 9:30am Sunday	10:30am & 6pm Sundays	5pm Vigil Saturday & 9am Sunday	
Weekday Masses	9am Mon to Sat	9am Tue -Thu - Sat	9:15am Mon - Wed - Fri	
Royal North Shore Hospital	Weekday Mass	Weekend Mass		
Chapel	Thursday & Friday 1pm	4pm Sunday		
Reconciliation	Saturday 5:15pm - 5:45pm	Saturday 9:30am - 9:45am	Saturday 4:45pm	
Youth Mass		6pm Sunday 1 st & 3 rd of the month		
Children's Liturgy	During 9:30am Mass Each Sunday in school term.		TBC	
Community Masses		PNGCCAA 1 st Saturday 7pm		
Healing Mass/ Anointing Novena to the Sacred Heart	9am Mass 1 st Friday			
Adoration	Tuesday after 9am Mass During School Term			
Baptisms	11:30am 2nd & 4th Sundays	12.00 Noon 4th Sunday	11:30am 2nd 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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Sunday 03 Jul 2022 REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Fall of Satan

In Jewish tradition 'Satan' is the name given to the evil spirit who accuses and prosecutes human beings before God, demanding the strongest penalties, unmitigated by Mercy. Jesus had a vision in which he saw 'Satan fall like lightning from Heaven'. Who takes Satan's place?

The answer is the 'Paraclete', a Greek word for an Advocate. This is one of the roles of the Holy Spirit who pleads on our behalf for Mercy which, as Shakespeare put it, then falls on us 'as the gentle rain from Heaven'.

As disciples, we have to imitate the Paraclete, not Satan. We have to temper our drive to see 'the punishment fit the crime'. How often do we relish seeing a person squirm with no offer of a way out, no hint of mercy or forgiveness so that he or she can draw breath, undo some of the damage done, and get back on track to a better life?

We might pause for a moment to thank God that our names are not being listed by Satan in an indictment but rather, through the Holy Spirit, are being entered in the Book of the Saved so that we might 'Rejoice, for your names are written in Heaven'.

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Rev Prof Michael Tate graduated in Law from the University of Tasmania in 1968, and in Theology from Oxford University in 1971. He lectured at the University of Tasmania from 1972-78, being Dean of the Faculty of Law in 1977-78. He was a Senator for Tasmania from 1978 -93, being Federal Minister for Justice from 1987-93. He served as Ambassador to The Hague and the Holy See from 1993-96. He then returned to Australia and was ordained in May 2000 and has been a parish priest in the Archdiocese of Hobart since then. He is an Honorary Professor of Law at the University of Tasmania where he lectures in International Humanitarian Law.



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.

#2 – Be refreshed & renewed at our online retreat this July!

Catholics across Australasia want to answer the Church's call to mission. But with the demands of parish work and a global pandemic, it's easy to feel discouraged and burnt out.

It breaks our heart that many Catholics feel like they're just trying to survive, especially when God desires more for us.

That's why DR Australasia and Parousia are

hosting *Refreshed and Renewed*, an online retreat where you will encounter Jesus through prayer,

be re-energized by amazing talks, and experience the Holy Spirit renew your heart. <u>So, register today</u>! If you need help registering or If you'd like to join in some small group discussions with fellow parishioners to break open your experience and find practical applications, please contact the parish office



Free Seminar Wills, Enduring Guardianship and Powers of Attorney

A seminar for the Catholic community of Broken Bay featuring an expert legal advisor to answer your questions.

Date:	Thursday 14 July 2022
Time:	11.00am – 12.30pm
Venue:	The Lakes Parish Hall, St Joseph's Catholic Church
	21 Lagoon St, Narrabeen NSW 2101
Catering:	Light refreshments provided
Register:	www.bbcatholic.org.au/willsday or contact David on
	02 8379 1664 / david.armstrong@bbcatholic.org.au



Presenter

Cecilia Castle, principal of Castle Lawyers, will present and answer questions from her legal expertise of over 30 years. Cecilia is a regular speaker and writer on legal topics, Catholic and parishioner in the Diocese of Broken Bay.

"An authentic faith always involves a deep desire to leave this earth a better place than we found it." **POPE FRANCIS**



We are called and sent to bring the deep peace of the kingdom of God into the world. The prophet Isaiah (First Reading) proclaims a joyful time of peace that flows like a river from the healing, comforting love of God, which is compared to the intimate, tender bond between a mother and a baby.

