



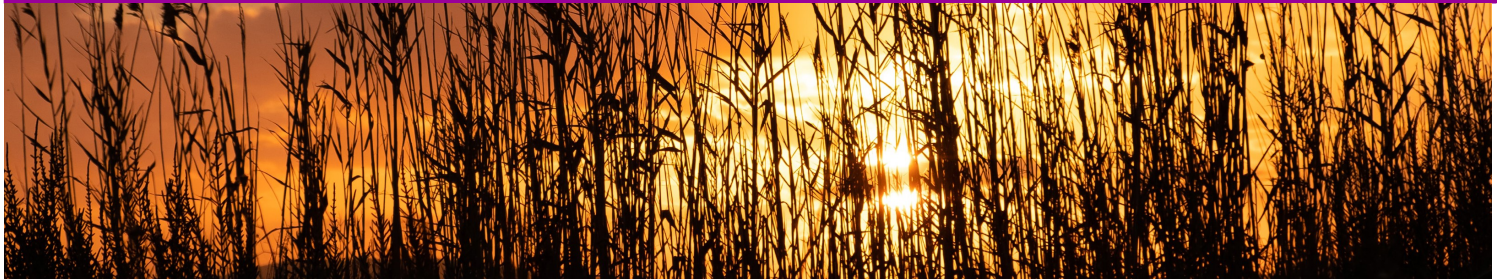
Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A - 11 December 2022



3rd Sunday of Advent - Rejoice!

Today, the 3rd Sunday of Advent, is often called *Gaudete* Sunday. The word *Gaudete* means 'rejoice', and it comes from our Entrance Antiphon: *Gaudete in Domino semper*, or 'Rejoice in the Lord always' (Phil.4:4-5). So, what is joy? Most people think that joy is happiness, but it's much deeper than that. Henri Nouwen tells us that happiness depends on what's happening around you; it depends on our circumstances. But joy is an internal process; it's inside you. Nouwen says that joy is an attitude that comes from 'knowing that you're unconditionally loved and that nothing ... can take that love away from you'. It's understanding that God is always with you, that he's in control, and that no matter what happens, he has promised you eternal life. So why are we rejoicing today? It's because we have passed the midpoint of Advent, and we know that Jesus Christ is coming. Soon we will all be celebrating Christmas, the birthday of Our Lord who came to save us from our sins (Mt.1:21b). That really is something to look forward to! But we also rejoice knowing that Jesus will come again one day, at the end of our physical lives and at the end of the world. It is then that he will give the Christian faithful the crown of righteousness (2Tim.4:8) and a place in his Father's house (Jn.14:2), to dwell with God and his angels and saints for all eternity. And we rejoice because we know that Jesus is available to us right now, through our prayers, our open hearts and our loving actions. As St Paul tells us, when we choose to accept God in our life, he opens our eyes to his grace and power in the world, and he fills us with joy (Rom.15:13). To reflect this joy, on *Gaudete* Sunday priests and deacons wear rose vestments, instead of the traditional purple, and the third candle of our Advent wreath is also rose-coloured. Today, as we open our hearts to receive the joy of God's love, let's think about how we might share it with others who need it.

Fr Jose Philip OSH Parish Priest

World Youth Day Pilgrims



I am delighted to announce that 6 members of our parish youth group have been invited to attend World Youth Day 2023 in Portugal as representatives of the Parish of Lower North Shore. World Youth Day is an international gathering of young Catholics from all around the world, typically occurring every 3 years. In 2023, Portugal will host the festivities, and millions of youths will travel from afar to celebrate our faith, and to worship and pray together with our Pope. Some of you may remember that Australia was fortunate enough to host World Youth Day in Sydney in 2008. I was blessed to attend World Youth Day in Poland in 2016, alongside 3 million pilgrims. It was life changing. I shared in the joy of Christ and deepened my own faith. I encountered God in the faces of peers from all over the world. I attended Mass in languages I could not speak, and yet I was able to understand the universal language of Catholicism. I happily embraced pilgrimage, engaged in catechesis, and attended cultural events. My faith was transformed, and my passion for youth ministry was ignited. Our 6 pilgrims from LNSP will be undergoing formation activities, as well as fundraising over the coming months. You may see us running various events and pop-ups before and after Mass. We would be so grateful if you could support our fundraising efforts as we embark on this journey to Lisbon. We will continue praying for our Parish, and we humbly ask that you keep us in your prayers too as we spiritually prepare ourselves for this journey.

