



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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C – 9th October 2022



LEPROSY, AIDS AND SALVATION

Like the other nine lepers, the Samaritan was cured of his skin disease. Unlike the other nine, he thanked Jesus and expressed faith in Jesus as the agent of his divine healing. Only to him did Jesus say: 'Your faith has brought you *salvation*.' So, 'salvation' is evidently more than physical cure. Every aspect of this man's personality, bodily, socially, relationship with God, was made whole. Being brought to this 'holistic' situation we call 'salvation'.

This Gospel assures us that there is nothing which makes me 'taboo' to Jesus. Jesus is only too willing to reach out to that part of me which is dis-eased, ill-at-ease with myself, other people, creation, or God. Having faith in Him allows the full force of His love to heal me, to take effect. We could pause for a moment to pray that we might join the Samaritan walking along the road to final salvation, praising God.

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RCIA @ LOWER NORTH SHORE

Do you have a spouse, a friend, a relative, a neighbour, a colleague, or a team mate who might be interested in exploring becoming a member of our Catholic Faith community? The RCIA process is an opportunity to gather, share wisdom, explore spirituality, find out about service to the poor and discover all the ways God is already present in your life. Now is the time to INVITE that person to come to a gathering to learn about the seekers journey. **Tuesday 11th October 7PM at the Parish Office** 182 High St Willoughby.

This process, known as the R.C.I.A., includes individuals who aren't baptised, or who have been baptised in another Christian community, or who have been baptised as Catholic but never celebrated Eucharist or Confirmation. Most of us know someone who has questioned something about what it means to be Catholic. Those people are waiting to be INVITED by you to take the next step in their faith.

PRAYING FOR THE DEARLY DEPARTED IN NOVEMBER at the back of each church is a remembrance book to write the names of those who have died who you would like Mass said for during the month of November. When the names have been collected we will place the book in a sacred space on each Sanctuary for the month of November. Mass offering envelopes are available beside the remembrance book. Please put your donation on the collection plate, hand to Father or drop into the Parish Office.

SAINTS, FEASTS AND SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

Tuesday 11th - St John XXIII

Friday 6th - St Callistus I

Saturday 15th - St Teresa of Jesus

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY MICHAEL FOX

Michael will be celebrating his 90th birthday in the coming week. Michael and his wife Anna have been parishioners at St Thomas' Church for almost 55 years. We wish Michael a very Happy Birthday!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Recently Deceased: Veronica Walsh, Frana Zaknic.

Anniversaries: Giuseppe Simeti.

Please Pray For: Clifford Sun & Kathleen Joseph.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 129:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of the Kings

Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **(R.)**

The Lord has made known his
salvation; has shown his justice to the
nations. He has remembered his truth
and love for the house of Israel. **(R.)**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **(R.)**

CHANGE IN OFFICE OPENING DAYS

Please note, the Parish office will be CLOSED on Wednesdays for the month of October. We are open 9am to 3pm Mon, Tue, Thur & Friday.

SECOND READING

2 Tm 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Thes 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you
in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

Do you have a room to rent locally?
One of our after school care providers is looking for room to rent.
To be put in touch, call the Parish Office for 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 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

Baptism this Weekend

Luka James & Quinn
Alker

Welcome!



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 michael.j.hill@bigpond.com or phone 0403 661 518 for additional details."



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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 Christ's 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 one-year, 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).

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Have a listen to their recent information night.

[View the video recording of the Arete 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.

Arete

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MOST HOLY ROSARY

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

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

Save the date!!! Our Christmas Mass and Celebration will be Wednesday 14th December from 11am. 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- 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		

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