



# 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 EASTER YEAR A—23RD APRIL 2023



### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

#### *Companionable Breaking of Bread*

This story is the story of each one of us at Mass. Each Mass is structured on the Road to Emmaus travelogue. Two men set off on a journey of their own making. At the beginning of Mass we confess that we have gone off course. The traveller helps the men on the road to Emmaus understand what had happened to Jesus of Nazareth by showing God's plan revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Liturgy of the Word, we hear Scriptures expounded, revealing more fully the true identity of Jesus of Nazareth. Every so often you will experience the burning sensation in your heart as something that is said hits home. The traveller takes bread, blesses it, and gives it to them to eat. In that moment of bread-sharing, the two men recognised their travelling companion as the Risen Lord. Eat the bread consecrated at Mass, and we receive into our very being the Divine Companion for our journey through life. We could pause for a moment to thank God for the privilege at every Mass of having our eyes opened so that we recognise Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia!

### Combined Parish Consultation

You'll be aware that in recent weeks, we have organised four parish discernment sessions - for parishioners at each of our three church communities, and for students at St Thomas' Primary School. The purpose of these sessions has been to give everyone an opportunity to listen, discuss and share their thoughts, hopes and ideas for our parish. We have received lots of wonderful feedback from these sessions, and our facilitator, Deacon Peter McCulloch, has been collating the ideas into one document. We would now like to present the feedback we've received to a combined parish consultation to be held at **St Thomas' Church Hall at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 9 May**. This will be an opportunity for everyone to discuss what has been raised so far, and to add any new ideas you may have. The results of this consultation will be used to guide the preparation of our new Parish Pastoral Plan. I hope you can join us. Refreshments will be available. *Fr Jose Phillip OSH Parish Priest*

**Feast & Memorial Days— Wednesday 26th St Mark, Saturday 29th St Catherine of Siena**

Please join us for our  
Combined Parish  
Consultation **TUESDAY 9th  
May** St Thomas' Church Hall  
at 7pm



Please join us on 25th April for our ANZAC Day Masses at St Thomas' Church and St Leonard's Church 9am. You are most welcome to bring a photo or memorabilia of your loved one to place in the sacred space at the altar. Lest We Forget

## Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

## First Reading

Acts 2:14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11. R. v.11

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R.)

2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)

3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)

4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

## Second Reading

1 Pt 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason - so that you would have faith and hope in God.

## Gospel Acclamation

See Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

Lk 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only

person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

## Baptism

We welcome into our parish family the newly baptised Reign Smith, Jack Bryan and Jack Cavanagh into our faith family.





### Parish Priest

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### St Thomas' Primary School

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## Generosity & Blessing

A big thank you to some of our St Thomas's parishioners that were inspired by the Holy Spirit with their generosity and blessing to help with sponsorship towards the new kitchen, as well as purchasing a new dishwasher and fridge for this project.

## Diocesan Pastoral Care Course

Volunteer Catholic Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion visit hospitals throughout the Diocese of Broken Bay providing comfort and care to Catholic patients. We are looking for volunteers to join the Catholic Chaplaincy Team at Royal North Shore Hospital (RNSH). Some of the key qualities we are looking for in anyone considering being part of this ministry at RNSH are:

- A genuine prayerful faith life including reverence for and regular participation in Sunday Eucharist
- An ability to listen and a willingness to refer on when necessary
- A warm, friendly, empathetic disposition
- The ability to relate to people of different ages, personalities and backgrounds
- A respect for others and their diversity
- The ability to work as part of a team
- Enthusiasm, motivation and professionalism
- A Compassionate heart

\*Please note that this role is not suitable for those seeking to proselytise. Our Diocese and NSW Health require that 40 hours of training is completed to perform this important role. The Diocesan Pastoral Care Course (DPCC) meets this requirement, is FREE and is open to those who already volunteer in a hospital context, or in local health and aged care facilities, and also to those who might be deciding if they are suited to this ministry.

The course will be offered on five consecutive Wednesdays: April 26, May 3, 10, 17 and 24, between 9:00am and 3:00 pm. Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Please speak to your Parish Priest for more information about the course and how to apply, or contact Peter Brown, Practice Manager Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care, CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay on 0418 616 602.

