



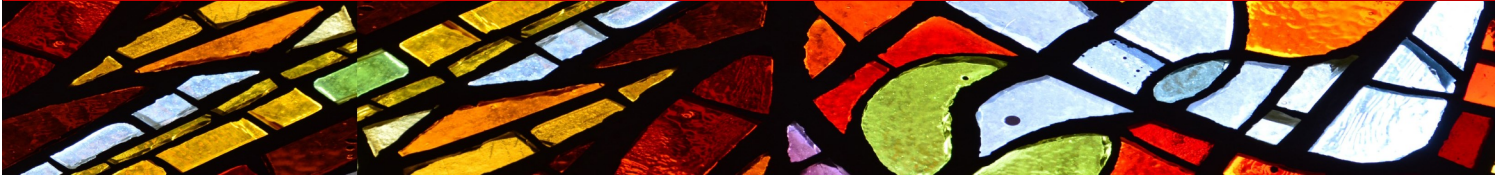
Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore

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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR A—28TH MAY 2023



Pentecost celebrates the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. It brings the Easter season to its conclusion. The Risen Lord has been exalted to his rightful place next to God and he has sent his Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and with excitement. This vitality explodes into the extraordinary. Tongues are loosed and speech overflows its linguistic constraints; charismatic gifts flood the valleys of human habitation; barred doors are burst open and frightened hearts are calmed. The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world.

Once again we gather together for one reason, only to discover that God has gathered us for another. Through the Spirit of God, we are reconciled to each other and then together we spend ourselves for the common good. Through the Spirit of God the world is renewed, the community is revitalised, and we come to know the mysterious yet all pervasive peace of Christ.

The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its promptings. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God. All we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.

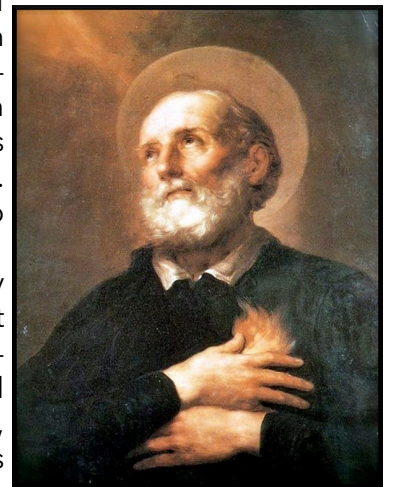
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FEAST OF ST. PHILIP NERI

St. Philip Neri, born on July 21, 1515, in Florence, also known as the "Apostle of Rome" was an Italian priest and a prominent figure in the Counter-Reformation movement. He grew up in a deeply religious household and displayed great piety from an early age. In 1533, Philip moved to Rome, where he lived as a layman while pursuing his studies. During this time, he spent his days visiting churches and catacombs, praying fervently, and offering assistance to the poor and sick. Inspired by his spiritual experiences and a desire to serve God more fully, Philip was ordained a priest in 1551.

He established the Oratory, a community of priests and laymen, where they would gather for prayer, spiritual conversations, and acts of charity. Throughout his life, Philip Neri became renowned for his gifts of prophecy, healing, and discernment of spirits. He possessed a deep understanding of the human heart and provided wise counsel to people from all walks of life, including saints, artists, and popes. His humility, simplicity, and joy attracted many individuals to seek his guidance and spiritual direction.

St. Philip Neri died on May 26, 1595, at the age of 79. His feast day is celebrated on May 26th each year. Pope Gregory XV canonized him in 1622, recognizing his significant contributions to the Church and his holiness of life.



Join us in celebrating Pentecost and the Feast of St Philip Neri with St Philip Neri School families! We invite you to come together on Sunday, May 28th at the 9.00am mass. We look forward to welcoming you and your families to this memorable event. Let us join in prayer and unity as we celebrate the power of the "Holy Spirit" and the legacy of St Philip Neri.

Entrance Antiphon

Wis 1:7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

(R.) **Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.**

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,

How many are your works, O Lord!

