



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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C – 25th September 2022

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Both the reading from the prophet Amos and the gospel narrative pointedly condemn the lifestyles of the rich. It is not wealth itself, but the complacency and the disregard for others that it too frequently generates, that is denounced. Biblical covenant is a communal concept. It emerges from a society that insists on mutual responsibility. Today's readings invite us to consider the covenant bond we have with others. How do we measure up?

The fundamental image of God reveals mercy and compassion. However, we cannot disregard the fact of judgment. Amos pronounces a woe against his own people; Abraham declares that there is an unbridgeable chasm between the saved and the condemned. Paul speaks here of the appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ who will bring judgment when he comes. Judgment will be determined not primarily in terms of our obedience to law, but in view of our fidelity to covenant commitment.

Righteousness is a covenant term. It is a quality of God that is shared with us by means of our covenant bond. Paul admonishes Timothy, and us, to pursue this righteousness, along with devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness. Some of these virtues focus on our relationship with God, but most of them are directed toward our relationship with others. Those who are less fortunate are our sisters and brothers. If we take lightly our covenant obligations and allow them to languish at our gates, we will have only ourselves to blame when we find ourselves facing the harsh judgment of God.

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SAINTS, FEASTS AND SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

Monday 26th - Sts Cosmas and Damian, martyrs

Tuesday 27th - St Vincent de Paul

Wednesday 28th - Sts Wenceslaus & Lawrence Ruiz

Thursday 29th - Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels

Friday 30th - St Jerome

Saturday 1st - St Therese of the Child Jesus



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Recently Deceased: Carol Natoli & Marica Skibola.

Anniversaries: Nicholas Cameron & Gavin Larkin.

Repose of the Soul: Ralph Selwyn

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



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Dn 3:31,29,30,43,42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING

Am 6:1. 4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos
You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R.)**

He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Tm 6:11-16

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to

which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

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 16:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that

is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."



MARRIAGES THIS WEEK

Courtney Cavaleri & Paul Rye

**St Leonard's Church
Congratulations!**



Baptism this Weekend

**Henry Partridge &
Gabriela Dulay**

Welcome!





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Happy 9th Anniversary

September marks 9 years since LETS, with the support of our then Parish Priest, Fr Rex Curry, was formed by parishioners of Lower North Shore Parish. Our aim was to help the people of Letefoho, Timor Leste, build a better future. Much has been achieved due to the generosity of the wonderful parishioners of LNSP, who have continued supporting LETS through funds, events and prayer.

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



Pope Francis said:



"Being a Catechist is a Vocation"

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

For further information, please contact Henny at ccd@LNS.org.au

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.**

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!

Children's Liturgy



St Thomas'

During 9:30am Mass

Each Sunday in school term.

St Philip Neri

9am- 25th September

9am- 23rd October



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
Sunday Masses	6pm Vigil Saturday 8am & 9:30am Sunday	10:30am & 6pm Sunday	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		1 st & 3 rd Sunday of the month at 6pm	
Children's Liturgy	During 9:30am Mass Each Sunday in school term.		9am- 25th September 9am- 23rd October
Community Masses		PNGCCAA 1 st Saturday 7pm	
Healing Mass/ Anointing Novena to the Sacred Heart	9am Mass 1 st Friday	9am Mass 3rd Saturday	
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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