



# 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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C – 4th September 2022



### REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The wisdom tradition from which the first reading is taken is rooted in the fact that life is a series of choices. The epistle and the gospel reading provide us with examples of the way Christians should choose. Finally, the psalm's description of the fleeting nature of life sets the context and tone of our decision-making.

Discipleship demands that, in the face of all the choices available to us, we keep our priorities straight. In the gospel, Jesus insists that we must be single minded. We must cling to the one thing necessary, and that one thing is authentic discipleship. In choosing Jesus, we choose other things as well. We choose new relationships with the very people to whom we have already been committed. Those who were slaves, or lower class, or employees, or providers of service are now regarded as sisters and brothers in Christ. In choosing Jesus, we also choose the cross. We choose to live in a way that calls us to travel the high road: to forgive offences committed against us; to live simply so that others can simply live; to take responsibility for the moral character of society.

The fleeting nature of life as characterised in the psalm forces us to look at the meaning of life. When the day dawns for us to return to dust, what will we have gained from life? The realisation of our finiteness and the transitory nature of life should help us to set our priorities right and should give us the courage to remain faithful to them.

Wishing all our fathers, grandfathers and father figures a Happy Father's Day. Fr Jose

### FATHER'S DAY BLESSING

*May the Lord bless you and keep you –in times of joy and in times of trial.*

*May the Lord make his face shine on you –that you, in turn, may be the face of God to those you father.*

*May the Lord be gracious to you –that you may be the instrument of grace in your families and communities.*

*And may the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace –that you might bring peace to your homes, to your families, to your work and to your world. AMEN*



### SAINTS, FEASTS AND SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

Thursday 8th **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Friday 9th **St Peter Claver**

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

**Recently Deceased:** Mary Doughty, Rado Petkovic, Beverley Hockey & Margaret Hendricks.

**Anniversaries:** Dominic Anthony Izzo (20 yrs), David Williams & Trisha Fitzpatrick (2 yrs)

**Repose of the Soul:** Antonino Testa, Salvatore & Giovanna Testa, Salvatore & Santa Di Mauro, Giuseppe & Liquria De Maria, Ivan & Maria Milostic & Family, Marija Burmas, Kuzma, Nina & Kate Petkovic & Elias Koura

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



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 118:137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

## FIRST READING

Wis 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*Who can comprehend the will of God?*

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

## 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

Phlm 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

*Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.*

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

## CHANGE IN OFFICE OPENING DAYS

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.

## FAMILY MASS FOR

### WILLOUGHBY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Children at Willoughby Public School and their families are invited to Mass at St Thomas' Church, 9.30am on Sunday 11th September. Please let all your friends know.

## GOSPEL

Lk 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.*

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'







### Parish Priest

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Rev Fr Biju Mathew  
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### St Leonard's Church

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Naremburn

### St Philip Neri Church

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Northbridge

### St Thomas' Church

Cnr Horsley Ave & High St  
Willoughby

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### St Thomas' Primary School

2 Horsley Ave, Willoughby  
Principal: Enrica Bova  
9958 7308

## 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@catholiccaredbb.org.au](mailto:nicki.bispham@catholiccaredbb.org.au) or visit [www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/volunteer](http://www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/volunteer).

### BARTELS FAMILY GROUP

LUNCH 12 noon at Northbridge Hotel  
a la carte menu  
Sunday 11th September  
Reply by 9th September  
Kerrie 0407 914699 or 9958.8837

### JESUIT MISSION BAZAAR

The Jesuit Mission Bazaar is back this year on Saturday 10 of September at Saint Ignatius' College, Riverview. It's guaranteed to be a fun day for all with rides and many stalls, food, music, wine auctions and more for the grown-ups to enjoy!

You can pre-purchase ride wristbands to be collected on the day and raffle tickets at <http://jesuitmission.org.au/jesuit-mission-bazaar>



### SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR

St Thomas Primary School - 70475  
**Permanent part-time roles available**  
**Does this sound like you?**

Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions. Able to communicate with different groups and give clear instructions. Community-minded. Friendly and positive manner.

**Days and hours** 20-hours each fortnight. Shifts are between 8:00am - 9:00am and 2:30pm - 3:30pm. Work Monday to Friday during school terms.

**Apply today**  
Applications close Wednesday 14th September 2022

Visit [jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au](http://jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au) and search for **Reference Number: 70475** or search 'School Crossing Supervisors' for a full list of vacancies. For further information, contact Sandhini Chaudhary. P: 0466 343 704  
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**SAFEGUARDING MONTH** families  
SEPTEMBER 2022

### Children's Liturgy



### St Thomas'

During 9:30am Mass

Each Sunday in school term.

### St Philip Neri

9am- 4th September  
9am- 18th September  
9am- 25th September



## 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 LEONARD'S NAREMBURN	ST PHILIP NERI NORTHBRIDGE
<b>Sunday Masses</b>	6pm Vigil Saturday 8am & 9:30am Sunday	10:30am & 6pm Sunday	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>		1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 6pm	
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	During 9:30am Mass Each Sunday in school term.		9am- 4th September 9am- 18th September 9am- 25th September
<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	9am Mass 3rd Saturday	
<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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