The earth is full of your riches. (R.)

2. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)

3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

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

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!
Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;

Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.
Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:
If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.
Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your Faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins

PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN PREPARING FOR THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Our sacramental program children have now completed their final week of preparation for the First Holy Communion next Sunday at all three of our churches. This week they studied the story of Jesus appearing to disciples on the road to Emmaus and how they only recognised him in the breaking of the bread. We continue to recognise Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass, Christ's gift of Himself to us. The children are coming to truly understand Jesus's real presence in the sacrament and have been going through the important steps of receiving him with reverence. Perhaps this weekend at Mass, all of us

can take extra care to pay attention to the consecration of the bread and wine into the body and blood of Jesus and remind ourselves of the sacredness of this moment at Mass. Please keep our children in your prayers!

Kristy Komadina Children's Sacramental Program Co-ordinator

This year's First Holy Communion candidates will celebrate their special day over four celebrations three of them will be held within the normal Sunday Masses, starting with Sunday 4th June 9am at St Philip Neri, Sunday 4th June 9.30am at St Thomas' and Sunday 4th June 10.30am at St Leonard's. The 4th celebration will be held on Sunday 4th June 12pm at St Thomas'.



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PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay

This month is the launch of our Diocesan-wide Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB) May Appeal. PWBB supports two key charitable works in the Diocese - 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.



Thank you for your generosity.



A huge congratulations to Eddie de Pina, Timor Leste! Eddie was the recipient of the "Ordem de Timor-Leste Grau Medalha" for the years of great humanitarian work in Timor Leste. Eddie was significantly involved in the initiation and work of LETS. LETS has received a list of new Year 10 students who are seeking sponsorship for the next 3 years (2023-2025)

to complete their senior high school education. Thank you so much to previous, very generous sponsors who have taken up sponsorship again. We now have only 6 students left to be sponsored! The fees for 2023 remain at \$245 for 1 year. We encourage sponsors to continue the sponsorship for the 3 years of senior high school, if possible, but by paying fees yearly. If you would like to sponsor a Year 10 student at Our Lady of Mt Carmel High School in Letefoho, please email me at gcm.lough@gmail.com Please know, 100% of donations and student education fees go to Letefoho. Many thanks for your continued support of the people of Letefoho through the LNSP LETS program. Georgina Loughnan for LETS (Letefoho East Timor Support - lets.net.au)



Baptism

We welcome into our parish family the newly baptised Alexander and Xavier Tsui, Escher O'Connor, Augustin Buterin and Alexander Ayoub



Congratulations on completing the Pastoral Care Course!

We sincerely appreciate your commitment to volunteering and becoming a part of our Extraordinary Ministers team for the Royal North Sore Hospital, taking Holy communion to the sick.



May, the Month of Mary

"Whatever you ask in the Rosary will be granted".

JOIN US FOR ROSARY

St Thomas' Church at 8.30am

Monday to Saturday

St Philip Neri Church after 9.15am

Mass on Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Feast & Memorial Days MAY and JUNE

Monday 29th - The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Wednesday 31st - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday 1st - St Justin, martyr

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Recently Deceased: Monica Cameron, Frances Fisher, Yaka Petkovic and Albert Hodges

Anniversaries: Coleen Fitzpatrick, Rado Petkovic, Drage Milostic, Virginia Webber, Marin Byok, Mara Byok, van Byok and Joe Mikan.

Sick: 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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Vox Episcopi

25 May 2023

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

When Saint Paul wrote to the Corinthians instructing them about gifts, he was not just reminding them of how talented they might be, but rather that they were gifted by God for a purpose. And that purpose could only be realised if each one lived in a full and wholesome relationship with God. In the Letter to the Romans, Saint Paul reminds us that the Spirit is not just some force or power of God the Father, but a person who works along with the Son and in relation to the Father.

The Spirit teaches us to be authentic in our relationship with God. Not to see God as a force or power, but as a person who thinks about us and loves each one of us and works for us and redeems us.

