



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.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C – 14 August 2022



I HAVE COME TO BRING FIRE

A fierce fire in a eucalyptus forest bursts open the seed pods, cleanses the soil of smothering undergrowth, and returns nutrients to the soil to germinate the seeds. It is that sort of fire which Jesus brings to the earth.

So, at Pentecost, He sent His Holy Spirit '... like tongues of fire', bursting the early disciples out of the protective shell of the 'Upper Room', allowing them to be germinated as seeds of the early Church. It is the same in every generation which has to ask: What personal, family or social situations provide a hard casing which must be cracked open? What is the smothering undergrowth which prevents our germination as fearless disciples?

Jesus himself felt smothered by the small-minded people of Nazareth to which He never returned. He warns that families and good friends can try to smother the spark He wishes to ignite.

We might pause for a moment to pray that the fiery Holy Spirit might enable us to become a stand of tall trees reaching for the Risen Son in all His glory.

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FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Monday 15th there will be Mass at the following times:

9am & 7:30pm St Thomas'

9am St Leonards

9.15am St Philip Neri.

CONFIRMATION

On Sunday the 21st August during 9:30am and 11:30am Mass at St Thomas' Willoughby approximately 100 children from across the parish will receive the Holy Spirit at their Confirmation. This is a parish celebration and everyone is welcome to attend, please be aware the Mass will be longer than usual and parking will be congested so allow plenty of time.

SAINTS & FEASTS

Monday 15th **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Tuesday 16th **St Stephen of Hungary**

Friday 19th **St John Eudes**

Saturday 20th **St Bernard**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Recently Deceased: Francesca Barrale & Kevin Sudradjat.

Anniversaries: Ivan Oreb, Grazia Monaco, Sebastian Barbarino, Pasqualina Monaco, Jaka & Donko Donjerkovic, Dominic Donjerkovic, Visko Petkovic (10th) Ralph Selwyn, Nora Chong, Doris Seeto & Luka Banicevic.

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



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 83:10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed
one; one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

FIRST READING

Jer 38:4-6. 8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
*You bore me to be a man of strife for the
whole world.*

The king's leading men spoke to the
king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he
is unquestionably disheartening the
remaining soldiers in the city, and all
the people too, by talking like this. The
fellow does not have the welfare of
this people at heart so much as its
ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,'
King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is
powerless against you.' So they took
Jeremiah and threw him into the well
of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the
Guard, letting him down with ropes.
There was no water in the well, only
mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.
Ebed-melech came out from the palace
and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,'
he said, 'these men have done a
wicked thing by treating the prophet
Jeremiah like this: they have thrown
him into the well where he will die.' At
this the king gave Ebed-melech the
Cushite the following order: 'Take
three men with you from here and pull
the prophet Jeremiah out of the well
before he dies.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he
stooped down to me; he heard my cry.
(R.)

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay. He set my feet
upon a rock and made my footsteps
firm. **(R.)**

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. Many shall see and
fear and shall trust in the Lord. **(R.)**

As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me. You are my
rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay!
(R.)

SECOND READING

Heb 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the
Hebrews

*Let us bear patiently the struggle placed
upon us.*

With so many witnesses in a great
cloud on every side of us, we too,
then, should throw off everything that
hinders us, especially the sin that
clings so easily, and keep running
steadily in the race we have started.
Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who
leads us in our faith and brings it to
perfection: for the sake of the joy
which was still in the future, he
endured the cross, disregarding the
shamefulness of it, and from now on
has taken his place at the right of
God's throne. Think of the way he
stood such opposition from sinners
and then you will not give up for want
of courage. In the fight against sin, you
have not yet had to keep fighting to
the point of death.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the
Lord; I know them, and they follow
me.

Alleluia!

Use the words below to find out what
Jesus said to his disciples.

Do you _____ that I
am here to _____
on _____? No, but rather,
_____.



earth
division
peace
suppose
bring

GOSPEL

Lk 12:49-53

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke

*I have come not to give peace, but
discord.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have
come to bring fire to the earth, and
how I wish it were blazing already!
There is a baptism I must still receive,
and how great is my distress till it is
over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to
bring peace on earth? No, I tell you,
but rather division. For from now on a
household of five will be divided:
three against two and two against
three; the father divided against the
son, son against father, mother
against daughter, daughter against
mother, mother-in-law against
daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law
against mother-in-law.'

7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom
Understanding
Knowledge
Fortitude
Counsel
Piety
Fear of the Lord

Baptism this Weekend

Charlotte Dalton,

Willa & Charles Gooden

Welcome!





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ZOOM ROSARY FOR FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

You are invited to join the Chatswood Parish Rosary (on Zoom) this Sunday evening, **14 August 2022 at 8pm** for the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady.
Meeting ID: 816 3894 7206, Passcode: 246956 Automatic Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81638947206?pwd=anMOV2VQNlVNElta3RRV21HaGJxZz09> (or) <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood>).



Pope Francis said:

"Being a Catechist is a Vocation"

Is it Your Vocation? Join Us and Find Out...



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.

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"The blocking of grain exports from Ukraine, on which the lives of millions of people depend, especially in the poorest countries, is of great concern. I make a heartfelt appeal that every effort be made to resolve this issue and to guarantee the universal human right to food. Please do not use wheat, a staple food, as a weapon of war!"

