



# Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore

Serving the communities of  
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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.*

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C – 17 July 2022



### A CARDINAL ROLE FOR WOMEN?

Jesus turned the customs and taboos of his society upside down. In this Gospel, against all the rules of segregation, Jesus is alone with women who are *not* his relatives, completely at ease with their hospitality. It is personal relationships, not gender determined relationships, which are important to him.

Further, here is Mary assuming the posture of a student at the feet of a Rabbi (teacher) listening to his teaching. We remember that Jesus had chosen his male disciples in order to teach *them*. Mary chooses *Him* to teach *her*! Maybe it was a counter-cultural step too far for Martha. Is that what she is really 'anxious and troubled' about?

Jesus was willing to upset the social conventions and religious taboos of his day in respect of women. What would be a good contemporary response of the Catholic Church?

The word 'cardinal' means hinge – 'hinge of the door' – an essential part of the structure of the Church which is our home, in which we listen to the words of Jesus Christ. Could the College of Cardinals be supplemented to include women alongside the ordained male prelates? Outstanding women, religious or lay, could head some Vatican departments and take part in the election of the Pope.

That would be a strongly symbolic step with repercussions throughout the Church.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the Church to show a greater willingness to sit, like Mary, at the feet of Jesus so that we may hear his words: 'You have chosen the better portion.'

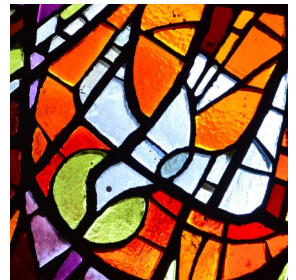
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### CONFIRMATION ENROLMENTS NOW CLOSING

If your child is in Year 3 or above and is Baptised Catholic, they are eligible to enrol for the Sacramental Program which begins with Confirmation. Should you wish to enrol your child, please complete the form on our website and return it by 27<sup>th</sup> June via email to [sacraments@LNS.org.au](mailto:sacraments@LNS.org.au) or in person to our office at 182 High Street, Willoughby. Please attach a copy of the child's baptism certificate and a digital jpeg face shot.

There will also be a **compulsory parent information meeting** on:

- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 10.45am - St Thomas' Church, Willoughby
- OR
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7pm - St Philip Neri Church, Northbridge



### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

**Recently Deceased:** Catherine Hore.

**Anniversaries:** Max Joseph Thew, Santo Privitera, Kathleen Repko (1st), John Drayton & John Fernandes.

**Please Pray For:** Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Remegio Sioson, Elipdio Jala, & Clifford Sun.



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 53:6,8

See, I have God for my help.  
The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

## FIRST READING

Gen 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis  
*Lord, do not bypass your servant.*  
The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

**(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue. **(R.)**

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. **(R.)**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

Col 1:24-28

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.*

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Lk 10:38-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
*Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.*

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'



Have you taken Communion to someone recently and still have the pyx in your car? Handbag? Somewhere at home? If you have a pyx that you're not using please return it to the Sacristy at St Thomas's so they are available for the next person who needs one. **Many Thanks**

## Baptism this Weekend

Thomas Bodimeade Moses



Welcome

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## LAUGHTER AND FRIENDSHIPS TO BE FOUND, EACH WEDNESDAY IN THE PARISH HALL

Each Wednesday between 9.30am and 11.00 am, you are welcome to drop in to the Parish Hall in Willoughby. There is fun, laughter and good company. Wheeled access is available.

Enquiries Marie Harris 0417 077020.

## LOWER NORTH SHORE PARISH

### Admin Assistant – Casual

Lower North Shore Parish is a vibrant Catholic faith community comprised of St Thomas' (Willoughby), St Leonard's (Naremburn) and St Philip Neri (Northbridge). The Admin Assistant will need to work as part of a collaborative team with the Parish Staff, and priests of our Parish. Central to this role will be your ability to contribute to and provide a shared understanding of the Parish's mission, and to provide a confident, personal and professional image of welcome, openness and service.

Reporting to the Parish Priest, the Admin Assistant's primary responsibilities are:

Parish Bulletin, Reception duties, Church deliveries, Registers, Music Copyright, Liturgical Rosters and Database and Ministries maintenance. The position is casual, working in the office on a Wednesday and on call to cover staff leave when required. The Admin assistant is required to have a driver's license and access to a car. For a Position Description please contact Caitlin Douglas - Parish Secretary E: [office@lns.org.au](mailto:office@lns.org.au)

P: 9958 8846

Applications must be submitted via email to the Parish Priest Fr Jose Philip jose.philip@bbcatholic.org.au by Friday 22nd July 2022 with the following items:

Cover Letter (outlining why you are interested in this position and how your skills and experience align with the Key Requirements listed above.)

Resume.

