



# 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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C – 18th September 2022



### REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

We are creatures of this world. We are made of it and we are totally dependent upon it for our very existence. We require its air, its water, its food, its heat. We need it for covering and for shelter; we need it to stimulate our minds and our spirits. Therefore, our use of its phenomenal resources cannot in itself be immoral. What is questionable is the character of our use.

There are many circumstances that contribute to the complexity of these matters. The merchant in the passage from Amos is not faulted because he was prosperous. Nor is the steward in the gospel criticised for putting resources aside for future use. But how much does a person need when there are others who are really needy?

We live our lives on the horns of a dilemma. We have the right to use and to enjoy the marvels of our world, but we cannot do this free of responsibility to each other and to the world itself. We are not called to disown the world. It is impossible for us to do that, because of our total dependence upon it. But we are called to live in it gently, using what we need and sharing what we can. We must make decisions as trustworthy stewards of the household of God, not like the man in the gospel who was only concerned with his own well being. We must serve God, not mammon.

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You can read all about the amazing things that have been achieved through our partnership with LETS on page 5 of our digital bulletin.

### SAINTS, FEASTS AND SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

Monday 19th - St Januarius

Tuesday 20th - St Andrew Kim Tae-gon

Wednesday 21st - St Matthew

Friday 23rd - St Pius of Pietrelcina

### HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY ROSA MANISCALCO

Rosa will be celebrating her 100th Birthday at Mass on Saturday 24th September, 6pm at St Thomas' Church. We wish Rosa a very Happy Birthday!

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

**Recently Deceased:** Carol Natoli.

**Anniversaries:** Nicholas Cameron, Ivan Oreb, Ivan, Frana & Mile Grego & Jakica Lipovac.

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



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, say the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

## FIRST READING

**Am 8:4-7**

A reading from the prophet Amos

*The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.*

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.' a single thing you have done.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7**

**(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**

Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! **(R.)**

High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? **(R.)**

From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dunghill he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. **(R.)**

## Baptism this Weekend

Everly & Kane Smith  
**Welcome!**



## SECOND READING

**1 Tm 2:1-8**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

*Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.*

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**2 Cor 8:9**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

**Lk 16:1-13**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed.

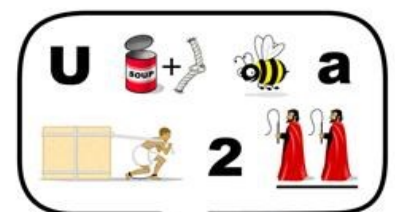
Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'



Try to decipher this teaching that Jesus gave to his disciples.





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### St Thomas' Church

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### St Philip Neri Primary School

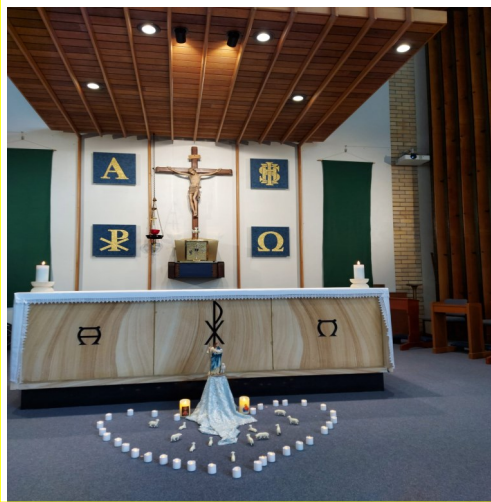
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### St Thomas' Primary School

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## WILLOUGHBY PUBLIC SCHOOL MASS

Last Sunday the children from Willoughby Public School came and celebrated Mass with us at St Thomas'. Their involvement in the Mass from their reading, Gospel procession and creating their beautiful prayer space with candles and Jesus and his sheep was enjoyed by all. Thank you to Henny and her wonderful team for all the work that you do with the children through the CCD Ministry.



## 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.



### Children's Liturgy



### St Thomas'

During 9:30am Mass

Each Sunday in school term.

### St Philip Neri

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

## CONGRATULATIONS TO

### AARON ESPIRITU

Aaron was awarded the Archbishop's Award for Student Excellence.

*'The Archbishop of Sydney Awards for Student Excellence is an annual recognition of the outstanding young women and men of faith in Catholic schools. It is an important way of highlighting the very positive contribution that young people make to their school and local communities. The awards acknowledge the commitment to their faith, academic life, community and social justice of one student from each of 50 secondary schools in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.'*



## 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- 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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Currently through LETS, 88 Senior High School students (26 in Year 12; 30 in Year 11; 32 in Year 10) are being supported to complete their high school education. Fifty tertiary education students are being supported to study at university, teachers' college or in a seminary college.

In 9 years LETS has supported:

- \* the ongoing building of a large chapel for the district of Letefoho
- \* the renovation and further development of Our Lady of Mt Carmel Senior High School
- \* a student and community laptop programme
- \* community water and ablution projects
- \* a commercial truck for the community
- \* a four-wheel drive vehicle for the Parish of Letefoho
- \* boarding houses – 1 for female students; 1 for male students
- \* school and tertiary education of students in need
- \* Immersion Tours for those interested in learning more about Timor Leste and the people of Letefoho

*May we continue to work together for the people of Letefoho.*

***Thank you for wonderful support!***

LETS Committee - [LETS.net.au](http://LETS.net.au)