



# 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.*

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C – 31 July 2022



### Stop Talking to Yourself!

Conversation is what makes us human: we are word animals. Anyone who has been in hospital for some time knows that it is the lack of conversation which starts to tell. We need mouth to mouth resuscitation.

Did you notice in today's Gospel that the rich landowner is constantly murmuring to himself. He poses questions which *he* answers. He is so bound up with his possessions that there is no room in his life for real conversation with people or with God.

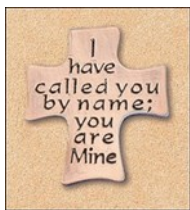
In muttering to himself, the rich man was becoming dehumanised and in danger that at the moment of death, he could find himself monologuing for all eternity, and that is a Hellish existence. He, and we, need to learn the language of Heaven and we begin that on earth.

There are two partners of conversation we need: With God we call it prayer. The Our Father is the conversation of the children of God with their heavenly Father. With other people, real dialogue might reveal something about them such that we need to respond wholeheartedly.

And then, draw closer to Our Lady who was the greatest conversation partner with God: 'Be it done unto me according to Thy word.' She is constantly trying to draw us into her conversation with God.

We could pause for a moment to ask Our Lady to help us to learn and practise the language of Heaven: 'now, and at the hour of our death.' Amen.

### CONFIRMATION 2022



Children across our Parish start their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation this week. The Diocesan confirmation program has selected **Remembering Baptism & Called by Name** as the first two concepts to be studied. They will explore the journey of being known by their name to God, starting from when they were presented by name for Baptism, to selecting a saint name for Confirmation.

All candidates will be presented to the Parish community across all Masses this weekend. The Celebration of the Sacrament will be held on August 21<sup>st</sup>.



### A very special THANK YOU to those parishioners who contributed to the 2022 ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL.

Your donations will assist those in need, especially those who are victims of domestic violence.

The total across the Parish raised \$9,204.55 – a wonderful effort during this difficult time.

Receipts have been written out and are in the process of being given out/mailed or home delivered.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

**Recently Deceased:** Amal Faraj, Rose Rominosci, Dulcina Gois, & Colleen Dunn.

**Anniversaries:** Lupo Guerrero, Salvatore Orsini, Belmonte Lucia, Giuseppe Parino, Rado Petkovic, John Edwards(1st) Marija & Ivan Petkovic, Marija Zabica & deceased members of the Zabica & Petkovic families, Ivan & Ivica Pecotic, Br Ivan & deceased members of the Pecotic family.

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



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 69:2,6

O God, come to my assistance;  
O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help;  
O Lord, do not delay.

## FIRST READING

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes  
*What do people gain by all their work?*  
Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says.  
Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!  
For so it is that a man who has  
laboured wisely, skilfully and  
successfully must leave what is his own  
to someone who has not toiled for it at  
all. This, too, is vanity and great  
injustice; for what does he gain for all  
the toil and strain that he has  
undergone under the sun? What of all  
his laborious days, his cares of office,  
his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

**(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have  
been our refuge.**

You turn men back into dust and say:  
'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a  
thousand years are like yesterday,  
come and gone, no more than a watch  
in the night. (R.)

You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the  
morning. In the morning it springs up  
and flowers: by evening it withers and  
fades. (R.)

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants. (R.)

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands.  
(R.)

## SECOND READING

Col 3:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to  
the Colossians

*Seek the things that are above where  
Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to  
true life with Christ, you must look for  
the things that are in heaven, where  
Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.  
Let your thoughts be on heavenly  
things, not on the things that are on  
the earth, because you have died, and  
now the life you have is hidden with  
Christ in God. But when Christ is  
revealed – and he is your life – you too  
will be revealed in all your glory with  
him.

That is why you must kill everything in  
you that belongs only to earthly life:  
fornication, impurity, guilty passion,  
evil desires and especially greed,  
which is the same thing as  
worshipping a false god; and never tell  
each other lies. You have stripped off  
your old behaviour with your old self,  
and you have put on a new self which  
will progress towards true knowledge  
the more it is renewed in the image of  
its creator; and in that image there is  
no room for distinction between Greek  
and Jew, between the circumcised or  
the uncircumcised, or between  
barbarian and Scythian, slave and free  
man. There is only Christ: he is  
everything and he is in everything.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

## GOSPEL

Lk 12:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Luke

*To whom will all this wealth of yours go?*

A man in the crowd said to Jesus,  
'Master, tell my brother to give me a  
share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,'  
he replied, 'who appointed me your  
judge, or the arbitrator of your  
claims?' Then he said to them,  
'Watch, and be on your guard against  
avarice of any kind, for a man's life is  
not made secure by what he owns,  
even when he has more than he  
needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There  
was once a rich man who, having had  
a good harvest from his land, thought  
to himself, "What am I to do? I have  
not enough room to store my crops."  
Then he said, "This is what I will do; I  
will pull down my barns and build  
bigger ones, and store all my grain  
and my goods in them, and I will say  
to my soul: My soul, you have plenty  
of good things laid by for many years  
to come; take things easy, eat, drink,  
have a good time." But God said to  
him, "Fool! This very night the  
demand will be made for your soul;  
and this hoard of yours, whose will it  
be then?" So it is when a man stores  
up treasure for himself in place of  
making himself rich in the sight of  
God.'