## RCIA or HOW TO BECOME A CATHOLIC

Every year hundreds of people decide to become Catholic, and each one has their own special story. Each is drawn to the Church by different experiences and circumstances.

St Augustine, a great Saint of the Church said "Our hearts are restless O Lord, until they rest in you." The desire for God is written in the human heart, because humankind is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw all humankind to himself. Only in God will we find the truth and happiness we long for.

Any journey towards the Church is primarily a journey towards God. This journey towards God is found through Jesus Christ. He is the "Word made Flesh," as St John says (Jn 1:14). He reveals God to us: "To see me is to see the Father" (Jn 14:9)

The RCIA is offered to those who have never been baptised but may also benefit those already baptised who desire to become Catholic.

The non-baptised who are suitably prepared are joyfully received into the Catholic Church by the reception of the three Sacraments of Initiation, namely Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. This takes place at the Easter Vigil in their local Catholic parish.

Those already baptised, following a period of preparation, are welcomed into full communion of the Catholic Church by the reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. This may take place at a suitable time during the liturgical year in their local Catholic parish. For more information contact the Parish Office.



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.		TBC
<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 During School Term		
<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		
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## THE CRY OF A PRIEST

**François de Foucauld, a popular priest in France, took his own life last week. It's a tragedy that raises questions about the deep malaise that affects many in the clergy**

The suicide of Father François de Foucauld of Versailles has deeply affected the Catholic community in this Western Parisian suburb. We must be careful not to jump to quick conclusions or make judgements. The "reasons" for a suicide are intimate and will always retain, even if it is painful for those around them, their share of mystery.

But this suicide touches all of us. Not only because it involved a prominent, brilliant, and enterprising priest. But also because he was known to be in the grip of difficulties with his bishops and deeply unsettled by accusations that he felt were very unfounded.

This suicide also touched us at La Croix, because we had given this priest the opportunity to express himself in an article in which he gave an unvarnished analysis of the difficulties of ministry in a diocese.

### THE CRY BEHIND THE TRAGIC ACT

This is not the place to look for the causes or to accuse his bishop. Neither is it the place to point out this or that personal psychological fragility. But there is a cry behind this tragic act that we must pay attention to.

It is the cry of a priest, which is in line with the deep malaise of many others in the Church in France today. Is it not time to question ourselves, collectively, on the way we treat priests in our Church? We celebrate the hero on the day of his ordination, but then what?

No one is concerned about how they are supported and what mediation structures are provided, other than those created by the goodwill of the bishop, who acts as both "father" and boss...

Do priests have time to catch their breath? Are they afforded psychological help? Continued human formation?

There is a lot of talk about the "sense of resignation", an attitude that affects employees in companies who refuse to work without seeing the meaning of their task.

For priests, this "sense of resignation" began fifty years ago, with a drastic drop in vocations, without anyone really caring about it.

Some have blamed it on a lack of faith: we need to pray more! Others blame the lack of marriage opportunities -- at a time when marriage is increasingly discredited!

But, instead, shouldn't we be wondering about the opportunities that are opening up before priests?

### GUILTY INDIFFERENCE TOWARDS PRIESTS

The way in which they are appointed to a parish, often with a certain amount of arbitrariness, is perplexing.

We no longer manage people today as in the past...The only model that still attracts people is the one of the 19th century, with priests who are very committed but according to a rigid, hierarchical type of Church that no longer corresponds to reality.

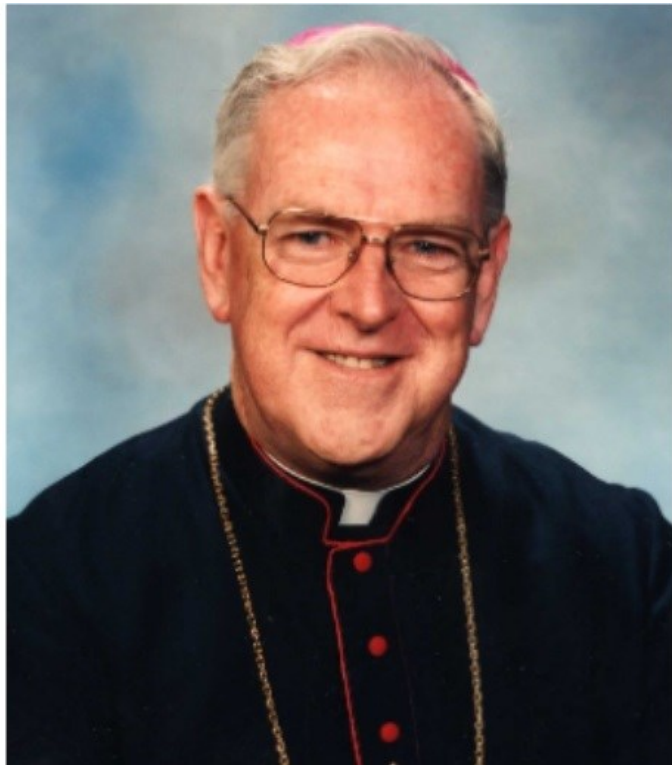
The Second Vatican Council (1962-65) spoke a lot about bishops and laity. But very little about priests. Benedict XVI decreed a "year of the priest", but as a model he gave the holy Curé of Ars, St. John Vianney, who – to say the least – did not encounter the same problems as today's priests.