If you are interested in sponsoring or part-sponsoring a pilgrim from LNSP, please contact the Parish Office.

Entrance Antiphon

Phil 4:4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

First Reading

s 35:1-6, 10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, The splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:6-10. R. see Is 35:4

(R.) Lord, come and save us.

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who

protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. (R.)

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading

Jas 5:7-10

A reading from the letter of St James

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 11:2-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John

what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

We Welcome into our Parish family the Newly Baptised

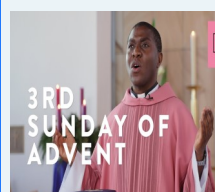
Henry Patrick
Carmody &
Edward Francis
Hunt.



Feast & Memorial Days This Week

Tuesday - St Lucy

Thursday - St John of the Cross, priest, doctor



Mass For You At Home

will be celebrated by Fr Chima for the 3rd Sunday of Advent at this link.

<https://youtu.be/pUKTZaVAT2c>



The Vinnies Annual Christmas Appeal.
Your generosity can provide urgent relief for a family who's doing it tough this Christmas, and give them hope for a better future. Thank you for your donation.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Recently Deceased: Giuseppe Maiorana, .Lesley Dalley, Isabella Fernandes, Jeanne Richardson, Pasquale Trani.

Anniversaries: Angela Colaiano, and Anthony, Kristine and Winona Langford

Repose of the Soul: Alice Attard and Nikola Bacic





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St Philip Neri Church

224 Sailors Bay Rd
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St Thomas' Church

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67 Baringa Rd, Northbridge
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9958 7136

St Thomas' Primary School

2 Horsley Ave, Willoughby
Principal: Enrica Bova
9958 7308

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

St Thomas' Church Willoughby

Wednesday 21st December 7pm

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve Mass Times

St Leonard's Church Naremburn

6pm Carols/ 6.30pm Family Mass

including a Nativity Play & music by SPN choir

10.30pm Carols/11pm PNGCCAA Mass

St Thomas' Church Willoughby

6pm Family Mass

8pm Yourh Mass

Midnight Mass commencing at 11.45pm with Carols

Royal North Shore Hospital

4pm Mass

Christmas Day Mass Times

St Philip Neri Church North Bridge

9am Mass

St Thomas' Church Willoughby

8am & 9.30am Mass

St Leonard's Church Naremburn

10.30am Mass



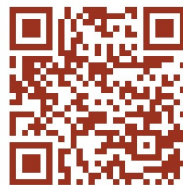
Serving over Christmas

We need many volunteers to help us make our Christmas Masses a glorious celebration of the birth of our saviour, Jesus. We have a number of jobs for people on Christmas Eve. These include roles in the nativity play for children, people to make trays of sandwiches, welcomers, choir members, food servers, readers, people to set up and pack down and many more! If you are able to help, scan the QR code to sign up on our sign up sheet.

As Christmas Eve and Christmas Day fall on a weekend please check your ELVANTO Rosters .

All rosters have been printed & placed in all 3 Church Foyers please fill in the gaps where help is needed.

CHRISTMAS
EVE MASS
VOLUNTEER



JOIN OUR
CHRISTMAS
CHOIR

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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10 December | 5:00 PM

27 Yardley Ave, Waitara

Hornsby

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

15-23 December | 7:00 PM

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Cynthia.alipalo@gmail.com

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ST. KEVIN'S CHURCH

15-23 December | 7:30 PM

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OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHURCH

16-24 December | 5:30 AM

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ST. CECILIA'S CHURCH

The Tridumm

21, 22, 23 December | 7:00 PM

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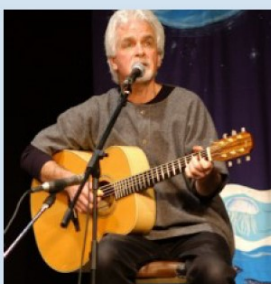
SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER

4.00-5.10pm

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHURCH

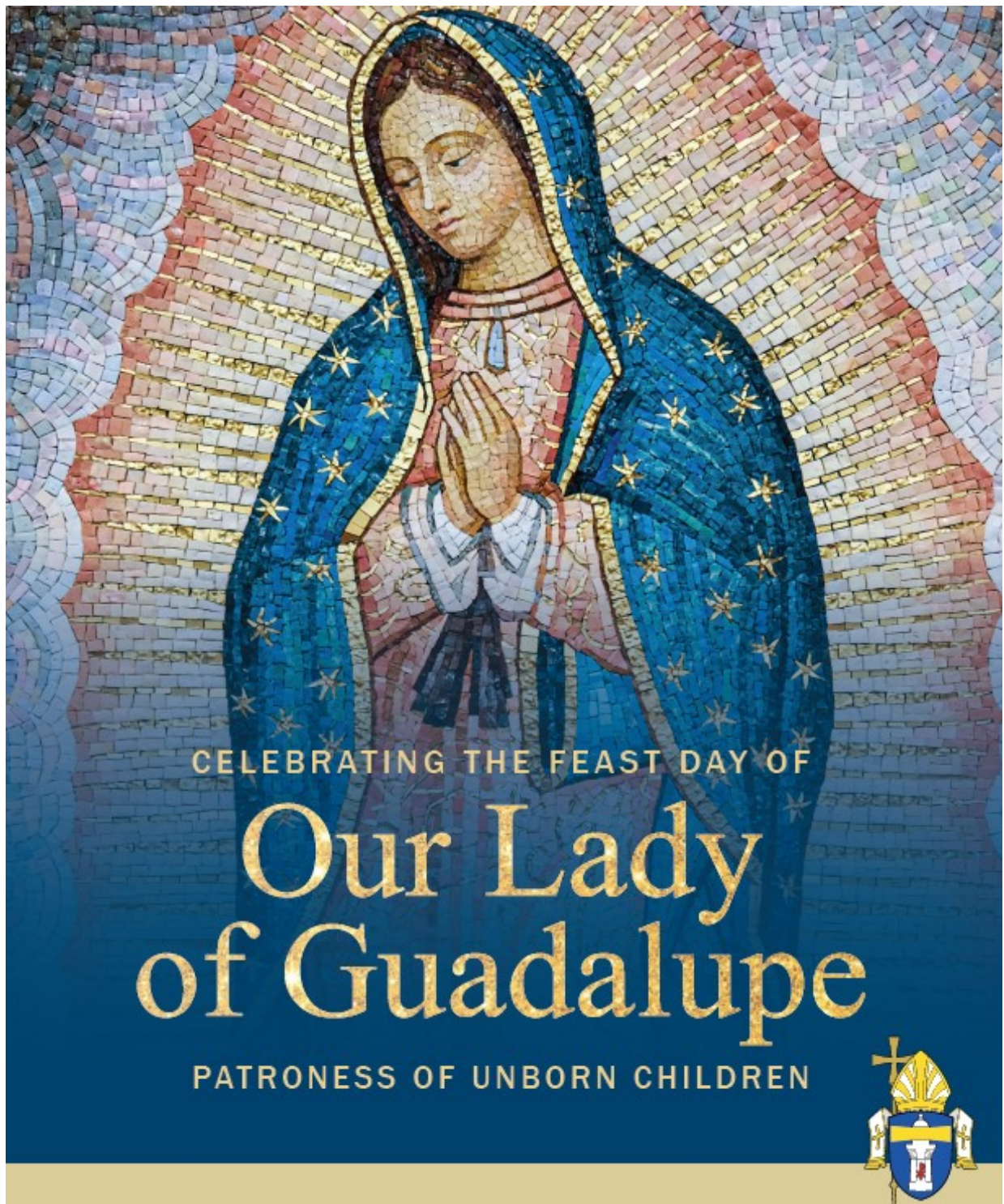
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Free Admission

Peter's CDs and DVDs will be available.



All are invited to celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of unborn children, at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo.

The Mass will include a special blessing for expectant mothers and those wishing to conceive a child.

Date: Monday 12 December 2022

Time: 7:00pm Mass

Venue: Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church, 94 Archer St Chatswood

Following Mass, refreshments and entertainment will be offered in the church forecourt.

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