Pope Francis, 1 June 2022

Caritas Australia is part of the **HELP FIGHT FAMINE (HFF) Campaign**, a coalition of humanitarian organisations, voicing the need for urgent action towards **this global food crisis** and calling on the Australian Government to do our part in responding to this crisis. Everyone can add their voice by emailing their MP via the portal at [Help Fight Famine \(caritas.org.au\)](https://www.caritas.org.au)

Over 18 million people across Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya are already facing extreme hunger. Approximately 7 million children under 5 years are acutely malnourished in Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia. The number of households without reliable access to clean and safe water is now at 10.5 million. Food prices were already on the rise and are now skyrocketing putting basics like bread out of reach for many families.

Children's Liturgy



St Thomas'

During 9:30am Mass
Each Sunday in school term.

St Philip Neri

9am 4th September
9am 18th September

JESUIT MISSION BAZAAR (2022)

Parents & friends connected to the St Philip Neri school and parish run a fundraising BBQ at the Jesuit Mission Bazaar (aka the 'Indian Bazaar') to support the work of the Jesuit Mission's life changing programs in 12 countries, including India, Cambodia, Timor-Leste and Myanmar.

This year the Bazaar will be held at St Ignatius College Riverview on 10 September. It is a fun day to connect with old friends and fellow parishioners for a great cause. Please sign up for a 1 hour shift with the BBQ team here: <https://signup.com/go/kmjCAWC>
Any questions? Send to northbridgebbq@gmail.com

SPECIAL SPEAKING EVENT 23 AUGUST

7:30pm St Thomas' Willoughby Liz MacKinlay, Mary's House



Our speaker this year is inspired by the Bishops Social Justice statement for 2023 **Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse** the full statement will be released on the 6th August and can be accessed [here](#).

Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse points out that the roots of domestic and family violence "lie in the abuse of power to control and dominate others" and that "this stands in contrast to the relationships to which God calls us".

Our relationships should be "marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control".

Liz has over 25 years' experience in the not-for-profit sector, with extensive senior executive experience internationally and in Australia. She has held roles with a variety of NFP's including with World Vision International as Global Vice President of Strategy, with World Vision Australia as Director of Indigenous development, with Australian Doctors International as CEO, International Red Cross Society in Cambodia as a gender specialist as well as serving on a number of NFP Boards in Australia.

Liz is a specialist in gender equity and reducing violence against women and children and is committed to children's rights to care, participation and protection. She is an advocate for unlocking the skills and experience of corporates globally and in Australia for the benefit of communities, with a focus on strengthening communities through business. Under Liz's leadership, Australian Business Volunteers is implementing an innovative approach to community-led recovery post the 2019-2020 Black Summer bushfires across NSW and Victoria. Liz is CEO of Australian Business Volunteers and is a Founder and current Chair of the Board of Mary's House Services, a domestic violence service on Sydney's lower north shore.

ALL WELCOME

7:30 PM
23 AUGUST
ST THOMAS' CHURCH

Please contact the
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(02) 9958 8846 for
further information



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.



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CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S RESPONSE

Cash transfers to households at risk of poverty

Support for families forced from their homes

Hygiene supplies, including soap and hand sanitisers to help prevent the spread of COVID-19

Seeds and household items for families impacted by conflict and displacement



HOW WE CAN HELP

As people of faith, we cannot sit idly by when millions of our sisters and brothers face severe food and water challenges. There are a number of ways we can support these communities during this humanitarian crisis.

PRAY



RAISE AWARENESS



ACT IN SOLIDARITY

ADVOCATE



DONATE



- Pray for people without enough food to eat.

- Say [Grace](#) before meals.

- [Write to your member of parliament](#) asking for increased funding for countries facing famine.

- Help provide vital food and water by donating to caritas.org.au/food-crisis

DO WE REALLY EAT JESUS' BODY AND DRINK HIS BLOOD IN THE EUCHARIST?

Many Catholics today practising or not, really question the church's teaching on the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist Celebration at Mass. What is the truth in the church's teaching?

It's easy to fall into routines and lose sight of the little miracles all around us. Unfortunately, it is even easy to fall into a routine and lose sight of the greatest miracle of all, happening right in front of us. In this short 8 minute video Fr. Mike Schmitz discusses the greatest gift God has ever given man: himself.

Christ offered his body at the Last Supper, he sacrificed it on the Cross, and he continues to give himself to us at each and every Mass.

Fr. Mike explains the shocking reality of what it means **to eat Jesus' body and drink Jesus' blood**.

This flesh, the Incarnate Word of God, redeemed the world. His body and blood are what save our fallen human nature and they are what give us life.

This miracle, occurring each time we go to Mass, gives us an opportunity to partake in redemption, unite with our Saviour, and live a sacramental life.

<https://youtu.be/UQPTfyxZLKI>

or Listen on Apple Podcasts: <https://podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/the-fr-mike-schmitz-catholic-podcast/id1200915759?i=1000571490251>



Praying with the Assumption Readings from St Beuno's Outreach



GOSPEL LUKE 1: 39–56

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leaped for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.' And Mary said: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down the mighty from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy – according to the promise he made to our ancestors – of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.' Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

After achieving a measure of inner stillness, I read this familiar text. Perhaps I first focus on Mary, a young girl rushing to tell Elizabeth her news. How do I see her? Weak, strong, determined, confident, scared ...? In time, I turn to Elizabeth and the encounter between the two women. I visualise the place ... I hear their voices ... their mutual joy. What strikes me most? I may like to sing or hum to myself any well known hymn or song inspired by the Magnificat. I focus on the words. What 'great things' has the Almighty done for me? What people or events were his instruments? I ponder, then I give thanks. I look at the Lord's concern for the weak, the poor and the hungry. In today's world, he has no hands to help but mine. What am I able to do? I tell the Lord how I feel and ask for what I need to be of even greater help to those in need. As I end my prayer, I may choose to turn to Mary: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee ...