

### **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.



#### Lynda Lee's dreams for our Parish of Lower North Shore

Last weekend I attended the first Divine Renovation Conference in Australasia (hosted by the Sydney Archdiocese), with almost 1000 attendees coming together from all over Australia and NZ to listen and learn, network and be inspired into growing their parishes back into vibrant communities with a true sense of mission. Maintaining the 'status quo', isn't working today, our emptied churches, few volunteers, and people who even identify as Christian or Catholic in Australia significantly less than even a decade ago, census statistics alone speak loudly of this fact. We can see the trend within our own families.

Fr Jose our Parish Priest now presents us with a wonderful opportunity in the upcoming discernment sessions to think about what we want to celebrate and what dreams we have as a parish; is it maintaining the status quo, or developing a vision that cultivates and celebrates the love Jesus has for each one of us, so we desire to go out and share with all. "With men it is impossible but with God all things are possible" Matt 19:26.

Every one of us is gifted with charisma's that together make up Christs Body (the church) we are his hands and feet, whether it be gifts of e.g. hospitality, welcoming others, baking, serving, evangelising, listening, cleaning, praying. When we know Jesus loves us, we will want to have others share in that love, we will want to share in whatever way we are able, to bring that joy to others.

**So my dream**... that over the next years we can work towards growing a missional parish that has a vision of community that is welcoming, spiritually nourishing, growing with people that are coming to know and love Jesus and that want to be part of bringing/sharing that divine love that Jesus has for each one of us, to all; friends, family, neighbours, strangers, the wanders and the lost, so they too get to know and experience the best love story ever. And of course, at the heart of our Parish will be churches full of people celebrating beautiful Eucharistic liturgies accompanied with great music sung from our heart's and voices!!

What are your dreams for our parish? Whether you are frustrated, apathetic, angry, a regular weekend Mass attendee or just an Easter and Christmas only attendee or less, a disengaged school parent, teenager, or a parishioner just wanting more for your parish, we want to hear your thoughts and dreams.

Fr Jose is offering us a wonderful opportunity with Deacon Peter McCullough a wonderful facilitator to discern our way forward, across our 3 communities in the next few weeks- details in this bulletin. We really want to hear from **YOU**, to be able to listen to each other respectfully and articulate how you would like to dream of our parish in 5 years. I really hope that everyone will take this opportunity. Together we can listen to each other's dreams, discern a vision and seek out ways to start growing a missionary culture that is vibrant, inclusive, nourishing, welcoming with Christ at its heart.



#### **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** 

Congratulations

Guy and Dorothy Tomagra on your 50th Wedding Anniversary God Blessed you

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

Cf. Ps 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of

#### First Reading

Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Genesis whole human race because The Lord God fashioned man of everyone has sinned. Sin existed in dust from the soil. Then he the world long before the Law was Genesis every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will cause everyone to reign in life. The series with the garden that through one man's fall, it is even more certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that on the day you eat it your eyes will cause everyone to reign in life. that on the day you eat it your eyes will cause everyone to reign in life will be opened and you will be like who receives the free gift that he gods, knowing good and evil.' The does not deserve, of being made woman saw that the tree was good righteous. Again, as one man's fall woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and brought condemnation on that it was desirable for the everyone, so the good act of one knowledge that it could give. So man brings everyone life and she took some of its fruit and ate it. makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were who was with her, and he ate it. made sinners, so by one man's Then the eyes of both of them were obedience many will be made opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

#### Responsorial Ps

Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3

#### (R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt cleanse me from my sin. (R

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus was led by the Spirit out into

done. (R.) A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor déprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. (R.)

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Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and reading from the book of thus death has spread through the

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain righteous.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

#### Gospel

Mt 4:1-11

the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn

But he loaves.' replied, Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. The devil then took him to the holy Second Reading
Rom 5:12-19

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because

I he devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must whole human race because not put the Lord your God to the test. Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all breathed into his nostrils a breath given. There was no law and so no flife, and thus man became a one could be accused of the sin of their splendour. 'I will give you all living being. The Lord God planted 'law-breaking', yet death reigned a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God Adam, was not a matter of breaking says: You must worship the Lord caused to spring up from the soil a law.

