

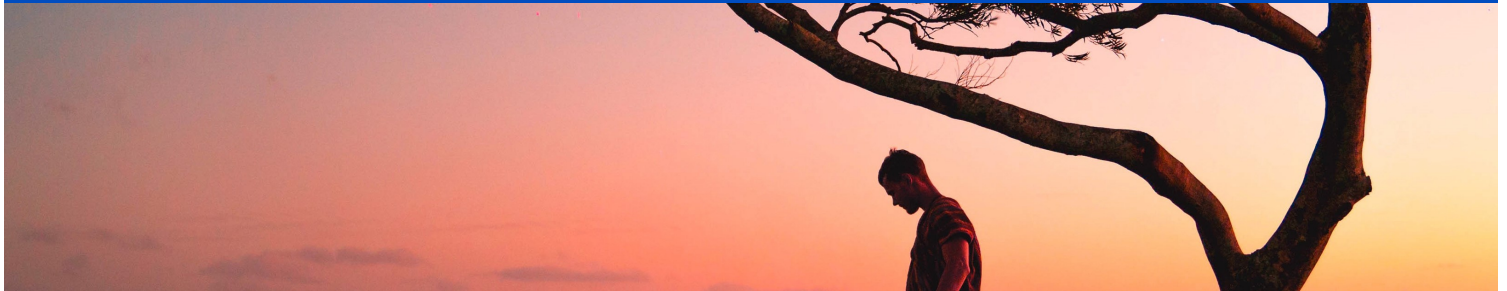


Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore

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.

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C – 30 October 2022



OVER THE TOP

Zacchaeus was an over-the-top character, not only figuratively but, in this incident, quite literally up in a sycamore tree. He thought he was keeping an eye out for Jesus, but Jesus was keeping an eye out for his sort of character!

'Zacchaeus' means 'clean'. But his fellow Jews regarded him as a filthy collaborator with the Romans. However, Jesus looked up and saw Zacchaeus in a double perspective, not only as he was but as he could become if only he responded to the grace on offer. He did, and the response was truly 'over the top'!

We come to Mass to catch a glimpse of Jesus in the scriptures and sacrament. But, we find that our Risen Lord is constantly gazing at us. He is the Divine Seer who sees us as we are, but also as we are capable of becoming.

We could pause for a moment to pray to become more conscious of the gaze of the Divine Seer. There could be 'over-the-top' consequences!

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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

WILLOUGHBY ANTIOCH 40 YEARS

Willoughby Antioch 40 years Reunion. Spread the word.

When: 21st January 2023

Where: St Thomas' Willoughby.

Info: willoughbyantioch@gmail.com

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



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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Recently Deceased: Rado Petkovic, Rosemarie Andrews, Anthony Timmins & Beryl Sweeny.

Anniversaries: Ivana Marija Milostic, Gus Larkin (9th), Sime Kero (1st), Ante Zaknic (2nd), Petar Pavisic, Eileen Hurrell, Harry Hurrell A.O, Veronica Jean Stinson.

Please Pray For: Clifford Sun & Kathleen Joseph.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 37:22-23

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

FIRST READING

Wis 11:22 – 12:2

A reading from the book of Wisdom
You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.

Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it.

And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you?

You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. see v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. (R.)

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. (R.)

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. (R.)

SECOND READING

2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Alleluia!

THANK YOU

Thank you to the wonderful family who have donated the funds for the new banners at St Thomas's. It is a lovely thing to be able to honour our Lord with a beautiful environment in which to pray and offer Mass. Thank you also to the Parishioner who has made a donation towards the flowers at St Thomas. Through your generosity we can keep our churches beautiful.

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

GOSPEL

Lk 19:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

ALL SOULS DAY MASSES

On Wednesday 2nd of November

Mass we be at the following times:

- 9am St Thomas' Willoughby
- 9:15am St Philip Neri Northbridge
- 7pm St Thomas' Willoughby

Baptism this Weekend

Edelie Kabaale & Brandon Dong



Welcome!



Parish Priest

Rev Fr Jose Philip OSH
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Cnr Donnelly & Willoughby Rds
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224 Sailors Bay Rd
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St Thomas' Church

Cnr Horsley Ave & High St
Willoughby

St Philip Neri Primary School

67 Baringa Rd, Northbridge
Principal: Fiona Bylsma
9958 7136

St Thomas' Primary School

2 Horsley Ave, Willoughby
Principal: Enrica Bova

Dear Parish Community

There is a Sufi quote about why God made the world, and it is most faithfully translated as "God loved to be known". There is an even more nuanced understanding of this translation that says **God loved...** to be known.

And it seems to us that there is indeed a way we are known in our loving.

Jessica and I have loved our time here at Lower North Shore, we have loved the people, the churches, the activities that our varied roles have allowed us and we hope that in our loving many of you have come to know us. We are equally blessed that many of you have loved us in return and we have had the enormous pleasure of knowing you a little.

One thing we have learnt in our time here is that not many of us cross parish lines to go to Mass or indeed deviate from regular Mass time attendance, but if you are free on Sunday 13th at 9:30am we would love to share a final Mass and cup of tea with you at St Thomas' Willoughby.

With every blessing

Caitlin & Jessica

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.

Applications close **31.10.2022.**

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

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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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Presented by Sally Neaves and Jonathan Drew

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

total cost \$90 including notes

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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.

60th Anniversary of Second Vatican Council

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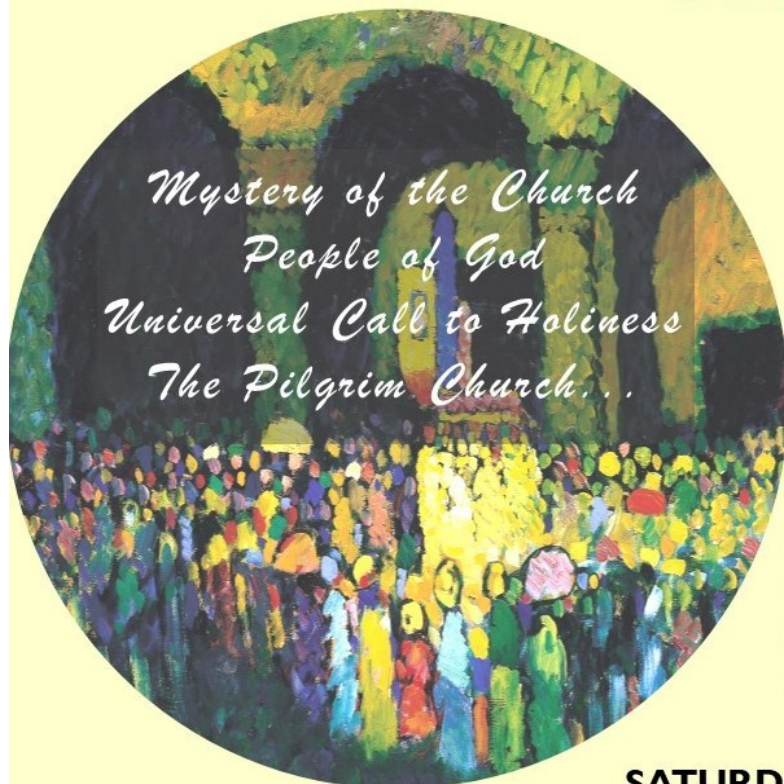
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This week Catholic Mission offers us the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to help prevent malnutrition, especially in babies and young children, and help disadvantaged families provide food for their loved ones.

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



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