



# 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.*



## ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - 18TH JUNE 2023

The major themes today are call and discipleship. Most of us are rather insignificant in the eyes of the broader society. And even those who are well known or in some way famous are still just simple human beings with needs and fears and dreams like the rest of us. Yet we have been called by God. This is what makes us special. Paul picks up this theme in his development of justification. He argues that we are special because when we were still sinners we were justified. All this has come to us as a pure gift from God. It is God who calls; it is God who chooses; it is God who justifies. If we are to boast, we must boast in God.

Paul further teaches that good works do not gain faith. It is the other way around. It is faith that manifests itself in works. In the gospel we see that the disciples are sent out to give to others the gift of faith which had been given to them. They proclaim the gospel, the good news that the time of fulfilment has come, and then they perform mighty works that demonstrate what they preach. We too have been called to discipleship; we have been made God's special people. To us has been entrusted the good news of salvation to proclaim to others. We must be the healing touch of Christ in our world. We must comfort those who mourn, bring back to life those who are in despair, embrace those who have been ostracised by society, drive out anger and fear and hatred.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA



### FEAST OF ST THOMAS

Next Sunday the 25th of June the Parish will celebrate the Feast Day of St. Thomas along with our local St Thomas' Willoughby School Community. Please join us for this special Feast Day celebration commencing with Mass at 9.30am followed by a family BBQ.  
All Welcome



## 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 Donation has an 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.*

## Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 26:7,9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.

Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

## First Reading

Ex 19:2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus  
From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3

**(R.) We are his people:  
the sheep of his flock.**

1. Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. **(R.)**
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R.)**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. **(R.)**

## Second Reading

Rom 5:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been

reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

## Gospel Acclamation

Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near;  
repent and believe the Good News!  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mt 9:36 - 10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.' He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows: 'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

Thank you to Dom, Rohan and Sam, from St Joseph's Discernment House. The boys were our chief chefs at last Sunday's BBQ for our Corpus Christi Celebrations. Our **next BBQ** will be after Mass on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>** June when, as a parish and school community, we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Thomas the Apostle.



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



**Recently Deceased:** Angelina Lucia, and Peter John Woodward

**Anniversaries:** Maria & Marin Andrich, Giuseppe Gennusa, Mary Winifred O'Neill and Carol Grew

**Sick:** Bishop Peter Ingham

## Feast & Memorial Days June

Monday- St Romuald,

Wednesday -St Aloysius Gonzaga

Thursday -Sts John Fisher, and

Thomas More, martyrs

Saturday -The Nativity of St John The Baptist

## Baptism



We welcome into our parish faith family the

newly baptised

Daniel Bruce Applebaum,

Harry Richard Cahill & Nico Tripolone.

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Join us

## Save Calvary Hospital PETITION

Please sign your petition to save Calvary Hospital via:

<https://www.savecalvary.com.au/>

## 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

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Is your child in year 3 in 2023?

# CONFIRMATION

TERM 3



## Parish Priest

Rev Fr Jose Philip OSH  
jose.philip@bbcatholic.org.au

## Assistant Priests

Rev Fr Biju Mathew  
Rev Fr Vincent Nguyen  
Rev Fr Emmanuel Obiche

## RNSH Chaplain

Rev Fr Peter Dowd

## Parish Office

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## Parish Office Hours

Mon - Fri: 9:00am - 3:00pm

## Parish Secretary

Ursula O'Hare  
Monday - Friday  
Dionne Soares  
Mon & Fri

## Children Sacramental Coordinator

Kristy Komadina  
Tuesday & Wednesday  
Catechist Co-ordinator  
Henny Theodorus

## Finance

Ilona Dudek  
Friday Only

## 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  
7256 2104

**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.

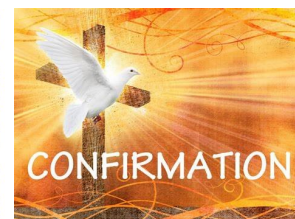
If your child is in **Year 3** or above and is **Baptised Catholic**, he/she is eligible to enrol in the Sacramental program which begins with **Confirmation**.

**ENROLMENTS 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@lms.org.au](mailto:sacraments@lms.org.au)



St Thomas Catholic Primary School invites all families to join us for

Winter 2023 **Little Stars PLAYGROUP**

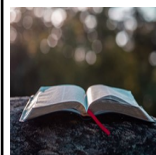
Play Learn Connect

Thursday 29 June 2023  
9:30am to 10:15am  
St Thomas Church Hall,  
Cnr Horsley & High Streets North Willoughby

Free event for all children aged 0-5 years.  
Children must be accompanied by an adult.  
Booking is essential.

★★★★★

QR code to book



## 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 601181 or email: [suzyteutsch@hotmail.com](mailto:suzyteutsch@hotmail.com)



We are committed to the **NATIONAL CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS**

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.

Safeguarding in our Parish is everyone's business.