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#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

**Recently Deceased:** Marjorie (Meg) Renshaw, Sr Bernard SH & Valerie Rita O'Connor

Anniversaries: Kata & Franko Farac, Giovan Guiseppe Schiano and Anica Vrandich

The Sick: Bishop Peter Inghan, Albert Hodges & Tess

Tims. Michael fox



This weekend our 8 Catechumens will be presented to the Bishop and officially presented at the Rite of the Elect for the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. Please pray for them as they continue their learning about the Catholic Faith and deepen their relationship with God.



#### **Parish Priest**

Rev Fr Jose Philip OSH jose.philip@bbcatholic.org.au

#### **Assistant Priests**

Rev Fr Biju Mathew Rev Fr Vincent Nguyen RNSH Chaplain

Rev Fr Peter Dowd
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#### **Parish Office Hours**

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

#### **Parish Secretary**

Ursula O'Hare

Monday - Friday

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Mon & Fri

### Children Sacramental Coordinator

Kristy Komadina
Tuesday & Wednesday

**Director of Liturgical Music** 

Lisa Lewis

#### **Catechist Co-ordinator**

**Henny Theodorus** 

#### **Finance**

Ilona Dudek

**Tuesday Only** 

#### 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 Bylsma

9958 7136

#### St Thomas' Primary School

2 Horsley Ave, Willoughby Principal: Enrica Bova 9958 7308



Lenten Program Starts Next week 1st March,
Please note there has been a change in venue.
This will now be held in the Parish Office Meeting Room

When: Wednesday mornings March 1,8, 15, 22 & 29

Where: Parish Office, 182 High St, Willoughby

Time: 9.45am -11.15am

Please ring Parish Office 9958 8846 if you need info



### We warmly welcome Fr Emmanuel Obiche to our Lower North Shore Parish Next week.

Fr Emmanuel will commence his appointment here as our new Assistant Priest on the 7th March 2023. You might have the opportunity to say hello and welcome him at one of the Masses from the following weekend.





#### 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* 



#### WYD Pilgrims

Our Youth have been hard at work making rosaries this past week, and will continue to do so over the next few weeks. A rosary forms part of the logo for WYD 2023 (pictured here) and the WYD theme for this year is "Mary arose and went with haste" (Luke 1:39), so our Pilgrims thought it would be a wonderful idea to sell them after Mass at each of our churches over the

next few weekends as part of our fundraising efforts. Please come up and say hello, and perhaps purchase a beautiful rosary or two. God bless. - WYD Pilgrims.



### Baptism this Weekend

Noah Samuel Tyrrell
Olivia Selfe
Juliette Mari Olidar







| MASS/ SERVICE/ SCHEDULE                   | ST THOMAS'  | ST LEONARD'S   | ST PHILIP NERI                                |
|---|---|--|---|
| Sunday Masses                             | WILLOUGHBY 6pm Vigil Saturday 8am & 9:30am Sunday                                 | NAREMBURN<br>10:30am & 6pm Sunday  | NORTHBRIDGE  5pm Vigil Saturday  & 9am Sunday |
| Weekday Masses                            | 9am Mon to Sat  | 9am Tue -Thu - Sat   | 9:15am Mon - Wed - Fri                        |
| Royal North Shore Hospital<br>Chapel      | Weekday Mass<br>Thursday & Friday 1pm   | Weekend Mass<br>4pm Sunday   |   |
| Reconciliation                            | Saturday 5:15pm - 5:45pm  | Saturday 9:30am - 9:45am   | Saturday 4:45pm                               |
| Youth Mass                                |   | 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday<br>of the month at 6pm                              |   |
| Children's Liturgy                        | During 9:30am Mass<br>Each Sunday in school term.                                 |  | 9:00am on the 4th Sunday of the month         |
| Community Masses                          |   | Italian Mass Any request please contact Irma 0437607918 PNGCCAA 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday 7pm |   |
| Healing Mass/ Anointing                   | 9am Mass 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday   | 9am Mass 3rd Saturday  |   |
| Novena to the Sacred Heart                | ·   |  |   |
| Adoration                                 | Tuesday after 9am Mass<br>ALL YEAR  |  |   |
| Baptisms                                  | 11:00am<br>2nd & 4th Sundays  | 12pm<br>4th Sunday   | 12pm<br>3rd Sunday                            |
| Baptism Prep<br>Parish Office             | 2nd Tuesday of the month<br>11am<br>3rd Tuesday of the month<br>7pm               |  |   |
| Catholic Charismatic<br>Prayer Group CCCR | St Thomas' Parish Hall<br>7:15pm Tuesday Evenings<br>Enquiries 0419 977 531       |  |   |
| Legion of Mary                            | Meets every Friday in the<br>'Blue Room' at the Parish<br>Hall 9:45am All Welcome |  |   |



