



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.

THE MOST HOLY BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST– 11 JUNE 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we gather on this blessed Corpus Christi Sunday, we come together to celebrate and reflect upon the profound mystery of the Eucharist—the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a day when we focus our hearts and minds on the great gift of the Real Presence of Jesus in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

The Eucharist is a tremendous gift that strengthens and nourishes our souls. It is the sustenance that helps us persevere in our journey of faith. As we partake in this sacrament, we receive the grace necessary to live as true disciples of Christ, to love one another, to forgive, to be merciful, and to serve those in need.

As we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi, let us renew our love and reverence for the Eucharist. Let us approach the altar with humility, gratitude, and awe, knowing that we stand in the presence of the living God. May this great mystery deepen our faith, transform our lives, and inspire us to be witnesses of Christ's love in all that we do.

May our participation in the Eucharist be a source of joy, hope, and transformation. And as we leave this sacred place, may we carry the presence of Christ in our hearts and share it with all whom we encounter.

I'd like to take this opportunity to once again congratulate the 95 children of our parish who have received the Holy Communion for the first time on last Sunday. May their lives reflect the grace and beauty of this sacrament as you grow in faith, hope, and love.

May God bless us abundantly, and may the joy of the Eucharist fill our hearts today and always.

Fr Vincent Nguyen, Administrator

Is your child in year 3 in 2023?

CONFIRMATION

TERM 3



Confirmation is conferred after Baptism to strengthen the work of the Holy Spirit begun in Baptism. **Confirmation** assists the person to conform more closely to Christ. It calls the person to accept a sense of mission to be sent out to the world to be a living vital witness to the teaching of Jesus, the Lord.

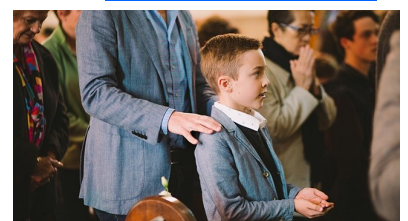
In our Parish, which is part of the Diocese of Broken Bay, children usually receive the Sacraments of Initiation (**Confirmation**, Reconciliation, and First Holy Communion) over a twelve month period, beginning in **Year 3** and concluding in Year 4.

If your child is in **Year 3** or above and is **Baptised Catholic**, he/she is eligible to enrol in the Sacramental program which begins with **Confirmation**.

ENROLEMENTS ARE NOW OPEN. PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR ENROLMENT. Use the QR Code to enrol Now



For more information please contact our Sacramental Co-ordinator Kristy at the Parish Office on 9958 8846 or email: sacraments@LNS.org.au



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year A

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 80:17

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading

Dt 8:2-3. 14-16

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12

(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God! He has strengthened the bars of your gates, he has blessed the children within you. (R.)
2. He has established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat. He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. (R.)
3. He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees. He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his decrees. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 10:16-17

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

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ances-

Feast & Memorial Days June

- Tuesday St Anthony of Padua
- Friday The Most Sacred of Jesus
- Saturday The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Recently Deceased: Peter John Woodward
Anniversaries: Francesco & Anna Drago, Antonino Graffeo and Ferris Germanos
Sick: Bishop Peter Ingham, Julie Wong and Angelina Lucia



Healing Mass

Including Anointing of the Sick & Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
JUNE
 St Leonard's Church 9am
 Saturday 17th



Please come and join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St Thomas' Church today from 12pm to 3pm.

CLERGY CONFERENCE

12 June 2023 - 16 June 2023

Please note that our clergy will be away next week for the annual Clergy Conference at Woy Woy from Monday afternoon 12/06 - 16/06/2023. The liturgy roster for next week will be as follow:

	ST. THOMAS <i>Willoughby</i>	ST. LEONARD <i>Nareburn</i>	ST. PHILIP NERI <i>Northbridge</i>
Monday 12th	Fr. Biju		Fr. Emmanuel
Tuesday 13th	Fr. Peter	Communion service	
Wednesday 14th	Fr. Thuy SVD		Communion service
Thursday 15th	Fr Thuy SVD	Communion service	
Friday 16th <i>(The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus)</i>	Fr. Peter		Fr. Vincent <i>(School Mass)</i>

Please keep our clergy in your prayers especially during the conference, may it be a time of deepening unity, shared vision, and a greater outpouring of your Spirit; so that they return to their parishes and communities with hearts aflame, ready to serve you and your people with renewed zeal.



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Rev Fr Vincent Nguyen
Rev Fr Emmanuel Obiche

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Tuesday & Wednesday
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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



St Vincent de Paul Society

Winter Appeal



"What if your Mum, Grandma, or sister became homeless?" women over 55 are one of the fastest growing demographics of people at risk of or experiencing homelessness across Australia

Your Impact

Sleeping rough on the streets on long, cold nights can put older women at increased health risks. Vulnerable and lonely, they need your help. Donate now and you'll help give older women the support they desperately need to feel safe and escape the terrifying cycle of homelessness. "

You really can't express how grateful you are and how happy you are, to think you're on the street one minute and 12 months later you've got a home, somewhere to call your own again," - Joan, who became homeless at 70 years old.