## 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](mailto:office@lms.org.au) or call 9958 8846

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>	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	
<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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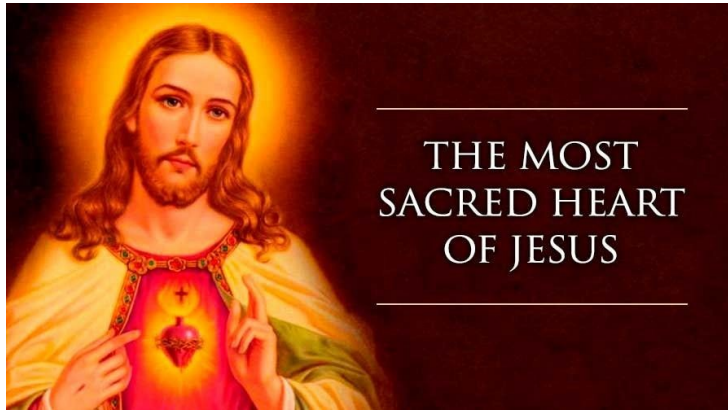
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## **Vox Populi**

**14 June 2023**

Friday, 16 June is the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Sacred Heart is a symbol of God's infinite love – the symbol of His own generous self-sacrificing love for all.

But why the heart? In every age and language, the heart is regarded as the natural symbol of love and affection. This feast day takes the physical heart of Jesus as a representation of His Divine love for humanity.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart has been in the Roman Catholic Liturgical calendar since 1856. The day always falls on a Friday, 19 days after Pentecost.

The devotion especially emphasizes the unmitigated love, compassion, and long-suffering of the heart of Christ towards humanity.

With the tragedy we have seen and felt this week following the devastating bus crash in the Hunter Valley resulting in so many deaths and injuries, and trauma for families and friends, we could turn to the Sacred Heart of Jesus to find healing and peace for everyone.

This week Bishop Anthony and many of our clergy have been attending their annual Clergy Conference. They too have been praying for all those affected by the bus tragedy and ask you to also keep them in your prayers.

# **SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING**

**Father Aldrin Valdehueza, our Chaplain and Assistant Parish Priest of the Catholic Parish of Epping & Carlingford, will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church Pymble on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023.**

The evening commences with Mass at **6.00 PM** followed by a light meal and a short meeting.

Following the meeting Father Aldrin will be our guest speaker.

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.*

Please telephone: Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email [terry\\_scanlan@bigpond.com](mailto:terry_scanlan@bigpond.com) if you would like to attend.

Peace

Terry

0438 887 295

9<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## National Liturgy & Liturgical Music Conference

The National Liturgy & Liturgical Music Conference is being held at the Hilton Brisbane from 28 - 30 September. The conference is a joint initiative of the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network and the National Liturgical Council of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

Featuring five keynote presentations, 50 wide-ranging breakout workshop options, facilitated discussions, conference Mass, daily prayer and ritual experiences, optional conference dinner, along with broad networking opportunities and resource displays, this “not-to-be-missed” event invites all involved in liturgy and liturgical music in parishes, schools and other Catholic agencies to participate in the premier liturgy-focussed gathering in Australia.

### Keynote Speakers:

Prof Timothy O’Malley (Liturgical & Sacramental Theologian, University of Notre Dame, USA)

Sarah Hart (Acclaimed Contemporary Catholic Composer, USA)

Assoc Prof Maeve Louise Heaney (Theologian & Composer, ACU)

Rev Dr Tom Elich (Renowned Liturgist, Liturgy Brisbane Director)

### Expert Local Workshop Presenters include:

Liturgists: Bishop Paul Bird, Bishop Ken Howell, Dr Carmel Pilcher, Fr Vincent Glynn, Fr Peter Williams, Sr Louise Gannon, Clare Schwantes, Sr Kari Hatherell, Sr Judy Foster, Sr Ursula O’Rourke

Composers, Musicians, Liturgists: Paul Mason, John Burland, Dr Jenny O’Brien, Sophy Morley, Dr Paul Taylor, Genevieve Bryant, Fiona Dyball, Michael Mangan, Dr Anthony Young

For full conference information go to: <https://mysteryandmission.com.au/>

**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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**Worldpriest**  
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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](https://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](https://www.facebook.com/BrokenBayVocationsMinistry)*



## Vocations Holy Hour & Discernment Evening

Young Adult Event

Calling all young adults to join us at Holy Name Parish in Wahrenonga 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 #Wahrenonga #CatholicVocations #HolyNameParish #DinnerProvided

*Date: Friday June 23*

*Time: 6pm*

*Venue: Holy Name Parish Wahrenonga*

RSVP to 0418 522 449 or [vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto: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 &

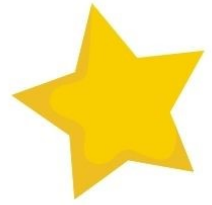
the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Friday 16th & Saturday 17th of June. Doors open at 8.30pm with

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.



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