**Venue: Royal North Shore Private at 3 Westbourne Street, St Leonards.**



On Saturday 1 April the LSAP (Laudato Si Action Platform) group undertook their third rubbish collection, this time in the Willoughby Area. A team of 5 people collected many bags of rubbish in under one hour, enough to fill one commercial size red bin. Much of the rubbish collected would have found its way into the storm water drains and streams flowing into Middle Harbour. Our next collection day will be in the Naremburn area on Saturday 6 May starting at 9.30AM. You are welcome to join us. Come either at 9.30AM or, even better, join us for the 9AM Mass, after which we will set out in pairs to clean our common Home, Mother



## 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

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

**Recently Deceased:** Margaret Thompson

**Anniversaries:** Benedetto Drago, Leonardo Cascio, Vincenza Nandorlo, Ivica, Ante & Kuzma Marinovic

**Rest of the Soul:** Calogero Nandorlo, Maria & Santo Prestipino

**Sick:** Bishop Peter Ingham



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 Sunday 9.45am - 10.15am	Saturday 4.15—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.		9:00am on the 4th Sunday of the month
<b>Community Masses</b>		Italian Mass Any request please contact Irma 0437607918 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>	Saturday 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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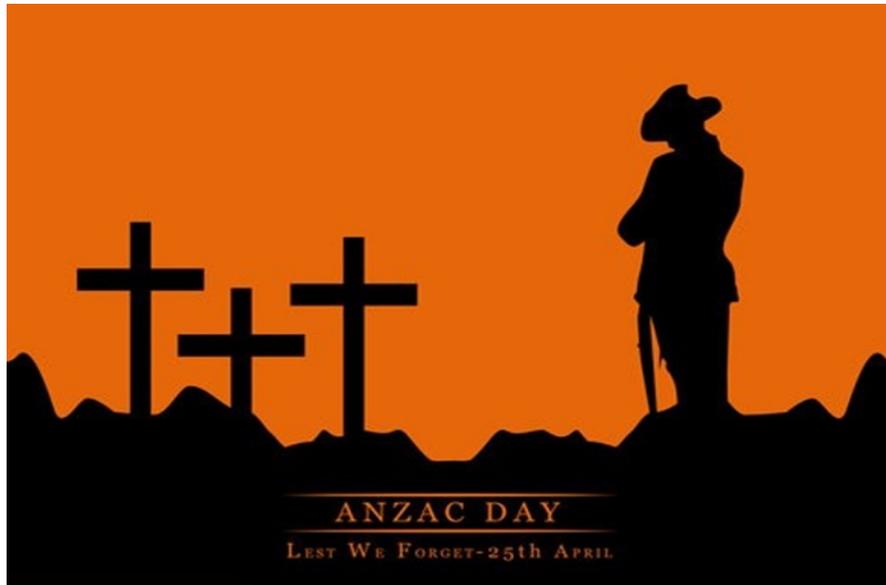
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**Vox Populi**  
**19 April 2023**

Service and sacrifice are words well known to the Catholic faithful. They also speak to the solemn day of commemoration we call Anzac Day.

A day of history and tradition when we honour those who fought on the Gallipoli Peninsula in WW1 and lost their lives.

With the passing of decades we have come to honour the service and sacrifice of thousands of men and women who have battled through many theatres of war, and have not returned to family and friends.

We also remember the peacekeeping missions where the same Anzac spirit has been borne-out in defence of the defenceless and the fight for freedom.

Anzac Day is an important and much loved national day. It is not about glorifying war but acknowledging our past and paying tribute to those who fought.

We pray for all those who have died or were wounded in all conflicts, and for those who are still haunted by their memories. We pray for their families and carers. We pray in gratitude and we pray for peace everywhere.

Join Bishop Anthony next Tuesday 25 April for our Anzac Day Mass of commemoration at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral at 10.30am when we pray that the service and sacrifice offered by so many has not been in vain and that their spirit may live on in us, and in generations to come.

## Diocesan Pastoral Discernment Project Facilitator - looking for the ideal candidate

As part of the 35th anniversary of the Diocese of Broken Bay, in August 2021, Bishop Anthony Randazzo invited the Diocesan region of the Central Coast to participate in a project of pastoral discernment. The Central Coast region was identified as the first of the three geographic regions to undertake this project which was undertaken in 2022. As part of this discernment, now completed for the Central coast and envisaged for the Northern Beaches and North Shore of the Diocese, of paramount importance is to recognise the each of the local region's particular pastoral circumstances, opportunities, and challenges.

The process of pastoral discernment envisages a sustained and prayerful study of the various factors which give our three geographic regions (Central Coast, Northern Beaches and North Shore) its unique character. The aim of this initiative is to renew the life of the Church in each of these regions of the Diocese, ensuring a sustainable and thriving ecclesial community.