The same spirit of contented happiness is reflected in today's **Psalm** of jubilation, where the whole earth cries out with joy to the Lord. The members of the Early Church community in Galatia are encouraged to be at peace with one another through Christ, who makes us a new creation in him. Christ is the source of all peace and unity in the world (**Second Reading**).

In the **Gospel**, Jesus sends seventy-two of his followers ahead of him. He is confident that they will have all they need for their mission through all they have learnt from following his way. He instructs them to bring his peace and healing into the communities that they visit.

In a world that cries out more than ever for the peace of Christ, especially for the people of Ukraine, this is our calling today. Jesus stands among us and sends us before him, to declare his peace and to heal and encourage people in the knowledge that the Kingdom of God is very near. Let us pray that the whole Christian community will joyfully answer this call.

SECOND READING

Galatians 6: 14–18

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for them to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers and sisters. Amen.

READING

Although I approach my prayer alone, I am aware that I belong to a global community of Christians from different cultures, traditions and practices, united in our love of Christ. In awareness of this worldwide fellowship of Christ, I come to my place of prayer.

I allow my body and mind to gently slow down. I imagine sitting in the presence of Jesus and silently praying together. How do I feel as I sit here with the Lord? What do I want to share with the Lord as I come to prayer today? I tell the Lord and I wait upon him ... and I listen ...

I ask the Lord to guide me in this time of prayer. When I feel ready, I read the passage slowly and prayerfully, repeating it as many times as I need. I ask Jesus about the cross. I share with him my moments of suffering and loss, my fears and my doubts. I wait upon the Lord.

The writer speaks of becoming 'an altogether new creature' – what does this mean for me? Do I feel new in Christ? Or perhaps my faith feels jaded and in need of renewal? I share my deepest thoughts with Jesus.Jesus hears me. I listen ... and I feel his presence near me. I bring my prayer to a close in the way that I began, in awareness that in Christ I belong to the family of the 'Israel of God'.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be in our spirit, my brothers and sisters. Amen.

GOSPEL

Luke 10: 1–12.17–20 (part)

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, 'Peace to this house!' And if someone of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on them; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves their wages; do not move from house to house, and eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, 'The Kingdom of God is very near you.'

REFLECTION

I help my mind to prepare for prayer by slowing down and settling my body first. I focus my attention on my breathing, following each in and out breath. When I am stilled enough for prayer, I read the Gospel passage a few times until I become familiar with it. I use my imagination to picture Jesus sending out the seventy-two and giving them his guidance. What do the followers look like? I wonder if is there a tone of urgency ... calm confidence ... compassion ... or perhaps something else in how Jesus speaks to his followers? What am I drawn to in the words of Jesus?

Perhaps I imagine that Jesus comes to my faith community and meets with me and my fellow followers. He is preparing and encouraging us, and wants us to go before him into the streets, neighbourhoods and areas that are familiar to us.

Jesus sends me and his followers out with nothing but ourselves. Why? Do I feel ready to accept his call? How do I feel about this mission he is giving to me? I share with Jesus my fears and hopes, asking for whatever I need to be able to set out before him. I listen to what Jesus says to me.

I close my prayer by imagining praying the *Our Father* with Jesus by my side.

Courtesy of St Bueno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham, UK



Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Elizabeth Lee is a Spiritual Director, Retreat Facilitator and Professional / Pastoral Supervisor with a passion for being a listening presence among the fringes and fostering human connection through deep listening. She has had the privilege of offering pastoral care among those living with homelessness and life-giving ministry as a Prison Chaplain. Liz originally trained as a Food Technologist and has had a very varied career as a research scientist, museum curator, health promotion and communi-

ty development worker and teacher of science and religious education.

While currently enrolled in the Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology with Pilgrim College and the University of Divinity in Melbourne, she also holds a Masters of Arts (Theology) as well a Bachelor of Science, Graduate Diploma in Education and a Masters of Education.

For 59 years Liz identified as Catholic but now is not contained by denominational boundaries. She is a member of Pitt St Uniting Church. She has been married to John for nearly 40 years, is a mother of 3 adult and partnered children and grandmother to 2 delightful pre-schoolers.

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