CHURCH CHOIR VOLUNTEERS

Join Our Choir. We're looking for volunteers to join our choir at the 9:30am Mass at St Thomas' and 10.30 mass at St Leonard's. Rehearsals are held every Monday at 7:30pm. No matter your singing background or skill level, all are welcomed. Whether you're an accomplished vocalist, a beginner with a passion for singing, or simply love to express yourself through music, we encourage everyone to join us. Please contact Henny at the Parish Office.

Online Prayer and Reflection Program



Looking to further your faith and spiritual development now that Pentecost is over? Come and join a small friendly group to reflect on the six weekly Heartbeat Resources Post-Pentecost program on Thursday evenings 6-7pm online, commencing on 29th June. The program uses Lectio Divina to gently break open each of the Sunday gospels in the series to reveal the word of God. Once this program has finished, we will continue with further programs for the rest of the year and we also occasionally meet in person for a meal in the local area. For further information, please contact Suzy Teutsch on 0418 601 181 or email: suzyteutsch@hotmail.com

PIETY STALL AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH

Volunteers are needed for 9:30am Mass on Sundays. If you can help with this ministry please contact the parish office by email office@lms.org.au or call 9958 8846



Planned Giving Envelopes have arrive and will be available for you to collect this weekend in each Church foyer.



Each of us can make a difference. Each of us can help to protect one another. We are called to Step up and to Speak Out for the protection of all.

We the people of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay are committed to fostering communities of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our commitment is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ who teaches the fundamental sanctity of each human person, and by our dedication to sustained education, practice, and conversation about our moral, legal, and spiritual obligation to safeguard all those within our community

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	1st Friday of the month 11am 2nd Thursday of the month 7pm	3rd Friday of the month 11.00am 4th Thursday 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

08 June 2023

This month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Catholic Church reserves June for a deeper devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus which represents His love for humanity.

The devotion inspires us to remember how much Jesus loves us, while growing our desire to love Him.

It is also when we celebrate the solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on 16 June.

This feast dates back to 1673, when a French nun who belonged to the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary began to receive visions about the Sacred Heart.

Jesus appeared to Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque and revealed ways to venerate his Sacred Heart, and explained the immense love he has for humanity, appearing with his heart visible outside his chest, on fire, and surrounded by a crown of thorns.

In 1856, Pope Pius IX designated the Friday following the feast of Corpus Christi as the feast of the Sacred Heart for the universal Church. Ever since, the month of June has been devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and his immense love for us all.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart was also an essential component of Saint John Paul II's hopes for the "new evangelization" which he often spoke during his Pontificate.

"For evangelization today," he said in 1984, "the Heart of Christ must be recognized as the heart of the Church: It is He who calls us to conversion, to reconciliation. It is He who leads pure hearts and those hungering for justice along the way of the Beatitudes. It is He who achieves the warm communion of the members of the one Body. It is He who enables us to adhere to the Good News and to accept the promise of eternal life. It is He who sends us out on mission. The heart-to-heart with Jesus broadens the human heart on a global scale."

Shine Conference 2023

On 19 May, the Vocations Broken Bay Team attended the Shine Conference 2023, hosted at St Peter's Catholic College, Tuggerah. The team, including Michelle Chahine, Fr Stephen Wayoyi, and myself, attended this vibrant event aimed at inspiring students from years 7-12 to explore their faith, identity, and leadership. The spirit was high as we witnessed over 350 students actively participate, clearly ignited in their Christian faith journey by the praise and worship, opportunity for prayer, and faith based workshops.

We seized the opportunity to promote vocations and converse with the students. We set up a stall for the students offering our customary vocations merch, which provided some moments for meaningful chats about God's personal call in their lives. Additionally, we facilitated a workshop titled "The Bible Slaps: Change my Mind!" (Gen Z lingo) which opened up a deep exploration of the Scriptures' transformative power, its influential role in our cultural heritage, and most importantly, how it helps us encounter God's voice and understand his divine plan for our lives.

Overall, the Shine Conference was an extraordinary occasion for the Vocations team to connect with young people in our Diocese. The workshop was well-received, sparking enthusiastic responses and fuelling our excitement for future involvement. Our team remains inspired by the faith-filled atmosphere of the event, and the hard work of Mr Michael Tobin, who coordinated the even, and we are already looking forward to next year's conference. Let's continue to pray for these young leaders, that they may shine in their faith and respond generously to their unique callings.

