



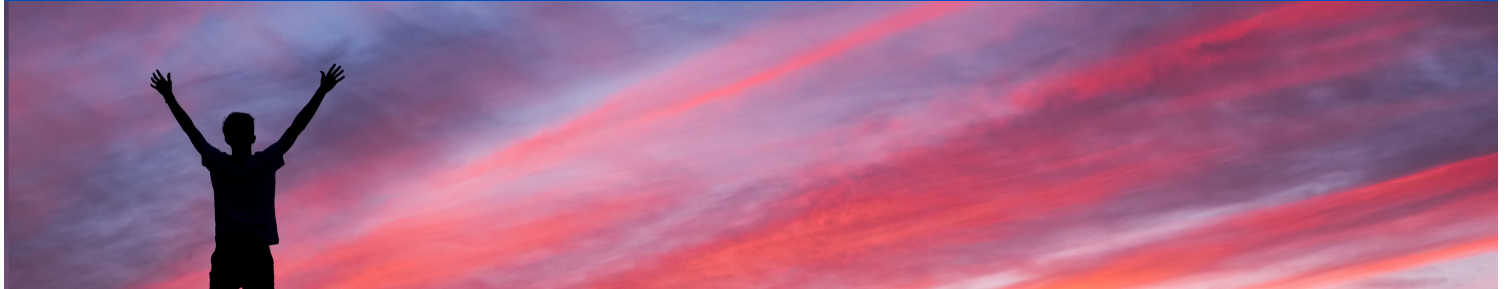
Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore

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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C – 6 November 2022



BILLY ELLIOTT AND THE RESURRECTION

Billy Elliott was a boy brought up in a strife-torn mining town in the north of England. He discovered a passion for dancing. At an interview at the Royal Ballet School which was going badly, he was asked: 'What do you feel when you're dancing?' 'I've got fire in my body.' And he got the scholarship because the panel realised that when Billy danced, he became 'fully alive': bodymindspirit fully integrated. When Billy danced, everything that Billy was, was dancing.

That is what our Resurrection is all about. Our whole personality will be dancing with the radiance of Divine Fire coursing through our bodymindspirit. The Sadducees' small-minded sarcasm could not grasp that we will be bodies transfigured, translucent to divine light and energy.

We could take a moment to pray that, by the grace of God, our bodies will dance, enflamed by Divine Love.

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THE SOCIETY OF THE OBLATES OF THE SACRED HEART APPEAL

The Society of the Oblates of the Sacred Heart (OSH) was founded by Bishop Alexander Choolaparambil on 21 November 1921 in Kerala, India with a charism of spreading the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We, the Oblates faithfully continue our founder's intention throughout the world. Our Society is blessed to have 95 active priests and more than 100 seminarians in formation. Our Society has been serving in the Broken Bay Diocese for more than 18 years. At present five of our priests are currently based in Broken Bay, and one more will join in 2023. Last year we have celebrated our centenary. Part of our centenary projects we started 2 schools in the Northern mission of India where we aim at giving the children a free, quality education and we try to improve the lives of their families. This year we aim to accomplish the school building at Punjab, India which we have already started.

We have more than 100 seminarians who are undergoing formation to become priests. We spend more than \$1000 per year for each seminarian. We appreciate if you could support for sponsoring some of our seminarians. If you would like to sponsor a seminarian, please you may kindly contact me.

We will be doing our general appeal over the next two weekends (**November 5th, 6th & 12th 13th**) for OSH. Envelopes are in the pews of the Church for anyone who may wish to consider supporting these missionary works of our Congregation. We continue our prayers and God bless you all.

Fr Jose Philip OSH

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Recently Deceased: Sr Marie McGuire RSJ, Rado Petkovic & Rosemarie Andrews.

Anniversaries: Ruben Leonard, Ivana Marija Milostic, Gus Larkin (9th), Sime Kero (1st), Ante Zaknic (2nd)

Repose of the Soul: Andrea, Salvatore & Lucia Piraino, Calogero & Giuseppa Gusumano, Gisueppe Pirello & Salvatore Gusumano, Palermo Oliveri, Giachino Girolamo, Carmel Christina, & Onofrio Giuseppe & Margerita.

Please Pray For: Clifford Sun & Kathleen Joseph.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

FIRST READING

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.' After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 16:1. 5-6. 8. 15. R. v.15

(R.) Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Lord, hear a cause that is just, pay heed to my cry. Turn your ear to my prayer: no deceit is on my lips. **(R.)**

I keep my feet firmly in your paths; there was no faltering in my steps. I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God. Turn your ear to me; hear my words. **(R.)**

Guard me as the apple of your eye. Hide me in the shadow of your wings. As for me, in my justice I shall see your face and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

2 Thes 2:16 – 3:5

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

May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say. Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

**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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Rv 1:5. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 20:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

He is not a God of the dead but of the living.