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**

## What's on this week...

**Week 1** of Confirmation program

**Wednesday 3rd** 10:30am St Thomas' Rose Rominosci Funeral

**Friday 5th** 1st Friday healing Mass and Adoration St Thomas' 9am

## Saints & Feasts

**Monday 1st** St Alponus Liguori

**Wednesday 3rd** St Dominic

**Thursday 4th** St John Vianney

**Saturday 6th** Transfiguration of the Lord



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### St Leonard's Church

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Naremburn

### St Philip Neri Church

224 Sailors Bay Rd  
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### St Thomas' Church

Cnr Horsley Ave & High St  
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## Fr Chima's 11th Anniversary of Ordination 30 July 2022

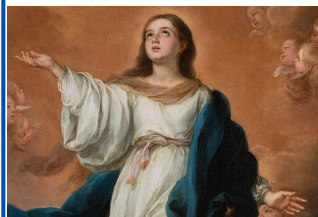
On Saturday Fr Chima celebrates his 11th Anniversary of Ordination. Last year he passed the significant milestone of 10 years in the midst of our longest lockdown, so if you are one of the many people grateful for his ministry among us, make the time to express your gratitude.

*May the blessings released through your hands, cause windows to open in darkened minds. May your words have the prophetic edge, to enable the heart to hear itself. May the slow light of the Eucharist, be a sure shelter around your future.*

John O'Donohue

### SEMINARIAN BENEFIT DINNER

Please come and support our Broken Bay Seminarians and help bring awareness to the importance of vocations within our Diocese on Saturday 13 August at 6.30 pm at Harrington Hall at Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood parish, 94 Archer Street, Chatswood. Parking available along Kirk Street, St Pius X (entry through Kirk Street). For tickets: [HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CBBGF](https://www.trybooking.com/CBBGF) or contact 9410 9000, email [chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au) OR [vocationsministry@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:vocationsministry@bbcatholic.org.au)



### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

There will be a vigil Mass for the Feast of the Assumption at 6pm St Leonards on Sunday the 14th August.

On Monday 15th there will be 9am St Thomas' Mass 9.15am St Philip Neri, and 7:30pm St Thomas'.

### YOUTH GROUP GAMES NIGHT

Join us on 7 August after 6pm Mass at St Leonard's for LNS Youth and Young Adults' Games Night. Bring your favourite board game. Pizza dinner will be provided. **Adeline - Youth Leader**



We still have some students available for sponsorship. If you would like to sponsor a child and help them complete their education in Letefoho, please contact Lorna at [admin@lets.net.au](mailto:admin@lets.net.au) or Georgina at [gcm.lough@gmail.com](mailto:gcm.lough@gmail.com). Thank you again, for your wonderful support of the students of Letefoho. Your generosity is so greatly appreciated by the students and their families.

**CatholicCare**  
Diocese of Broken Bay

Next week, from 1-7 August, the Diocese of Broken Bay will join with people from around Australia in highlighting the growing problem in our society of homelessness.

We know homelessness has increased by nearly 14% in the past four years; that 2 out of 5 people in this situation are under 25, and there has been a 28% increase in our 55+ men and women experiencing homelessness. People from our communities right across the Diocese are represented in those figures. Next weekend we will be having a special collection for CatholicCare and their new homeless initiative in our Diocese.

**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. Go on pilgrimage to Italy to see the homes and sites of the saints, and on to Lisbon, Portugal to join youth from around the world for WYD23. Check out the CYBB WYD website for further information and subscribe to join the mailing list to start your journey. [Check out the CYBB WYD website!](#)

### TALKS ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN BY BISHOP DAVID WALKER commencing 3 August

**The Gospel of John:** Bishop Emeritus David Walker will be giving a series of 5 talks on John's Gospel on Wednesday mornings at St Gerard's Church, 543 North Rocks Rd Carlingford, commencing with 9:30am Mass and then 10:15am - 11:45am in the parish meeting room starting August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bring your bible and learn from Bishop David's 60 years as a priest, bishop, retreat giver and theologian.