As sons and daughters of God we are led by the Spirit. As Catholic Christians we believe that the Holy Spirit is the ultimate preview and pledge of our salvation.

Some years ago, during one of his catechetical teachings Pope Benedict XVI spoke with conviction when he said, “One of the greatest evils of our time is mediocrity in matters of faith. Either we are Catholic, or we are not. If we are then this must be manifested in every aspect of our lives” (Visit to Croatia 7 June 2011). These challenging words are a reminder of the vocation that lies before all of the baptised.

They are an even more sober reminder of the vocation of the bishop, the priest, and the deacon, whose lives must be spent at the service of the faithful, who in turn, having been nourished by Word and Sacrament, will be God’s presence in the world, not by way of mediocrity, but with excellence, enthusiasm, and distinction.

My dear people, the Holy Spirit is at work in the Church and indeed in each one of us in Broken Bay. As we prepare for the great feast of Pentecost, may we be strong in our faith and confident in our hope as together we pray:

Come, Holy Spirit! Come, light of our hearts. Make us witnesses before the world so that God may be all in all and our joy may be complete.

Amen.

+Anthony



The next Oceania Pastoral Ministry Webinar features Sr Carmel Pilcher RSJ speaking on the Sunday Eucharist. She will be discussing questions such as:

- What is needed to reinvigorate our Sunday worship?
- What are engaging pathways to fuller participation?
- How can we be proactive and not reactive in worship?

Date: Tuesday 30th May

Time: 7.00pm - 8.30pm

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This 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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Bishop of Broken Bay

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presentation and consultation on the future
of our Cathedral Precinct

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Monday 22 May 2023



"I will pour out My Spirit on all people" Acts 2:17



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Catholic Mission Conference 2023

300 people attended the 2023 Catholic Mission Conference in Sydney last week, where the focus was on synodality, truth-telling and mission. I believe it was a significant moment in the life of the Australian Church, in as much as 300 people passionate about mission gathered from all parts of Australia, not only to be renewed and inspired by the speakers, but also to be led in processes of deep listening and discernment to hear what the Spirit is calling us to be. We were challenged to engage our hearts as much as our heads, and to commit to something *more* in whatever it is we call our mission.

The first keynote speaker, Dean Parkin, engaged in truth-telling around the Uluru Statement from the Heart, impressing upon us the fact that it is an invitation to us all to become citizens of a more inclusive and unified nation. Furthermore, this invitation was not given to the government, it was given to the people, in the belief and conviction that we would accept it. The audience was clearly deeply moved by this conviction and gave Dean a standing ovation.

How do we know when truth-telling and prophetic speech come from the Spirit ?

Dr Elissa Roper suggested that we look for signs of authenticity and the fruits of the Spirit, but also pointed out the need for training when it comes to learning how to speak boldly and listen with humility. Bishop Shane Macklinlay was able to reflect on his recent experience of the Plenary Council to say that the processes of dialogue and discernment cannot be rushed. They are also processes of learning and conversion, not subject to timetables, and we need to be patient and strive for consensus before making decisions.

On the second day, Chiara Porro, the Australian Ambassador to the Holy See, spoke to us on Zoom from Rome, in the very early hours of her morning. A large part of her talk focused on indigenous issues, and it was interesting to hear her speak as if it is certain that a constitutional Voice will become a reality. This, at least, is how it sounded to me, which was a refreshing change to some of the negative debate we have been hearing here in recent weeks. I was also struck by her perspective, which is a new insight for me: that our identity as a nation grounded in a 60,000 year culture (if the referendum is passed) will change our relationship for the better not only with our Pacific neighbours but with the rest of the world.

Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane, Tim Norton, spoke next, exploring mission as dialogue and mission as prophecy, sharing moving examples of modern day prophets in Brisbane. When someone asked him what we can do when the institutional church is driving us nuts, he told us simply, "Go to the poor. That's where Jesus is." Having listened to some of his story, this was obviously an authentic response, but also a challenge to usual ways of thinking.

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