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

During our life we prepare for a time when God will be with us forever in heaven.
Write down things you can do that prepare you for eternal life with God?





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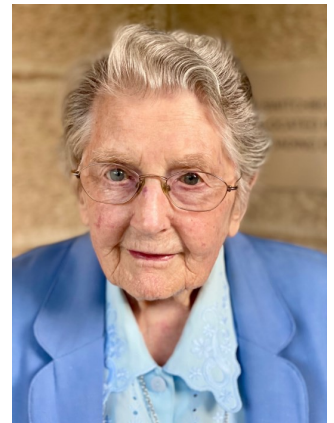
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During the month of November you're invited to continue to add loved ones names to the book of remembrance at each church.

Vale Sr Marie McGuire
RSJ

Sr Marie was a very dedicated sister and a wonderful woman who celebrated her 100th Birthday 10th Feb 2022. Included in her many teaching positions she was the Principal of St Thomas' Willoughby in the 1970's.



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: 6:30pm

Where: St Thomas'

PARISH SECRETARY VACANCY – LOWER NORTH SHORE PARISH PERMANENT, PART-TIME

Could you see yourself as the face of the Lower North Shore Parish, providing high level administrative support and a warm and inviting welcome to visitors?

Lower North Shore Parish is seeking to recruit a new permanent part-time Parish Secretary. This role plays an important part in the Parish team, providing support for Parish communications, administration, financial processes, Parish property, compliance and Diocesan support. 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 recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au

Lower North Shore Parish, Mondays to Fridays, 9:00am to 3:00pm

WILLOUGHBY ANTIOCH 40 YEARS

Willoughby Antioch 40 years Reunion. Spread the word.

When: 21st January 2023

Where: St Thomas' Willoughby.

Info: willoughbyantioch@gmail.com



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

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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Darkness makes us rethink

Somewhere along the line, the woman I once adored left me. I was her star, her joy, her best companion, her confidante, her only child. My mother and I were more like sisters, more like friends, than we were like mother and daughter. She told me everything. I lied to her only once.

When my stepfather didn't want me to start dating, I told them both that I was going to a movie with girlfriends and then met the boy on a corner somewhere. She figured it all out, however, and instead of cutting me out of the warm circle of her trust, let my stepfather know in no uncertain terms that insisting on unnatural absolutes was exactly what would "make a liar out of me." After that the rule became that boys were to come to the house first for the regular parental review. And she and I went back to telling one another the truth. About everything.

I expected we would have long and happy years together. I actually planned for them. When my stepfather died, leaving her a relatively young widow, I was sure we'd go places together now, and celebrate everything together, and work together on the projects that had become my concentration.

But, little by little, the relationship began to go awry. She got testy and irritated. She didn't do the things she promised she would. I'd squeeze in a trip to take her to the bank and when we got there she didn't have her bank book. Then one day, she began accusing me of making phone calls to her—and hanging up when she answered. We were strangers now.

It was years before they began to call it "Alzheimer's disease." By then I was full of anger. After that, I was full of guilt. She lived for twenty-eight years with the disease, and so did I. It was a long, dark time but, I began to realize later, it was not a useless time.

Darkness is that period of life when nothing seems to be going as expected. We find ourselves derailed in our journey to our dreams, not only by things we didn't foresee but by things we simply could not have imagined. Darkness comes and envelops us. It also makes us look at life all over again. Whatever we once took for granted, darkness makes us rethink, re-evaluate, relinquish.

The value of a dark time is that it insists that we become new, even to ourselves. I was no longer the darling daughter of a doting mother. I was alone in the world, at best, abandoned for nothing I could imagine. It was time to find within myself the resources that the once unalterable refuge of motherhood had provided. I began to redefine myself, to feel the strength that comes with knowing that you are enough for you.

Darkness is a time of beginning again. We are forced to determine a new way of being in the world. It is a frightening time—but a liberating time as well. It gives us the opportunity to make new choices about life, about relationships, about our dreams and our plans. It tells us that the old world has passed away and the new one is of our making.

In a busy world, we seldom get the luxury of reviewing where we are. We simply get up every morning and go on. Yesterday becomes today and every day thereafter. It is a very spiritual time. It is a time that challenges us to recreate ourselves in the image of the Spirit who calls us to become everything we can be. The darkness that blocks us from becoming is the very womb of a new life.

The message in the darkness did not come immediately. But if we can possibly learn to trust darkness, to understand that life is a pattern of starts and stops, of celebrating the past, of coming to terms with the present, of believing the future to be kind, then we can come to understand that the dark parts are only those closing down moments, like flowers at night, till the sun shines once more.

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CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Sunday 06 Nov 2022

A beginning point for discussion of this week's Gospel with children:

What do you think heaven is like?

How might it be different to living in this world?

How might it be the same? (God is with us)

Jesus promises to be with us now and strengthen us as we do his will on earth.

What can we do that shows that God is with us?

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