



# 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 IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A—22 JANUARY 2023



## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant

Discipleship is not something that we take upon ourselves. We are called to it. Some people are very conscious of this call. They are aware of it in their aspirations and dreams; they recognise it in the events of their lives. They hear the call as clearly as Simon, Andrew, James and John heard the voice of Jesus. For others, the call to discipleship is not so clear. They may experience an undefined restlessness, a dissatisfaction with their lives. People can respond to the call in one of two ways. They can consider the mere suggestion of discipleship an intrusion into their plans, or they can drop what they are doing, leave their former concerns behind and follow Jesus.

There is a misunderstanding about being called and leaving everything behind. Although the gospel says that the four men left their occupation of fishing in order to follow Jesus, this kind of 'leaving behind' was not, and still is not, required of all, for it is in the ordinary events of life that our salvation unfolds. For most people, this is precisely where they are to function as disciples. Still, disciples of Jesus are called to leave behind certain ways of living as they follow him. They are called away from lives of pettiness and division. They are called away from the kind of factionalism that seems to have threatened the unity of the Corinthian community. They are called away from narrow-mindedness and mean-spirited competition. It is much easier to leave nets than to leave the web of one's prejudices.

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## NEWS FROM THE BELL RINGERS



Would you like to see the bells of St Leonard's? Are you interested in learning the art of bell ringing? Are you curious as to how this beautiful sound is made, and why? Then come on a tour of the bell tower on 26 January 2023. We are offering two tours, the first at 4PM, the second at 4.45 PM. You will need to register your interest by emailing our tower captain, Patricia Gemmell at [pgemmell@tpg.com.au](mailto:pgemmell@tpg.com.au)

Numbers are strictly limited, for safety reasons, so don't delay in registering your interest. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

**Recently Deceased:** David and Jamie Bugeja

**Anniversaries:** Angela Ryan, Giovanni & Rosa Squadrito, Marija Perdija

**The Sick:** Franny Fisher, Albert Hodges



## Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 95:1,6

O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In his presence are majesty and  
splendour, strength and honour  
in his holy place.

## First Reading

Is 8:23 - 9:3

### A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; Before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. (R.)
3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! (R.)

## Second Reading

1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

### A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between

you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

## Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mt 4:12-23

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned. From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them,

'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him. He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

## HAPPY AUSTRALIA DAY

### WE'RE ALL PART OF THE STORY

The story of Australia  
Is the story of me  
It's the story of you  
It's the story of we

In parts it is painful  
In parts it is raw  
It others it's beautiful  
Inspiring great awe

It tells of many people  
From far and wide  
And those who've been here  
Since the beginning of time

It brings us together  
And tears us apart  
We all have other views  
So where do we start?  
By listening to each other  
And sharing our part



May Year of the Rabbit bring  
you good luck and good fortune

HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR  
2023



### Parish Priest

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### Parish Office Hours

Mon - Fri: 9:00am - 3:00pm

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### St Leonard's Church

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Naremburn

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224 Sailors Bay Rd  
Northbridge

### St Thomas' Church

Cnr Horsley Ave & High St  
Willoughby

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67 Baringa Rd, Northbridge  
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### St Thomas' Primary School

2 Horsley Ave, Willoughby  
Principal: Enrica Bova



The hand of Christ  
blesses the cup



The hand of love  
offers the cup



The hand of suffering  
receives the cup

A very special THANK YOU to those 88 donors, both anonymous and known, who contributed to the  
2022 ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL.

Your donations will assist those in need, especially those in our local community.

The total across the Parish raised \$11,007.90 - a wonderful effort during these difficult times.



### World Youth Pilgrims

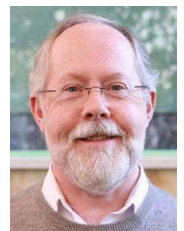
Thank you to everyone who came and supported our World Youth Day Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser last Sunday night! If you couldn't make it last week, no worries, we'll be back next weekend! Come and say hello on **Sunday 29 January** after the **10:30am Mass at St Leonard's**. See you there - LNS Youth

### Parish Discernment Discussions

Session 1- St Philip Neri Hall 3pm on Sunday 26th February

Session 2- St Thomas Hall 7pm on Tuesday 7th March

Session 3- St Leonard's Hall 7pm on Wednesday 15th March



### Facilitated by Deacon Peter McCulloch

The meetings are intended to determine a community response to the mission of our parish through inter-Parish cooperation allowing parishioners to share and give their feedback on what is working well within our parish, where we are going and what dreams and goals we might have for our community. It is our hope that a new Parish Missionary Council will spring forth from these discussions. If you are unable to attend on one of the times proposed you are most welcome to submit your interest Via email to Fr Jose at:

[jose.philip@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:jose.philip@bbcatholic.org.au)



### Cuppa N' Conversation

We gather in the Front Room of the Parish Hall  
every **Wednesday** between 9.30am and 11.00am.

