

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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C – 2nd October 2022



Breast Feeding into Heaven

The loving gaze of a mother towards her newborn simply gives rise to the obligation to feed the baby. There is no special reward for doing her motherly duty. This is how Jesus sees 'good works'. If we perceive our relationships with people correctly, then so-called 'good works' are no more than our duty and don't deserve special congratulatory access to Heaven.

If we saw human beings as 'formed from the dust of the earth, ... a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory' (St John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae* 34.2), then that perception leads to certain ways of relating which are obliging. Like the servant in the story, we will have done no more than our duty.

Nevertheless, doing that sort of duty you and I are becoming the sort of creature who can love unreservedly. We are being readied to receive the free gift of heavenly life.

We might take a moment to pause to get our perception of human beings correct so that our response may prepare us for the free gift of heavenly life.

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The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

In our Parish, we will be praying the rosary before/after Mass at each of our churches for the month of October.

The rosary is a journey with Mother Mary through the life of Jesus. The joyful mysteries on Mondays & Saturdays, we reflect on the early life of Jesus. Sorrowful mysteries on Tuesdays and Fridays, we meditate on Jesus' passion and death. Luminous mysteries on Thursdays, we meditate on Jesus' public ministry. The glorious mysteries on Wednesdays and Sundays, we meditate on Jesus' resurrection and ascension, descending of the Holy Spirit and the last two mysteries of Mother Mary's assumption and coronation.

We have a special 10 day rosary celebration in our parish from 22nd Oct– 31st Oct 7pm at St Thomas' Church. I would like to invite you and your families to join us during this 10 days of rosary prayer. Fr Jose

SAINTS, FEASTS AND SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

Tuesday 4th - St Francis of Assisi

Thursday 6th - St Bruno

Friday 7th - Our Lady of the Rosary

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Recently Deceased: Michael Bernabe.

Repose of the Soul: Sr Annie Manapat OP

Anniversaries: Eden Adelfa Sioson.

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Est 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets

to be easily read,

since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (**R**.)

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (**R**.)

SECOND READING

2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 Pt 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR BREAD DELIVERIES

St Vincent de Paul homeless shelter fresh bread deliveries needs a small number of additional volunteers to help deliver to the Matthew Talbot Hostel in Woolloomooloo. If you're able to commit to helping for approximately 90 minutes one evening a month on a regular schedule, please

email <u>michael.j.hill@bigpond.com</u> or phone 0403 661 518 for additional details."

WILLOUGHBY SYMPHONY CHOIR

Have an upcoming concert – Handel's **Messiah** at The Concourse in Chatswood on Sunday November 20 at 2.00 pm.

Tickets are available on the Concourse website

GOSPEL Lk 17:5-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

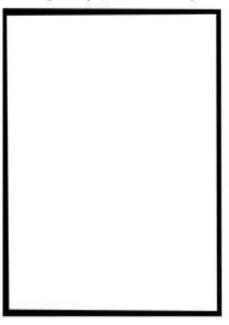
If you had faith!

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty.""



faith can grow, like a mustard seed that grows into a tree. Draw a picture of yourself doing something that helps your faith in Jesus to grow.





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Sacramental Co-ordinator Jessica Bousimon

Director of Liturgical Music Lisa Lewis

Catechist Co-ordinator Henny Theodorus

> Finance Ilona Dudek **Tuesday Only**

St Leonard's Church Cnr Donnelly & Willoughby Rds Naremburn

> **St Philip Neri Church** 224 Sailors Bay Rd Northbridge

St Thomas' Church Cnr Horsley Ave & High St Willoughby

St Philip Neri Primary School 67 Baringa Rd, Northbridge Principal: Fiona Bylsma 9958 7136

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THE ARETE PROGRAM, FOR 2023,

SYDNEY BASED -

EXPLORE THIS OPPORTUNITY, IT IS OPEN TO YOU.

Would you love to see our parish renewed, thriving and a hub of faith filled



disciples bringing Christs love to all? Wondering if there are any others in our parish community who feel the same way? Well there are!

Do you want to grow in your love of Christ and bring that love to others?

The Sydney based Arete Foundations of Missionary Leadership program takes a holistic approach to forming and equipping lay people for ministry and leadership. This oneyear, part-time study program offers a unique blend of theological knowledge, human development, spiritual formation, and practical skills needed for mission. Open to all ages. You will learn the theory and the skills needed to be able to actually lead others in real-life ministry situations and experiences. You will also be formed spiritually and grow as a person through the experience of learning in a short-term intentional community setting. This program is unlike any other, as it is designed specifically for the Australian context.

Visit their website to learn more- applications close on October 31st .

https://aretecentre.org

Have a listen to their recent information night.

View the video recording of the Areté Centre Virtual Open Night: 'Unless the Lord Builds the House'

If any of this rings bells for you please get in touch with the parish office and connect with others in our community with the same passions.

Explore the Arete course website program, perhaps it's something you may consider in the next years to do.

It's for everyone from volunteers or the more formally engaged.

CHANGE IN OFFICE OPENING DAYS

ITALIAN COMMUNITY MASS

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.

You are invited to join us for Mass at 7pm with the Italian Community on the

1st Friday of the Month at St Leonard's Church, Naremburn.

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

Children's Liturgy

St Thomas'

During 9:30am Mass

Each Sunday in school term.

St Philip Neri 9am- 23rd October 9am– 27th November



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. Enguiries 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- 23rd October 9am– 27th November
Community Masses		Italian Mass- 1st Friday 7pm 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		

