



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.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C – 23rd October 2022



STANDING IN THE HUMUS OF LIFE

This parable begins 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray'. But only one of them actually prayed: 'God be merciful to me, a sinner'. The other informs God how well he is doing in the piety stakes. Notice that he strings together a whole lot of verbs, all in the first person singular! This means he is in mortal danger of staying in the first person singular after death, which is Hellish.

The other is said to be 'humble'. I like the English companion word: 'humus'. He is well-grounded, knows where he is standing, sometimes in the manure of life.

It takes courage and humility to admit to God exactly where we stand. We can do so in Confession, or less formally simply praying: 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner'.

We could pause for a moment to humbly pray so that we may hope to hear Our Lord say: 'This woman, this man, this boy, this girl, went home at rights with God.'

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SAVE THE DATE

Fr Jose invites all our wonderful volunteers from across our three communities to join him for a Thank You BBQ in the grounds of St Thomas' Church & School.

When: Thursday 1st December

Time: 630pm

Where: St Thomas'

MOST HOLY ROSARY

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



**Join us on
30 October!**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Recently Deceased: Anthony Timmins, Beryl Sweeny, Veronica Walsh & Frana Zaknic.

Anniversaries: Eileen Hurrel, Harry Hurrell A.O, Veronica Jean Stinson, Michael Dunn (2nd) & Petar Pavisic (2nd).

Please Pray For: Clifford Sun & Kathleen Joseph.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

FIRST READING

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party.

He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,

until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.

And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v.7

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.

(R.)

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. **(R.)**

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'



Friday 4th November at St Philip Neri a small group will be offering a chance to experience a

service in the style of Taizé. Take 40 minutes out from your busy week to sit in stillness and hear the beautiful music of Taizé. Pray with other Christians from our local community. Hospitality from 6:30pm in the Hall. Taizé service begins @ 7.15pm in St Philip Neri Church

Baptism this Weekend

Remy & Leo Wawrzyniak,
Ashton Coelho, Eloise Parrella,
Ella Starr & Micah Kakwani
Welcome!



THE ITALIAN COMMUNITY OF LOWER NORTH SHORE PARISH
Invite you to join them to celebrate

A feast in honour of Mary's Assumption

Sunday 13th November, 1pm

St Leonards Church

Willoughby Rd, Naremburn 1:00pm

Triduo in preparazione alla

Festa di Maria S.S. Assunta

Friday 11th November 2022

at 7:30pm



Parish Priest

Rev Fr Jose Philip OSH
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Rev Fr Chima Ofor

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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 Bylisma
9958 7136

St Thomas' Primary School

2 Horsley Ave, Willoughby
Principal: Enrica Bova
9958 7308

VACANCY

Parish Secretary – Lower North Shore Parish

Permanent, part-time role

Could you see yourself as the face of our Parish community, providing a sense of warmth and welcome to visitors?

The Lower North Shore Parish is seeking to recruit a part-time Parish Secretary, Monday to Friday 9am – 3pm. This role plays an important part in the Parish team, providing support for Parish communications, administration, financial processes, Parish property, compliance and Diocesan support.

The ideal candidate will have excellent people skills, a comprehensive knowledge of office administration processes and procedures and a sound understanding of Microsoft Office Suite, MYOB, bookkeeping or accounting practices.

An ability to work autonomously while remaining a team player, with a commitment to be accountable for performance, and an ability to work collaboratively across a wide spectrum of stakeholders, supported by a good understanding of, and commitment to, Catholic values and teachings will be crucial to your success.

If you have high developed administration skills coupled with well-developed relational and rapport building skills and this role interests you, please email a brief cover letter and CV to jose.philip@bbcatholic.org.au.

Applications close **31.10.2022.**

VACANCY

Sacramental Coordinator

Permanent, part-time role

Up to 15 hours per week (must have availability for after-hours and weekends)

The Lower North Shore Parish is seeking to recruit a part-time Sacramental Coordinator, up to 15 hours per week. This role plays an important part in the Parish team, coordinating support services to enhance the Sacramental program ministry within the Parish.

The ideal candidate will have relevant experience and/or qualifications in Sacramental Programs, experience working with volunteers in a Catholic environment, comfort working autonomously and an understanding of the need for accountability and ownership in a role, excellent administration and time management skills and proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite. You'll also have a good understanding of, and commitment to, Catholic values and teachings.

The role does allow for flexibility with the working schedule, however you will need to have availability for after-hours and weekends.

