



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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A—30TH APRIL 2023

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that I will finally be taken my overdue Long Service Leave from 15th May -10th August 2023. As some of you may know, I have been serving in Australia for twelve years now, I believe this time away will allow me to recharge my batteries and come back with renewed energy and enthusiasm for my ministry.

I plan to spend my time in USA and Canada visiting priests from my order and seeing family and friends along with historical and religious sites. In previous years I would take my annual leave each year back in India visiting my family.

During my absence, Bishop Anthony has appointed Fr Vincent as our Administrator, so I am confident I leave you in good hands along with our assistant priests Fr Biju and Fr Emmanuel. I am grateful for their support and willingness to step in and provide leadership and pastoral care to our community during my absence.

Rest assured that our parish will be in capable hands, and they will be available to attend to any spiritual needs or concerns that may arise. They will ensure the smooth functioning of our parish and provide guidance as needed.

I thank you all for your understanding and support over this time. I will be keeping all of you in my prayers during my time away, and I look forward to returning to our community with new ideas and insights that I can bring to my ministry.

Please feel free to reach out if you require any assistance or have any questions during my absence. They will be happy to serve you.

May God bless you.

Fr Jose Philip **Parish Priest**



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

This is 'Good Shepherd Sunday' and a particular focus taken today is leadership. Which voices do we follow? Why do we follow these voices and not others? Authentic leadership is rooted in authority, and authentic authority is the ability to author or bring life to birth. Genuine authority cherishes, guards and encourages the best in life; it provides rest and refreshment; it guides our steps; it nourishes us; it leads us to God. Peter is an example of authentic authority: he proclaims the truth, even if others find it hard to hear; he denounces error, even when this places him in jeopardy; he calls for a change of heart, even when it makes great demands.

Authentic leadership is patterned after the leadership of Jesus. It is gentle and familiar, like the true shepherd; it has won the confidence of those who follow, as did the true shepherd; it is committed to the enhancement of the lives of others, as was Jesus. Authentic leadership is willing to forgo its own needs and to deny its own interests in favour of the needs and interests of others.

Heavy demands are placed on those who follow authentic leadership. Those who follow the Good Shepherd must follow him in the dark valleys as well as to the refreshing streams. They must be willing to relinquish some of their own plans and self-determination and entrust themselves to his leadership. They must never forget that they are following a shepherd who has paid the ultimate price on their behalf.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills
The earth; by the word of the Lord
The heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 2:14. 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)

3. You have prepared a banquet for

me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Pt 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 10:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has

brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

Baptism

We welcome into our parish family the newly baptised

Oscar Samuel Hill and

Mara Anne Marinovic
into our faith family.



Feast & Memorial Days

Tuesday 2nd - St Athanasius,
bishop, doctor

Wednesday 3rd - Sts Philip and
James, apostles

A background image showing a person's hands, one holding a small object, against a warm, golden light. The text 'HEALING MASS' is overlaid in large, white, serif capital letters at the top.

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Including Anointing of the Sick
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MAY

St Thomas' 9am - Friday 6th
St Leonard's 9am - Saturday



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For Our 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**



Next week is the start of May - the month traditionally dedicated to Mary. For centuries, Catholics around the world have honoured the Blessed Virgin Mary with special devotion during the month of May. During this Easter season and the month of May, we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord when Mary's heart was filled "with joy beyond all telling" and reflect on Mary's presence in the community of the first disciple waiting for Pentecost. The saints acclaim in powerful and inspired terms the glories of the Blessed Virgin Mary. However there are a number of ways we can show or manifest our love and devotion to Our Lady. Here are just a few. Firstly - prayer. A prayer of consecration to Jesus through the Immaculate heart of Mary. The Angelus, although traditionally the prayer at noon it can be prayed at any time. Combine doctrine and devotion by reading the Apostolic Letter of St John Paul II *Blessed Virgin Mary and the Rosary*. This combines Catholic doctrine (Mariology) with a tender love and devotion to Mary. St John Paul II exhorts us to contemplate the face of Jesus through the eyes and heart of Mary. And praying the Rosary. In Fatima on 13 May, Our Lady first appeared to the Shepherd children Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco. In all six of her apparitions Our Lady insisted upon the praying of the most Holy Rosary. Pope Francis has often said that when we pray the Rosary, Mary helps us to put Jesus at the centre of our attention, our thoughts, and our actions. The Holy Father invites us to pray the Rosary together in the family or with friends or in the parish. Praying the Rosary together strengthens family life, friendships, and parish life.

Join us for the Rosary at ST Thomas' Church at 8.30am Monday to Saturday

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Anniversaries: Francesca Graffeo, Elizabeth Bezkitt, Pat Hodges, Family Milat, Family Petkovic,
Sick: Family Milat, Family Petkovic, Robert Hunter and Bishop Peter Ingham



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 Sunday 9.45am - 10.15am	Saturday 4.15—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.		9:00am on the 4th Sunday of the month
Community Masses		Italian Mass Any request please contact Irma 0437607918 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 ALL YEAR	Saturday after 9am Mass ALL YEAR	
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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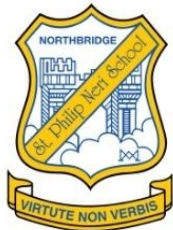
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