You may be aware that in December 2022 the Central Coast pastoral discernment was completed with the Final Report and Executive Summary publicly available. Having considered the findings of the Central Coast project, Bishop Anthony has appointed a Task Group to consider the Central Coast Report and to make recommendations to him with respect to the implementation of the findings of the Report. The work of the Task Group will be undertaken throughout 2023.

Concurrently to discerning the recommendations of the Central Coast Pastoral Discernment Project, the Diocese is now also turning its focus to implementing the discernment project and process for the Northern Beaches region.

In respect of both the work of the Central Coast Implementation Task Group and launching the discernment project for the Northern Beaches region, we are recruiting for a **Diocesan Pastoral Discernment Project Facilitator**.

The appointment of the **Diocesan Pastoral Discernment Project Facilitator** will:

act as an **Executive Officer**, assisting the newly appointed **Pastoral Discernment Central Coast Implementation Task Group** in the formulation and implementation of the recommendations from the Central Coast Discernment Project; and coordinate and facilitate strategic planning in preparation for the **Northern Beaches Pastoral Discernment Project**.

This is a **full-time position** for a **maximum term of two years**.

The role requires a candidate with tertiary qualifications in theology, ministry, social science or a related discipline, supported by at least five years in pastoral planning and/or project management in a Church context and experience in planning of evangelisation practices in diocesan and parish contexts. You will have an understanding that this is integral to ministry in a Catholic setting and experience working in close collaboration with parishes and agencies of the Catholic Church, notably clergy and community consultation and the facilitation of large and small groups. Your proven record in project-based research and business case methodology will speak to your high-level organisational skills and the ability to collate and distil large volumes of complex information.

With consideration of the unique characteristics of the Northern Beaches region it is important that the successful candidate has a strong familiarity, identification or presence from within the northern beaches area.

For more information please contact [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au) for an **Information Pack** including for details on how to apply.

# **SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING**

**Bishop Emeritus David Walker, will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church Pymble on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023.**

The evening commences with Mass at **7.00 PM** followed by a light meal and a short meeting.

Following the meeting Bishop David will be our guest speaker, his topic will be **“Our Christian Conscience”**.

Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see".

*Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians and novices and for the perseverance of existing vocations.*

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Peace

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6<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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The Bishops of Oceania say their people's reflections for the global Synod of Bishops for a Synodal Church left them feeling "peace and joy", but also called them to be prophetic and ready to "model ourselves on the love we proclaim". The bishops, in Fiji for the quadrennial assembly of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania in February, spent part of that gathering considering the region's response to the Synod's Working Document for the Continental Stage, titled Enlarge the Space of Your Tent. The Oceania response was drafted by a writing and discernment group, which synthesised reports from the four bishops conferences and the local Eastern Catholic Churches. In a context of prayer and contemplation, the bishops reviewed and refined that document, which the FCBCO's executive council recently approved and submitted to the Synod Secretariat in Rome. The document has now been published, as have some other continental responses. Bishop Anthony Randazzo of Broken Bay, appointed president of the FCBCO at the February assembly, said while the report captured the voices of Catholics across Oceania, the bishops felt the need to offer a pastoral response. "One of the key works of a bishop is to teach. Gathered as the shepherds of the people of Oceania, we wanted to share our prayerful and considered thoughts on what we had heard," he said. "As we bishops wrote, through this Synod process 'we do not want to build a different Church, but rather to renew and revitalise the Church which we love'. That starts with each and every one of us – all the baptised – individually, but also in communion with one another." The document concedes that the responses gathered represented only a small proportion of the Catholic population, and the breadth and depth of local lived experiences were not always contained in the document. "The document captures the hopes and concerns of our people, and this might give the impression that the Church is in disarray," the bishops' pastoral reflection says. "However, it is precisely in places and times of pain and suffering that Christ reveals Himself. This confidence and faith in His presence can guide us in our response." The Oceania report outlines the fruits of the discernment that took place in response to Enlarge the Space of Your Tent, drawing together common themes, issues and insights. It also highlights tensions and differences, and identifies priorities and calls to action. Regional bishops conferences around the world were invited to prepare responses to the Working Document for the Continental Stage, with the seven submissions helping to shape the working document (instrumentum laboris) for the first Synod assembly, to be held in Rome this October. "We pray – and we believe – that Oceania's hope-filled contribution will help the work of the Synod move forward in fidelity to the Holy Spirit," Bishop Randazzo said. The Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania comprises the episcopal conferences of Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific and Papua New Guinea/Solomon Islands.