You will be working closely with Parish schools and those schools within the Lower North Shore community to strengthen the relationship between school and Parish.

If this role interests you, please email a brief cover letter and CV to

jose.philip@bbcatholic.org.au.

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BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

This week Catholic Mission offers us the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to help prevent malnutrition, especially in babies and young children, and help disadvantaged families provide food for their loved ones.

The Deberety Goat Rearing Centre is a dream of the local Church and community in Emdibir. When established, the Centre aims to provide nutritious goats milk for families in need, like Neela's*, so that babies like Ajani* can be healthy and strong.

Please give generously today to help kickstart this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope provided, going online at catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

*Name altered to protect identity



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia



St Thomas Catholic Primary School
invites all families to join us for

PLAYGROUP

Play

Learn

Connect

7th November 2022

Monday 9:30am to 10:15am

St Thomas Church Hall,
Cnr Horsley & High Streets North Willoughby

Free event for all children aged 0-5 years.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Booking is essential.



QR code to book



The St Thomas school community invites all LNS parishioners to the St Thomas Art & Craft Show. This year we look forward to hosting the Art & Craft Show everyone knows and loves back onsite at St Thomas Catholic Primary School from Saturday 29th October to Sunday 30th October.

This is the 45th year of the Show and we look forward to welcoming everyone to this wonderful community event.



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"The Call to Be" Group is pleased to announce its next lecture series:

The Integral Ecology Vision of Pope Francis:

Reviving what lies at the Living Heart.

Presented by Sally Neaves and Jonathan Drew

To be held on Wednesdays 2nd, 9th, 16th November 10am-12noon

total cost \$90 including notes

To be held in the Crypt of St Patrick's Church

20 Grosvenor St , The Rocks

Please register and pay at <https://www.trybooking.com/CDNJP>

For more information see <https://catalystforrenewal.org.au>

or email thecalltobe@gmail.com

This series will explore some of the expressions of Integral Ecology ever-present within the Christian Tradition, never more relevant than now for the challenges facing humanity. It will include several opportunities for prayer, reflection and group practices designed to open us more deeply to an experience of Integral Ecology.

Sally Neaves is eco-education coordinator for the Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea. Drawing on faith and spiritual traditions as well as Indigenous wisdom, she facilitates workshops and retreats for Earth literacy, advocacy, and an experience of interbeing within the community of life. She currently oversees the implementation of the 7 Laudato Si' Action Goals for the Institute.

Jonathan Drew is a storyteller who has given performances in community gatherings, retreat centres, schools, eco-spiritual events and mental health forums over the past 20 years. Essential to his storytelling is the bringing to life of the symbolic imagination and wisdom contained in the ancient stories, and that is at the heart of the Christian tradition, to meet the crises of our time.

MARY
WARD
JUSTICE
FORUM
2022

responding together for our
common home

Laudato Si' *inspiring us to be*
"seekers of truth and doers of justice"

You are invited to come and explore
our response in Australia to the teachings
of Pope Francis on Care for our
Common Home

WITH
Jacqui Rémond
Dr Sandie Cornish
Prue Robertson ('00)

AND
Moderator
Eliza Harvey ('01)

Tuesday 8 November
Light refreshments 6.30pm
Forum 7pm - 8.30pm
Spiritus, Loreto Kirribilli

register here

**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!

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

Areté 

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A work of the Missionaries of God's Love