All welcome. Marie Harris 0417 077 020

### Baptism this Weekend



Sophie Ritchie

**Welcome!**

### Feast & Memorial Days This Week

**Tuesday** - St Francis de Sales

**Wednesday** - The Conversion  
of St Paul

**Saturday** - St Thomas Aquinas



MASS/ SERVICE/ SCHEDULE	ST THOMAS' WILLOUGHBY	ST LEONARD'S NAREMBURN	ST PHILIP NERI NORTHBRIDGE
<b>Sunday Masses</b>	6pm Vigil Saturday 8am & 9:30am Sunday	10:30am & 6pm Sunday	5pm Vigil Saturday & 9am Sunday
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	9am Mon to Sat	9am Tue -Thu - Sat	9:15am Mon - Wed - Fri
<b>Royal North Shore Hospital Chapel</b>	Weekday Mass Thursday & Friday 1pm	Weekend Mass 4pm Sunday	
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Saturday 5:15pm - 5:45pm	Saturday 9:30am - 9:45am	Saturday 4:45pm
<b>Youth Mass</b>		1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 6pm	
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	During 9:30am Mass Each Sunday in school term.		<b>9am Sunday dates to be advised for 2023</b>
<b>Community Masses</b>		Italian Mass- 1st Friday 7pm PNGCCAA 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday 7pm	
<b>Healing Mass/ Anointing Novena to the Sacred Heart</b>	9am Mass 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday	9am Mass 3rd Saturday	
<b>Adoration</b>	Tuesday after 9am Mass <b>ALL YEAR</b>		
<b>Baptisms</b>	11:00am 2nd & 4th Sundays	12pm 4th Sunday	12pm 3rd Sunday
<b>Baptism Prep Parish Office</b>	2nd Tuesday of the month 11am 3rd Tuesday of the month 7pm		
<b>Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group CCCR</b>	St Thomas' Parish Hall 7:15pm Tuesday Evenings Enquiries 0419 977 531		
<b>Legion of Mary</b>	Meets every Friday in the 'Blue Room' at the Parish Hall 9:45am All Welcome		

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# WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON 2023



## REGISTRATION UPDATE

- The excitement is certainly building as we continue to plan and prepare for WYD23 to Lisbon next year!
- Places for Over 18's on the full pilgrimage have reached capacity.
- We have a number of spaces on the Direct Pilgrimage 29 July to 11 August
- It's not too late to let us know that you'd like to journey with us on the Direct pilgrimage.
- Register to secure your place: <https://bit.ly/wyd2023bbc>



## **Vox Populi - The Voice of the People**

**Thursday 19 January 2023**

### **Cardinal George Pell farewelled by Broken Bay faithful**

His Eminence Cardinal George Pell AC was farewelled by faithful from across the Diocese of Broken Bay on Monday night, in a Mass attended by 200 people including friends and family of the late cleric.

There was hardly a spare seat in Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara, as Vicar General Dr David Ranson presided over the Mass, in place of Bishop Anthony Randazzo who is on leave.

In his homily, Fr David reflected on the “formidable nature” of Cardinal Pell, calling him “a colossus in the Church in Australia and internationally.

“The Cardinal was complex, enigmatic, an unmistakable force, completely at home in the halls of power and equally at home with people living off the street,” he said. “We are unlikely to see another with such an indomitable spirit in our generation.”

“He was in the true sense of the word, a phenomenon: by definition, “something (such as an interesting fact or event) that can be observed and studied and that typically is unusual or difficult to understand or explain fully” – not least because of a most curious coalescence of features in his character and demeanour that meant he bore the vivid projection of such diverse persons and associations.”

Fr David also reflected on his own personal relationship with Cardinal Pell, who he knew from his time at Tarrawarra Abbey.

“I knew him cooking me breakfast when I would return to the monastery refectory after milking in the dairy,” said Fr David.

Cardinal Pell, then Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne, ordained Fr David a deacon, beginning a professional relationship between the two that would often see them cross paths on and off again over several decades in both Melbourne and Sydney.

The Mass at the Cathedral came just days after Cardinal Pell was farewelled at a Requiem Mass in Rome on Saturday morning, in the presence of the Pope, cardinals, family and close friends.

While many of the faithful gathered in Broken Bay may not have shared the same close relationship with the Cardinal, the Mass was a poignant opportunity to reflect on his relentless service to the Church in Australia through several decades, as a priest, bishop and then cardinal.

Cardinal Pell's body will be returned to Sydney in the coming days. A Requiem Mass will take place at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney before he is laid to rest in the Cathedral's crypt.

*Very Rev Dr David Ranson's homily can be read in full [here](#).*