



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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C – 28th August 2022



HEAVEN EMBOSSED INVITATIONS

Hearing Our Lord's command: 'Invite the poor, the crippled, to the feast,' how do we respond as citizens of a nation which, in comparative global terms, is having a great feast? Jesus demands that we go well beyond an immigration policy which favours skilled and entrepreneurial people. They more than 'repay our courtesy' in terms of economic activity and social stability.

The majority of the poor and the crippled live in the subsistence villages, the refugee camps, and the squalor of the megacities of the Third World.

Heaven embossed invitations must be extended to such as those so that they may join in our national feast. Only then can we become the sort of people who, in the great Feast of Heaven, can join with those poor who are certain to be there.

We could pause for a moment to pray to put today's Gospel into effect so that we might hear Our Lord: 'Friend, join in the Feast. Be close to me.'

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**YOU ARE INVITED
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IN LISBON PORTUGAL, IN AUGUST 2023**

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World Youth Day 2023 is a global gathering of Catholic Youth – and it is just one year away!

Bishop Anthony Randazzo is inviting you to join him on a pilgrimage to Italy and onto Lisbon, Portugal where thousands of young people will gather for this amazing event.

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

Or join us at the Parish Youth Group 1st and 3rd of the month after 6pm Mass at St Leonards.

SAINTS, FEASTS AND SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

Sunday 28th - Social Justice Sunday

Monday 29th - The Passion of St John the Baptist

Thursday 1st—World Day of Prayer for Creation—Holy See

Friday 2nd— Spring Ember Day—Special Day of Prayer and Penance

Saturday 3rd—St Gregory the Great

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Recently Deceased: Beverley Hockey, Margaret Hendricks, Alison DeMarco and Rose Leong.

Anniversaries: Maria Signorelli (1st) Frank Attard (4th), Selvan Selvakumaraswamy (2nd), & Franko & Marija Bacic.

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



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 85:3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

FIRST READING

Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.

The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble.

There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him.

The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. (R.)

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. (R.)

You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. (R.)

SECOND READING

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 14:1. 7-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

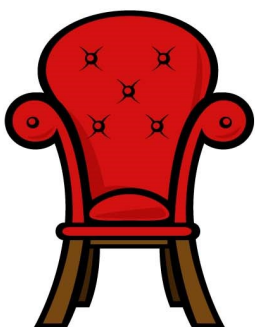
Baptism this Weekend

Julian Stebnicki, April Daniel &
Xavier Bathis-Brown

Welcome!



If you were invited to a party where would you sit? Circle the chair you would sit in and write down why you would sit there.





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WE ARE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY VISITORS SCHEME

JUST ONE HOUR A FORTNIGHT IS REQUIRED

Would you like to volunteer for an organisation with exceptional values? Are you passionate about achieving positive outcomes for seniors?

CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay is seeking volunteers for our federally funded Community Visitors Scheme. Our volunteers have flexibility to choose a day and time that suits them, we just ask for a commitment of at least one hour per fortnight. As a volunteer you will support seniors in a local Aged Care facility or in their own home to help improve their quality of life.

Affectionately referred to as CatholicCare's 'friendship program', you will be able to build new connections and positive relationships with someone who will greatly appreciate your company. The time will be spent having a cuppa, going on outings, reading together, listening to music, playing games and other activities. We receive regular requests for volunteers who speak other languages so it's a bonus if you are multilingual! All volunteers are supported with regular check-ins. Can you help?

Please call Nicki on 0418 435 304, email nicki.bispham@catholiccareddb.org.au or visit www.catholiccareddb.org.au/volunteer.

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

Liturgy of Lament

Friday 2 September at 7.00pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara Everyone is welcome to our annual Liturgy of Lament. Please put the date in your diaries and let us join together on this occasion when we remember, acknowledge and pray together

LIZ MACKINLAY—A CONVERSATION ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

On a very cold and miserable Tuesday night a small group of parishioners gathered together to hear an informative and eye opening talk about domestic violence and it's presence right here on our doorstep at Lower North Shore. Liz has such a breadth of knowledge in this area and was able to tell us some of the ways that her own parish has been able to work towards being a place of inclusion and safety for all as well as the fantastic work that Marys House and Daisy's Place are doing, helping women and children to find safety.

You can donate here <https://maryshouse.org.au/donate-now/>

Thank you to Tricia Gemmell, the PMC and Fr Jose for inviting Liz to speak with us.



Listen to the Voice of Creation
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

2022 is "Listen to the Voice of Creation." In his message for World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Pope Francis says, "If we learn how to listen, we can hear in the voice of creation a kind of dissonance. On the one hand, we can hear a sweet song in praise of our beloved Creator; on the other, an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this our common home." There are wonderful resources you might like to think about ways our Parish can celebrate, animate this important celebration in the future. [Celebration Guide 2022](#)

1 September is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, established by Pope Francis in 2015. This day begins the 'Season of Creation' which runs until 4 October, the Feast of St Francis, and is an ecumenical season calling all Christians around the world to pray and take action for our common home. The theme for



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.

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		PNGCCA 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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