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#### Vox Episcopi 23 February 2023

Just the other day I heard someone parroting the tired old line that we have to become a "new Church".

This monotonous tune included the call to cast off acts of devotion and piety that have held Catholic Christians steady in the faith for generations.

Our vocation is not to "become a new Church", it is to be faithful to our baptism which calls us into communion with God and with others. Rather our vocation and mission as priests, teachers, parents, families, and witnesses of God's love and mercy, is to probe the mystery of a relationship with God, which is made possible through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

It is not a "new" Church that is needed but a faithful and renewed one. The People of God – priests and people – all the baptised, living life to the full in the Spirit of God.

My sisters and brothers, the holy season of Lent provides us with many opportunities to embrace and live life in the Spirit by turning away from sin and believing in the Good News.

What we do in Lent will hopefully impact upon who we are for the rest of the year.

Perhaps we can rebuild some of our Lenten practices from the past, look at new ways of fasting and penance, consider works of mercy that brings our communities of faith together to work for peace and justice, embrace our <u>Lenten Program</u> in Broken Bay with family and friends to open pathways for genuine conversion to Christ.

My dear people, the invitation this Lent is not one to replant ideals and practices from the past into our time. That would be far too simplistic. Rather, I would invite you to ask one question: Who is Christ for the world of this time?

Having asked that question, we then must ask: what must change in my life, so that others will see and know Christ in me?

Considering these two questions will keep most of us busy during the forty days of Lent. This is our Lenten work.

Might we undertake this work with cheerfulness and joy so that we will become holy, to become people who love God and our neighbour more and more.

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo





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Tuesday 14 March 2023

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# DAY

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3 APRIL

4 APRIL

LESSON PLANNING USING DIGITAL RESOURCES





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## POSITION VACANT PART-TIME CATECHIST COORDINATOR

Chatswood & Lindfield-Killara Parishes are seeking to recruit a part-time Catechist Coordinator, working across both Parishes, working approximately 25 hours per week. This role plays an important part in the Parish team, coordinating the Ministry of Special Religious Education (SRE) at a local parish level.

The ideal candidate will have relevant experience in SRE, of working with volunteers in a Catholic environment, comfortable working autonomously and having an understanding of the need for accountability and ownership in a role, excellent administration and time management skills and proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite. An understanding of the Department of Education requirements in relation to Special Religious Education would be an advantage. 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 outside of normal working hours from to time.

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

recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au

Applications close Friday 24 February 2023.

## POSITION VACANT PART-TIME YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR

Lindfield-Killara Parish is seeking to recruit a part-time Youth Ministry Coordinator, working approximately 35 hours per month, allocated as per the varying needs of the position. This role plays an important part in the Parish team, coordinating and supporting the various ministries to children and youth and their families. The ideal candidate would have relevant experience in working with young people, of working with volunteers in a Catholic environment, comfortable working autonomously and having an understanding of the need for accountability and ownership in a role, and excellent time management skills. They would also have a good understanding of, and commitment to Catholic values and teachings.

The role allows for flexibility with the working schedule; however, you would need to have availability outside of normal working hours as some activities would by necessity take place on weekends.

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

parish@lindfieldkillara.org.au

Applications close Friday 3rd March 2023.