



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.

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C – 21 August 2022



CAN THE DALAI LAMA BE SAVED?

'[People] from east and west, north and south . . . will feast in the Kingdom of God.'

Amongst those people, will there be Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus, atheists?

The surprising answer of Catholic Christianity is: 'Yes, but always through the working of the Holy Spirit of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who can prompt the heart of *any* person *anywhere* at *any* time with divine grace so that that person strives to lead a life of compassion and justice and not harming innocent creatures.' Obviously, this work of the Holy Spirit could encompass millions if not billions of people who have never heard the Gospel.

If the slogan: 'No salvation outside the Church' is taken to mean no-one can be saved unless he/she is a baptised member of the Catholic Church then it is a heresy explicitly condemned by Popes.

Nevertheless, we must pray and work for the conversion of all people so that they might have the advantage of all the aids of Word and Sacrament which we draw on as direction and strength on our journey towards the destiny which God desires for each one of us.

We could pause for a moment to acknowledge the boundless mercy of God, but also praying that all peoples might share our privilege of participating in that Holy Communion which is the foretaste of the banquet prophesied by Jesus in today's Gospel.

CONFIRMATION

Dear Families,

I want to express my deep gratitude for the fidelity and enthusiasm you have displayed as you approached the preparation program for Confirmation. Often as adults we have left our own faith at the door of whatever primary or high school we last attended. It is easy with the business of life and the heartbreaking failures of the institutional church, to wonder does this 'faith' hold any value in my life? In the life of my children? And so we stay away and end up in a type of self imposed exile. My prayer for you, as you journey with your children is that this will be a time of invitation, a time to re-find a 'yes'.

Maybe it will be small interior 'yes' like the still small voice of God that Elijah speaks of, or maybe it will be a resounding 'yes', like a trumpet call. For some undoubtedly it will be a 'not yet' moment... It's all ok, none of our moments, none of our families, are outside God or the loving embrace of that relationship.

My heartfelt desire for your families is that you will continue to take part, continue to come, that you will abide here in God's love amongst this community. Whether you continue to believe, continue to doubt, my brother Priests and I are here as a resource, your fellow parishioners are here as a resource, ask questions, join a group, let us know what you need.

We are very blessed here in the parish to have Jessica, our Sacramental Coordinator, who works tirelessly to deliver a program that is faith filled and readily accessible. Jessica's Spirit, focus and attention to detail ensures you and your children are known, seen and cared for throughout your time in the sacramental program. Please join me in thanking her for her tireless work.

I'd also like to thank all the volunteers, catechists, teachers, musicians and servers who help animate the sacramental life of the parish.

Fr Jose

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Recently Deceased: Margaret Hendriks (mother of Fr. Peter Hendriks), Alison De Marco & Madeline Chiu's sister.

Anniv & Thanksgiving: Cajetan, Quiteria, John, Joseph & Dulcina Gois, Mark & Gordon Castellino.

Anniversaries: Selvan Selvakumaraswamy (2nd), Frank Attard (4th) Robert Vas (2nd), Ivan Oreb, Grazia Monaco, Sebastian Barbarino, Pasqualina Monaco, Jaka & Donko Donjerkovic & Dominic Donjerkovic.

Please Pray For: Fr Martin Aye Ngwe & Clifford Sun.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my
God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I
cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING

Is 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
*They will gather all of your people from all
nations.*

The Lord says this: I am coming to
gather the nations of every language.
They shall come to witness my glory. I
will give them a sign and send some of
their survivors to the nations: to
Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh,
Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands
that have never heard of me or seen
my glory. They will proclaim my glory
to the nations. As an offering to the
Lord they will bring all your brothers,
on horses, in chariots, in litters, on
mules, on dromedaries, from all the
nations to my holy mountain in
Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites
bringing oblations in clean vessels to
the Temple of the Lord. And of some of
them I will make priests and Levites,
says the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

**(R.) Go out to all the world
and tell the Good News.**

O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! **(R.)**

Strong is his love for us; he is faithful
for ever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter to the
Hebrews

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Have you forgotten that encouraging
text in which you are addressed as
sons? My son, when the Lord corrects
you, do not treat it lightly; but do not
get discouraged when he reprimands
you. For the Lord trains the ones that
he loves and he punishes all those that
he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering
is part of your training; God is treating
you as his sons. Has there ever been
any son whose father did not train
him? Of course, any punishment is

most painful at the time, and far from
pleasant; but later, in those on whom
it has been used, it bears fruit in peace
and goodness. So hold up your limp
arms and steady your trembling knees
and smooth out the path you tread;
then the injured limb will not be
wrenched, it will grow strong again.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life,
says the Lord; no one comes to the
Father, except through me.
Alleluia!



CONFIRMATION 2022

Congratulations to our 120
children who received the
Sacrament of Confirmation on
Sunday 21st August.
Thank you to all the parents and
parishioners for their support and
prayers during the time of
preparation.

Jessica

GOSPEL

Lk 13:22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke

*From East and West they will come to
take their place in the kingdom of God.*

Through towns and villages Jesus
went teaching, making his way to
Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir,
will there be only a few saved?' He
said to them, 'Try your best to enter
by the narrow door, because, I tell
you, many will try to enter and will
not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has
got up and locked the door, you may
find yourself knocking on the door,
saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will
answer, "I do not know where you
come from." Then you will find
yourself saying, "We once ate and
drank in your company; you taught in
our streets" but he will reply, "I do
not know where you come from.
Away from me, all you wicked men!"
'Then there will be weeping and
grinding of teeth, when you see
Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all
the prophets in the kingdom of God,
and yourselves turned outside. And
men from east and west, from north
and south, will come to take their
places at the feast in the kingdom of
God.

'Yes, there are those now last who
will be first, and those now first who
will be last.'

Draw some people from many different lands, sitting at the feast in God's kingdom.





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Please note, the Parish office
will be closed on Wednesdays
for the month of September.
We are open 9am to 3pm
Mon, Tue, Thur & Friday



Pope Francis said:

**"Being a Catechist
is a 'Vocation'"**

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

SPECIAL SPEAKING EVENT TUESDAY 23 AUGUST 7:30pm St Thomas' Willoughby Liz MacKinlay, Mary's House



**ALL WELCOME
7:30 PM
23 AUGUST
ST THOMAS'
CHURCH**

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

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.

SAINTS, FEASTS & CELEBRATIONS

Monday 22nd	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday 23rd	St Rose of Lima
Wednesday 24th	St Bartholomew & Anniv Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Anthony 2016
Thursday 25th	St Louis & St Joseph Calasanz & Anniv of the Dedication of Broken Bay Cathedral 1991
Saturday 27th	St Monica

THINKING ABOUT WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023?

There are two Information Nights coming up.

Tuesday 23 August at 6.30pm at The Light of Christ Centre and Wednesday 24 August at
6.30pm at St Peter's Catholic College, Tuggerah. It will be a huge night of information the
about the pilgrimage, WYD and our journey to Fatima after Lisbon.

Food, fun and facts!

Register at <https://bbwyd.org.au>

Children's Liturgy



**St Thomas'
During 9:30am Mass
Each Sunday in school
term.**

**St Philip Neri
9am 4th September
9am 18th September**

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 Chapel	Weekday Mass Thursday & Friday 1pm	Weekend Mass 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.		9am 4th September 9am 18th September
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	11:00am 2nd & 4th Sundays	12pm 4th Sunday	12pm 3rd 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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