

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.



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The feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times, a moment when we have left one place in our journey but have not yet arrived at a second. The glory of the Risen Christ has already been revealed in us, but not yet totally. The feast itself celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today we are overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Like the conquering creator-god, he has overcome his enemy (death) and now reigns over his new creation (the church).

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. In and through the church, Jesus continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ. Together we await the fullness of this body. It is this new body that stands in between the times, secure in what we have, confident of what we will be given.

This month is the launch of our Diocesan-wide Pastoral Works Broken Bay PASTORAL (PWBB) May Appeal. PWBB supports two key charitable works in the Diocese WORKS Broken - the Confraternity of Christine Doctrine or CCD and our Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Program. PWBB also supports children with disabilities at

St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College in our Diocese, and the Ephpheta Centre for the deaf community. The mission of the Diocese is community-centred where every gift or donation adds to the happiness of someone else, brings comfort and friendship or opens the doorway to a faith-filled life. This weekend there will be new donation envelopes or a QR code will take you directly to a donation page on our website where donations can be made at any time. However this PWBB May appeal is the last one for the financial year 2022/2023 and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Our remaining quota for the Parish is \$69,000.00. Thank you for your generosity.



Please scan the QR code here for your Pastoral Works donation.

Thank you for your Generosity!

Entrance Antiphon

Acts 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and are you 'Why said, from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:

a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!
 For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. (R.)
 God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
 Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)

3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

Second Reading

Eph 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The 2023 **Mass Count continue this** weekend, Please be aware that there will be people allocated to count at each Mass.

PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN PREPARING FOR THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

During week 3 of their preparations, our Sacramental Program children have been learning all about The Liturgy of The Word and how it is another way that we receive Jesus in the Mass. At the Mass we listen to sacred stories of our Church family which come from the scriptures, God's Word. This week, let us pay particular attention to this part of the Mass and listen to the message that Jesus is telling us. This week He tells us to "Go and make disciples" which is another way of saying to tell everyone about Him. You can tell people by speaking with them or by living your life showing love and compassion to those around you. We remember Jesus in the Liturgy of the Word, in the proclaiming of His story and in the Holy Eucharist!

Kristy Komadina

Children's Sacramental Program Co-ordinator



Feast day of St Philip Neri



St Philip Neri is the patron saint of Laughter and Joy his feast day is celebrated on May 26. We will celebrate a special

mass on Sunday the 28th May at 9:00am mass. Please come and join us.

Prayer to St Philip Neri

O Holy St. Philip Neri, Patron Saint of joy, you who trusted Scripture's promise that the Lord is always at hand and that we need not have anxiety about anything, in your compassion heal our worries and sorrows and lift the burdens from our hearts. We come to you as one whose heart swells with abundant love for God and all creation. Keep us safe through your loving intercession, and may the joy of the Holy Spirit which filled your heart,

St. Philip, transform our Live and bring us peace. Amen.



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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 We celebrated Mother's Day last weekend with a special mass. We took photos to capture the joyous moments and said heartfelt prayers to express our gratitude for all the amazing mothers in our community. We wanted to share these photos with you to remind you of the love and appreciation we have for you and all the mothers around us







it's time for tea

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*

PIETY STALL

Volunteers needed for Sunday 9:30am Mass. If you can help, please contact the parish office by email office@lns.org.au or call 9958 8846



SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Father Robert Borg, Parish Priest of The Lakes Catholic Parish, will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church Pymble on Thursday 25th May 2023.

The evening commences with Mass at <u>6.00 PM</u> followed by a light meal with Father Robert as our guest speaker. Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see".

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

Please telephone: Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you would like to attend.