**Enquiries:** Parish Office - Epping and Carlingford Parish 9876 2853



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>	11:00am 2nd & 4th Sundays	12pm 4th Sunday	12pm 3rd 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 teaches that we can only practice new ways of being in the world if we maintain some degree of nonattachment from the systems around us:***

I would insist the foundation of Jesus' social program is what I will call *non-idolatry*, or the withdrawing of our enthrallment from all kingdoms except the Kingdom of God. This supports a much better agenda than feeling the need to attack things directly. Nonattachment (freedom from loyalties to human-made, domination systems) is the best way I know of protecting people from religious zealotry or any kind of antagonistic thinking or behaviour. *There is nothing to be against. Just keep concentrating on the Big Thing you are for!*

Paul tries to create some "audio-visual aids" for this big message, which he calls "churches" (a term Jesus used only *twice and in only one Gospel* (Matthew 16:18 and 18:17). He needs living, visible models of this new kind of life to make evident that Christ's people really follow a way different from mass consciousness. They are people who "can be innocent and genuine . . . and can shine like stars among a deceitful and underhanded brood" (Philippians 2:15). To people who asked, "Why should we believe there's a new or better life possible?" Paul could say, "Look at these people. They're different. This is a new social order." In Christ, "there are no more distinctions between Jew and Greek, slave and free, male and female, but all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28).

In Paul's thinking, we were supposed to live inside of an alternative society, almost a utopia, and from such fullness "go to the world." Instead, we created a model whereby people live almost entirely in the world, fully invested in its attitudes toward money, war, power, and gender—and sometimes "go to church." This doesn't seem to be working! Groups like the Amish, the Bruderhof, Black churches, and members of some Catholic religious orders probably have a better chance of actually maintaining an alternative consciousness. Most of the rest of us end up thinking and operating pretty much like our surrounding culture.

Many people, however, now find this solidarity in think tanks, support groups, prayer groups, study groups, house-building projects, healing circles, or community-focused organizations. Perhaps without fully recognizing it, we are often heading in the right direction. Some new studies indicate that Christians are not as much leaving Christianity as they are realigning with groups that live Christian values in the world—instead of just gathering again to hear the readings, recite the creed, and sing songs on Sunday. Jesus does not need our singing; we need instead to act like a community. Actual Christian behaviour might just be growing more than we realize. Behaviour has a very different emphasis than belonging.

***Remember, it is not the brand name that matters.***

***It is that God's heart be made available and active on this earth.***



Catholic Youth Broken Bay invites youth and young adults across the Diocese to 'Praisefest: Welcome to Mercy.' It will be held on **Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> August** from 7:00pm – 9:00pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish at The Entrance.

The evening will involve a variety of fun, engaging and prayerful segments. Praise featuring, Glorious and school students and a dance battle, will get the youth to their feet and enjoy the lively atmosphere. 'Rambling with the Rev' will be hosted by Deacon Adrian Gomez and feature panelists from CatholicCare and students who are actively involved in social justice. The youth will be invited to delve into Christ's "fountain of life" through a contemporary dance performed by Michaela Hoffmann and followed by an opportunity for prayer and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration. Priests from around the Diocese will be coming to offer the sacrament of Confession. Of course, the evening will finish with a Praise party to give all glory and thanks to God!

Questions? Email Jen: [jen.healey@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:jen.healey@bbcatholic.org.au).

## A series of Zoom events addressing *Inclusion in the Church*

Join us over four Wednesday evenings in August as we focus on synodality, governance, and leadership of the Church in the context of Church inclusion.

As the official Plenary process moves to a new phase, there is much work still required to create a just, synodal Church; a Church where all are included equally and inclusively.

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### EVENT DETAILS

**WHEN:** Wednesday Evenings – August 10, 17, 24 & 31

**TIME:** 7:30-9:00pm (AEST)\*

**WHERE:** Online via Zoom

**COST:** \$22.00 incl. GST (covers all four sessions). Excludes TryBooking fee.

**BOOKINGS:** via TryBooking

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#### **WEDNESDAY 10 AUGUST, 7.30-9.00pm**

##### ***A Just Synodal Church***

**Bill Uren SJ:** Scholar-in-Residence at Newman College at the University of Melbourne.

**Miriam Pawlak:** International Coordinator for the *German Synodal Path*.

**Teresa Hohmann:** International Coordinator for the *German Synodal Path*.

#### **WEDNESDAY 17 AUGUST, 7.30-9.00pm**

##### ***Women in a Just Synodal Church***

**Patricia Gemmell:** Member of the National Leadership Team of the Grail in Australia.

**Peter Maher:** Retired priest and editor of *The Swag*.

#### **WEDNESDAY 24 AUGUST, 7.30-9.00pm**

##### ***LGBTQIA+ Inclusivity in a Just Synodal Church***

**Benjamin Oh:** Founder and co-chair of Rainbow Catholics InterAgency for Ministry.

**Claude Mostowick msc:** President, Pax Christi Australia.

**Dr Francis Donovan OAM:** A non-binary transgender person with a background advocating for recognition, inclusion, and participation of all LGBTQIA+ Catholics in the Church.

**Marg Hayes:** Co-ordinator of Catholic HIV/AIDS Ministry.