60th Anniversary of Second Vatican Council

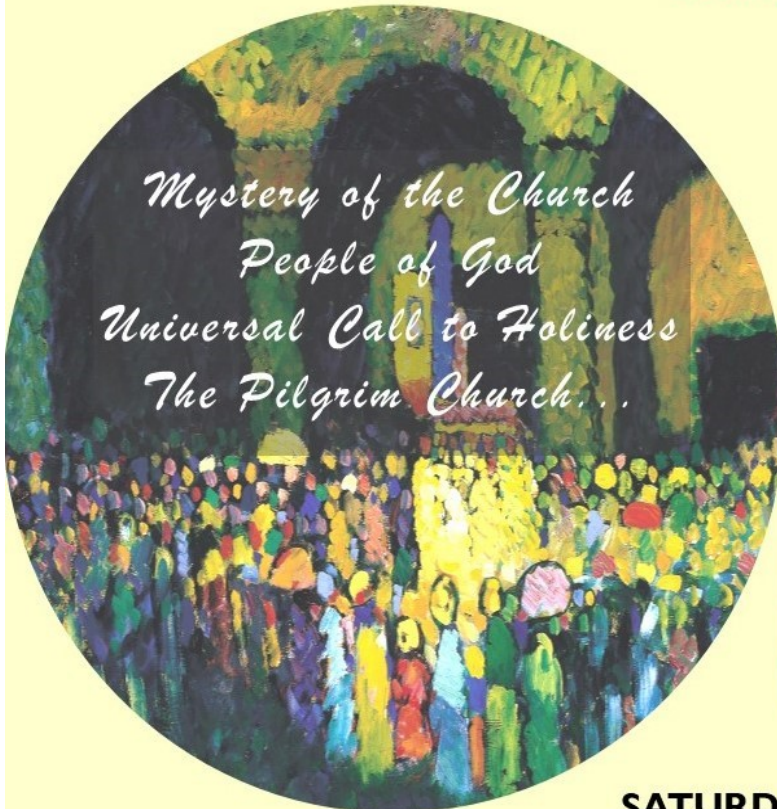
A JOURNEY FROM VATICAN II

to

A SYNODAL CHURCH:

COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION

*Being the Pilgrim Church
in 2022- 2024*



Dr Debra Snoddy from Catholic Institute Sydney, will offer two seminars, drawing from Lumen Gentium, the Vatican II Constitution on the Church and the movement to Synod 2021 - 2024

SATURDAYS, 5 & 19 NOVEMBER

2.30—5.00pm

Magnificat Room, Cnr of Archer & Kirk St Chatswood Parish

Please register with gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au



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.

JOIN US AT THE LORETO NORMANHURST SPRING FAIR!

Spring Fair will be held on Sunday, 30 October 2022 from **10am - 4pm**.

The day will be filled with rides, food and market stalls, Battle of the Bands entertainment, Boarders' Farmers Market, Build-a-Bear, games, activities and more! Visit our website to see how you can win a 2022 Hyundai Kona as well as some other terrific raffle prizes!

All members of the community and local area are invited to join in the fun of the day.

Please visit www.loretonh.nsw.edu.au for more information about the Fair.

World Mission Day – Sunday 23 October

Sunday 23 October is World Mission Day, a day that gives focus to Catholic Mission and their work on behalf of Pope Francis to support Church-run mission programs around the world. This year, they are inviting us to partner with the Church of Ethiopia and local communities.

Further information to support the appeal can be found here: <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/for-parishes/main>

God's Loving Justice

Richard Rohr writes that justice is an essential part of God's nature. It does not manifest as vengeance or "getting even" but as a method of restoration and healing:

God's justice begins to be revealed in the Torah. If you are God, you don't have any criteria outside yourself that you can conform to and make yourself just. God is simply faithful to who God is. God can only be true to God's own criteria. For God to be just, therefore, is for God to be faithful to God's own character and words. This is very different from any vengeful and retaliatory understanding of justice, which is the later juridical understanding.

God's power for justice is precisely God's power to restore people when they are broken or hurt. God uses their mistakes to liberate them, to soften them, to enlighten them, to transform them, and to heal them. No text in the Hebrew Scriptures equates God's justice with vengeance on the sinner. It might look like that on the surface, but if we read the whole passage and understand the context, chastisement is always meant to bring us back to love and union. God's justice is always saving justice, always healing justice. What is experienced as punishment is always for the sake of restoration, not for vengeance. Therefore, justice for the people is to participate in this wholeness and spaciousness of God, to be brought into God's freedom.

Richard describes the freedom of contemplatives who have discovered the "prophetic position":

True contemplatives have changed sides from inside—from the power position to the position of vulnerability and solidarity, which gradually changes everything. Once we are freed from our paranoia, from the narcissism that thinks we are the center of the world, or from our belief that our rights and dignity have to be defended before those of others, we can finally live and act with justice and truth. Once these blockages are removed—and that is what contemplative prayer does—then we just have to offer a few guiding statements of social analysis to name what is really going on beneath the surface of a system, and people get it for themselves. They start being drawn *by God and by love* instead of being driven *by anger and retaliation*.

True contemplation is the most subversive of activities because it undercuts the one thing that normally refuses to give way—our natural individualism and narcissism. We all move toward the ego. We even solidify the ego as we get older if something doesn't expose it for the lie that it is—not because it is bad, but because it thinks it is the whole and only thing! We don't really change by ourselves; God changes us, if we expose ourselves to God at a deep level. This is why Christian meditation will never fill stadiums; not so many people want their narcissism and separateness to be exposed as the silliness that they are.