JOIN US FOR ROSARY

<u>ST Thomas' Church</u> at 8.30am Monday to Saturday <u>St Philip Neri Church</u> after 9.15am Mass on Monday, Wednesday and Friday Feast & Memorial Days MAY

Monday 22nd - St Rita of Cascia

Thursday 25th—Saint Bede the Venerable Priest and Doctor of the Church

Saturday 27th — St Augustine of Canterbury, bishop

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Recently Deceased: Monica Cameron, Antonietta Errico, Yaka Petkovic and

Anniversaries: Francesa Natoli and Elias Koura **Sick:** Robert Hunter and Bishop Peter Ingham

Albert Hodaes



MASS/ SERVICE/ SCHEDULE	ST THOMAS'	ST LEONARD'S	ST PHILIP NERI
WASS, SERVICE, SCHEBOLE	WILLOUGHBY	NAREMBURN	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 <i>-</i> 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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Vox Populi 18 May 2023

Students, young adults, leaders, teachers, clergy and religious from around the Diocese came together this week for the second key information evening before heading off to World Youth Day in Lisbon with Bishop Anthony on the Diocese's Magnify Pilgrimage.

Many of the group will be travelling with the Bishop through Italy visiting the cities of the saints before joining thousands of pilgrims from around the world and Pope Francis in Lisbon, Portugal for the amazing celebration of youth and the universal Church. And it is just under nine weeks to take off!

There was a real buzz of excitement at the gathering with music, prayer and lots of information for the young pilgrims provided by the WYD Magnify Pilgrim leaders, Catholic Youth Broken Bay and Catholic Schools Broken Bay. The pilgrims were given a preview of a dynamic Diocesan WYD Magnify app they will be able to access before departure, plus a range of specially designed Magnify merchandise. Our pilgrims will certainly make their mark in Lisbon and be prepared to be flooded by fabulous images and video clips during their journey.

If you're a parent or relative of one of the pilgrims, friend or perhaps someone excited for the opportunity these young people will share, then please pray for them now and for what for many will be a life-changing experience.



Thursday 18 May 2023

Dear Fathers, Deacons, my brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are about to commemorate the great Feast of Pentecost which celebrates the outpouring of the Spirit, bringing new life to the Church. The Spirit continues to call us into new and deepening discipleship, raising men and women in service of the community of the faith.

It, therefore, gives me joy to announce that, after consultation and discernment, I have called Mr Richard Houwing to the Order of Deacons. Richard's Ordination as a Permanent Deacon will take place on Tuesday 6 June 2023 at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara at 7.30pm.

Richard was born in 1958 in Vlaardingen, The Netherlands, migrating to Australia in his youth and living for some time in the area of Rockhampton, Queensland. In December 1980 he married his wife, Teresa in Cairns, and they have a son and a daughter, along with two grandchildren. Richard has a Bachelor of Economics and Masters of Business Administration (MBA). In the 1980s Richard's family moved to NSW. They have lived in the Diocese of Broken Bay for more than 30 years having brought their first home in Epping. For many years, Richard has been very active in the Parish of Pennant Hills being a Reader, Parish Council Member and involved with RCIA, Lenten groups coordination, adult faith formation, manager of the Parish website and Plenary Council Animator.

Richard has been in the Diaconate Formation Team since the commencement of 2019, and has recently completed his Masters in Theological Studies. He currently enjoys the professional role of Parish Facilities and Operations Coordinator in the Parish of Epping and Carlingford.

The Ordination of Richard to the Diaconate is an occasion of blessing for our Diocese, and I express my gratitude to Richard's wife, Teresa, their family and all those who have supported Richard on his journey of faith and vocation, especially our diocesan Diaconate Formation Team – Fr Jim McKeon, Deacon Peter McCulloch, and Ms Gail Gill.

I invite our clergy and our faithful to join with me at the Cathedral on 6 June 2023 for this auspicious occasion. Further details on the liturgy will be forthcoming.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

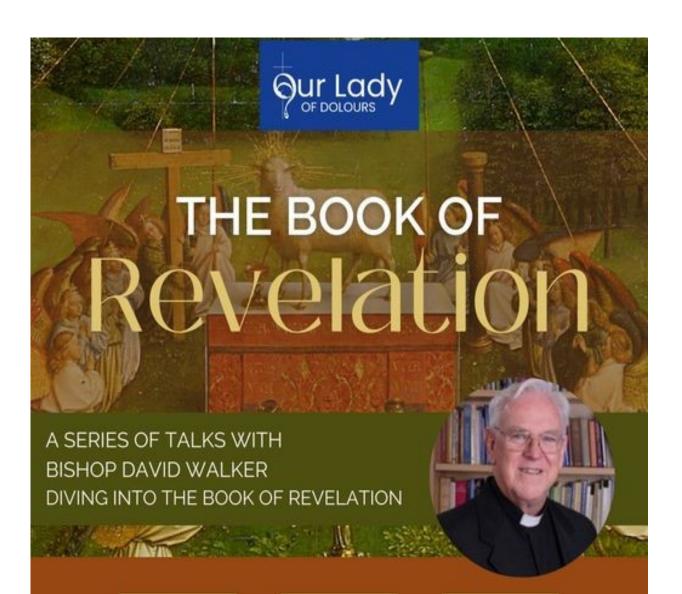
MOST REVEREND ANTHONY RANDAZZO BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY



This is event is an annual event as part of Reconciliation Week that showcases First Nations musicians, and includes performances by Uncle Johnny Nicol, Stiff Gins and others.

The afternoon commences with an opportunity to talk and walk Country with the Kieran's Creek Landcare group.





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3:30pm - 5:00pm at the Magnificat Room 96 Archer St, Chatswood - entry from Kirk St

For more info please contact chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

All are welcome!



As we continue our

Cathedral Precinct Journey

please join us as we celebrate our Patronal feast

Mary Star of the Sea Vigil Mass

with Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL Bishop of Broken Bay

> Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Waitara Tuesday, 30 May 2023 at 5:30pm

to be followed by a light supper at
The Light of Christ Centre for a Diocesan-wide
presentation and consultation on the future
of our Cathedral Precinct

Please RSVP

events@bbcatholic.org.au by Monday 22 May 2023



The World Community for Christian Meditation (NSW) presents:

'MEDITATE IN MAY'

Free 4-week Course via Zoom

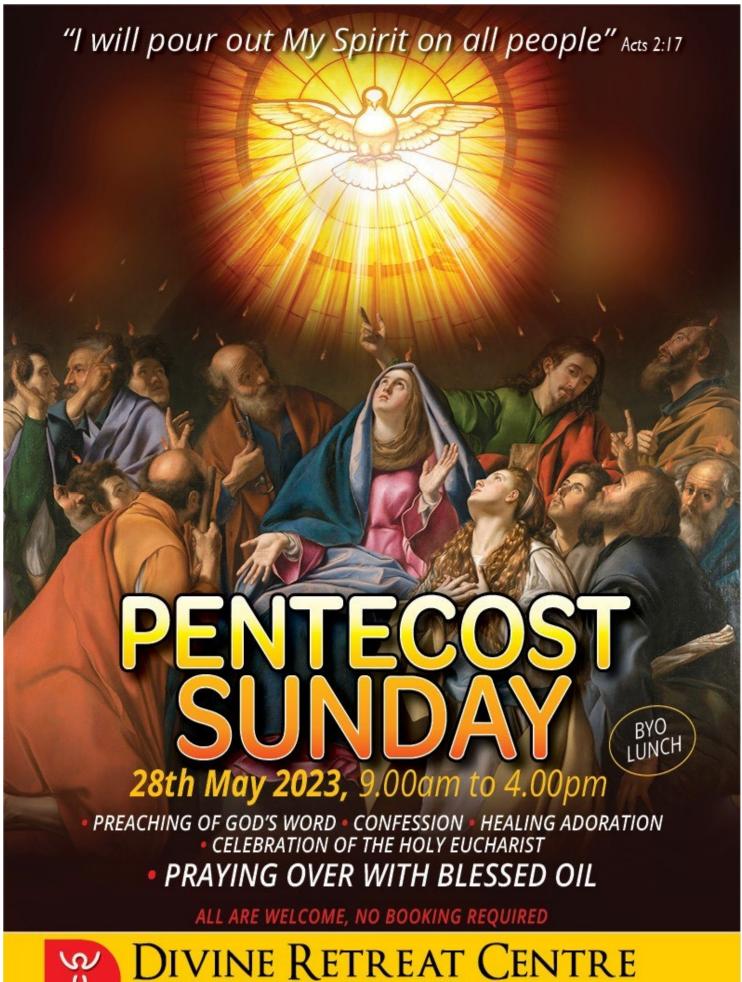
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