In Christ,
Fr Sam French
Director of Vocations

Worldpriest Annual Global Rosary Relay for the Sanctification of Priests

Friday 16 June 2023

Country: Australia

Time: 10:30 am

Lead Location: Hornsby Cathedral Parish
Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral

Mysteries: Glorious

Please use all live streaming, video and Facebook Live facilities you may have access to - and help extend your prayer participation to an even greater audience worldwide.

Pray the Rosary, unite with your country and help encircle the world in prayer

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<https://www.facebook.com/BrokenBayVocationsMinistry>

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We invite you to join us and thousands of participants around the world in the Annual Global Rosary Relay for the Sanctification of Priests on 16th June, 10:30am.

Last year we had over 3,000 prayer locations worldwide. The greater the level of prayer, the greater the blessings. So Worldpriest is now extending an open invitation for the largest possible numbers to play their part in 2023 by joining a world community at prayer.

Join us in prayer from your home or local church, cathedral, school, college, or any other venue suitable for collective prayer. We will be live streaming our Rosary Prayer from the Vocations Broken Bay Facebook Page – www.facebook.com/BrokenBayVocationsMinistry .

Let us offer our petitions to the Lord on behalf of all priests who faithfully serve in their ministries throughout the world. May our prayers of support throughout this international fellowship of prayer bring them God's grace and strength in their priesthood.

Date: June 16

Time: 10:30am – 11:00am

Venue: OLOR Cathedral Waitara

Via Live-stream: www.facebook.com/BrokenBayVocationsMinistry

THE BOOK OF JOB:
FAITH AND JUSTICE IN A WORLD OF INCOMPREHENSIBLE NIHILISM.

Dr Robert Tilley

Dr Robert Tilley is a lecturer in biblical studies and ancient languages at the Catholic Institute of Sydney and in Christian literature at the Aquinas Academy.

Dr Robert Tilley did his Doctorate at the University of Sydney with a thesis entitled Reading the Sacred Text. He has lectured widely on a variety of topics, endeavouring to show how Scripture, theology, philosophy, and the arts all interrelate. He has lectured in Biblical Studies at the Catholic Institute of Sydney for close to ten years now, and for a longer period of time has been a regular lecturer in Biblical Studies, the arts and theology at the Aquinas Academy. He has also lectured at UNDA Sydney and tutored in Biblical Studies at the University of Sydney.

No other book of the Old Testament has exercised as much of an influence on modern philosophy, literature, and film as the Book of Job has. Only, it could be argued that this is for the wrong reason, in that many read Job through the lens of modern nihilism. They liken it to Kafka's *The Trial* wherein a man is caught within a world that, beneath appearances to the contrary, is incomprehensible and unjust. A world in which God and justice are words which, to borrow from Macbeth, 'signify nothing'. But this is wrong, as this short series hopes to show. Job is a book which sets out to counter just such an arbitrary and nihilistic view of God, a view that is not unique to the modern world but that can be found in ancient texts such as Ecclesiastes. The argument of Job is that God *is* comprehensible, that He loves justice, and that He works to reveal the lies and duplicities by which the fallen world seeks to justify injustice and corruption. Job is one of the great works of literature, and it is so because its majestic style mirrors its majestic contents.

Wednesdays 14, 21, 28 June 2023 10am-noon

in the Crypt of St Patrick's Church 20 Grosvenor St , The Rocks Cost \$90

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or email thecalltobe@gmail.com for any questions or if you have trouble booking online.

Vocations Holy Hour & Discernment Evening

Young Adult Event

Calling all young adults to join us at Holy Name Parish in Wahroonga on Friday, June 23 at 6pm! Come for a special time of reflection and prayerful discernment as we adore the Blessed Sacrament during Holy Hour. You won't be alone – meet other young adults just like you who are on the journey of discovering their faith and vocation. And don't worry about dinner – we'll take care of that before you go home! Don't miss out! #YoungAdults #Discernment #HolyHour #Wahroonga #CatholicVocations #HolyNameParish #DinnerProvided

Date: Friday June 23

Time: 6pm

Venue: Holy Name Parish Wahroonga

RSVP to 0418 522 449 or vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au

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Closing Date 4 August 2023

The Sydney Archdiocesan Committee of the World Apostolate of Fatima invite you to a "Night of Prayer & Reparation"

taking place at St. St. Mel's Parish - 7 Evaline Street, Campsie, on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus &

the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Friday 16th & Saturday 17th of June. Doors open at 8.30pm with

Solemn Mass at 9pm Rosary at 10pm Re-dedication & Reparation to the Sacred Heart before the Blessed Sacrament

Exposed, followed with a short break. Rosary, 12.15am, Morning Mass with prayers for the Feast of the Immaculate

Heart of Mary 12.30am. We look forward to you joining us as we intercede for World Peace.

Further details please call us on 0403578994 or (02)9984-8988.