For that is the urgency. Our indifference to what priests are going through is sinful because they are at the forefront of the very deep crisis of the Church. If the disaffection of the practice and the eradication of Christianity from society are hard for all of us, imagine how terrible they are for the priest who embodies the institution! "We know what we are losing, but we don't know what we are going to become," a priest confided to me. The transition is violent, brutal. Many priests are showing great creativity, but others are exhausted.

Who can face such a crisis alone without real support from the community? This is a question that concerns us all, not just the bishops.

During the synodal process that just took place in France many people voiced opinions. But not many spoke of priests, except to criticize them. Moreover, few priests participated in the process. There was a significant silence. And that is disturbing.

Isabelle de Gaulmyn is senior editor at La Croix and a former Vatican correspondent. Read more at: <https://international.la-croix.com/news/religion/the-cry-of-a-priest/16361>



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*60th Ordination Anniversary*

*Wednesday, 20th July 2022*

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Thinking about World Youth Day 2023? Bishop Anthony Randazzo is inviting young people of the Diocese to join him on an experience of a lifetime.

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### **Vox Populi - The Voice of the People**

13 July 2022

Members of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia met for a final session last weekend to bring to a conclusion the second general assembly, held across six days in Sydney.

In addition to celebrating the final Mass on Saturday morning, Members also approved a concluding statement, reflecting on the discernment that took place during their week together.

The statement said there had been an “expression of synodality that Pope Francis has identified as a key dimension of the Church’s life in the third millennium”.

While some moments during the week had been “calm and harmonious”, the statement also acknowledged there were times that were “tense and difficult”, however “every moment has been blessed, the entire week has been grace-filled, though never a cheap grace. The Holy Spirit has been both comforter and disrupter”.

Attending the Council with Bishop Anthony Randazzo were the Vicar General of the Diocese, Very Rev Dr David Ranson; Chancellor Kelly Paget; Diocesan Director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Alison Newell; Director, Catholic Schools Broken Bay, Danny Casey and Hornsby Cathedral parishioner, Raj Rajasingham.

Bishop Anthony said after the closing Mass while there were tense and challenging times, the Holy Spirit was very much alive in the room during the Council and there was great energy.

Danny Casey said; “The Plenary was called to strengthen the faith life in Australia and to find new ways of bringing all closer to Christ. This must remain our focus.

The journey has been a memorable experience with good discussion among those who love the Church.”

He said all new proposals need to be assessed against the main purpose – bringing people closer to God and His Church.

After nearly four and a half years in preparation, on Saturday morning Council Members confirmed the decrees of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, which were then signed by all bishops present. After the November meeting of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, the decrees will be sent to the Holy See.

Full details of the Plenary Council can be found at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>



## Plenary impressions 8 July 2022

No-one could have imagined the direction of the Council and how we would have been directed today by the Spirit. Some of you will already have been onto the Plenary Council website to check the voting that was announced at 6.30pm AEST and discovered the good news. Part 4 and Part 5 were passed and there was only one exception for the whole work of the Council. Part 4 was completely rewritten yesterday and the four writers are to be commended because of their fidelity to the desires of the national consultation plus the tradition and then the earnest desires of the members of the Council. They



were able to reorder and rewrite with the help of submissions from each table and the document was resoundingly passed by both the members and the bishops. There were still a couple of bishop dissenters but that is where we are in the Church. The morning began in brilliant chilly sunshine with Mass at 7.45, fully sung with Archbishop Fisher as presider, and then we moved into the hard work of the day. Because we had lost time on Wednesday the reordering of the agenda reduced our time for discussion but we didn't miss out on prayer time. The work was simply more efficient. We made more use of the red and green cards to see if there was a consensus in the room and where there wasn't then more discernment was given time.

As I described to you yesterday there was fresh earth in the centre of the table into which we planted seeds. Miraculously they had sprouted some pansies and full bloom by this morning!! During the prayer we added water and the music and text fitted beautifully. We prayed the whole of St Francis' *Creation Canticle* which fitted perfectly. The whole movement of prayer was wonderful and led us into the day and made so much sense in relation to what we were doing. The mood today was even jocular at times and at times during the voting there was a few laughs to keep us going. We worked through **Part 4**

***Witnessing to the Equal Dignity of Women and Men and Part 6 Formation and Leadership for Mission and Ministry.*** We also had to vote on **Part 5 Communion in Grace: Sacrament to the Word**. When Part 4 was passed with only 1 bishop dissenting in regard to the introduction there was an audible breath out and then much applause. Of the other motions, the



most dissention was 5 votes from the bishops so that was wonderful. The mood in the room was energised and fully cooperative. At our table we were all conscious of the change that was so incredible considering where we were on Wednesday morning. I was having a conversation with one of our members in Bunbury who was online just to keep her in touch with the feeling. As you can see in the picture below, the big screen at the end had all the online people. There were more and more of them as the COVID cases increased. They formed two 'rooms' for discussion and discernment and made wonderful contributions. Today was the sad news that Sr Marion has now got COVID. She has led us through much of the online gatherings and she was very instrumental in the facilitation team.

There were film crews (on the left) for the live streaming, plus up on the stage the observers which included the Apostolic Nuncio and a NZ Archbishop and some from other denominations plus the media. Really rather wonderful.

**Part 5 Communion in Grace: Sacrament to the World** was one of the more lengthy sections and required some time. There were no personal interventions delivered because of the time imperative but in the new format one person from each table could speak. This is the only section that had one motion rejected and that was about canon 767 to ask Rome that lay preachers be allowed to preach in the Eucharistic assembly. The previous motion had asked for lay people to participate in the formal ministry of Preaching in the Latin Church and it was accepted. This particularly allows for all the lay people throughout Australia who preach in the absence of a priest. Another controversial section called for the Pope to consider where the third form of the Rite of Penance could be used in a more extensive way considering the particular needs in Australia. I heard from many people that this is deeply desired and from priests whose concern it is that they simply cannot get around all the places in regional areas that require the sacrament. Much work to be done.



**Part 6 Formation and Leadership for Mission and Ministry** had been processed yesterday but we needed to vote on it. All motions were accepted as amended and will make a difference, when implemented, to the formation of all the faithful, clergy and lay people. There was excitement about how this can improve our missionary focus.

As you can imagine this was all very intense work but the day got lighter in spirit as we progressed. The voting was close to unanimous on many of the motions which was encouraging. As I've said before, this will not fix everything but it will give us impetus for change and focus our resources on positive directions. It will not solve every problem or answer every prayer.

As the day wore on and we wore out, there was increasing jocularity. The final motions were about the implementation of the Fifth Plenary Council, the abrogation of decrees of the previous Plenary Council and the closing of the Council. That was very funny in the end because there was one dissenting bishop in regard to the closing! There was also a persistent invalid vote from the consultative members and for the closing motion there it was again, the invalid vote. There was a hearty laugh to accompany that announcement.

My deep admiration is for the secretariat who have only just recently sent through the minutes of today. Bishop Shane MacKinlay has been a superb leader. He has an extraordinary mind! When someone makes a comment or a suggestion for inclusion he is immediately able to say 'but that is included back in section X in paragraph XX'. Very impressive. They all must be exhausted.

Most people got to go back to their hotel then until dinner began at 7pm but I was involved in a podcast until 6.30pm which is now on the website: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/> Scroll down until you get to #Listen to the Spirit.

The dinner was wonderful but most of us finished up by 9pm and I headed back here to write to you all and prepare for the final session tomorrow morning and then the closing Mass in the cathedral. At the dinner we each were given a place mat prepared by children in Catholic schools around Australia and a beautiful glass cross made by students from Prendiville College in Perth. They will be special treasures for me. For the next couple of weeks, I will be processing what has happened and feeling immensely grateful and privileged to have been part of a wonderful Council that will make a difference to our Church in Australia. My companions at dinner were Fr Frank Brennan SJ, Bishop Eugene Hurley (Darwin), Bishop Ken Howell (Brisbane) and Archbishop Patrick O'Regan from Adelaide. We thoroughly enjoyed each other's company. Eugene Hurley and my husband John were close friends a long time ago so it was good to catch up. Bishop Ken and Archbishop Patrick have also been to liturgy conferences that I have attended so it was good to catch up with them too and have a laugh. Frank Brennan's father, Sir Francis Gerard Brennan who was the 10<sup>th</sup> Chief Justice of Australia who wrote the main judgement in the Mabo case, recently died so it was wonderful to hear all the details of the funeral. William Barton, a favourite classical musician of mine, played the didgeridoo and sang at the funeral.

Now it is time to call it a day and I am very grateful for all your prayers and support as this has made it possible. Thank you for your messages!

Blessings

Angela McCarthy

***Dr Angela McCarthy teaches at Notre Dame in WA***