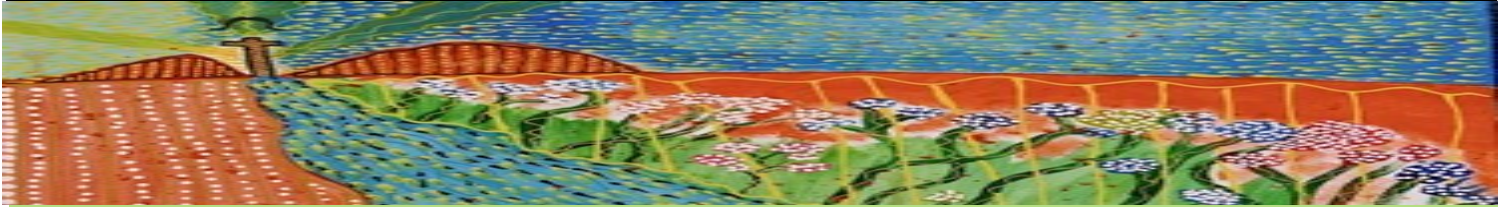




# Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore

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.



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - 2nd July 2023

## *A New Life in Christ*

Uniting as One People on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Each year, Catholics from all corners of Australia gather on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday to celebrate the unique gifts and contributions of Australia's First Peoples. This year's theme, "A New Life in Christ" reflects the hope and promise of a brighter future, rooted in unity and shared commitment to positive change. As we commemorate this special day on the Liturgical Calendar, we invite you to listen to our voices and walk alongside us on our journey towards progress. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday symbolizes our unity as one people in Christ, and we urge both Indigenous and non-Indigenous Catholics to come together in every Catholic Parish and School across this great Southern land.

## *Reflection*

Today we are faced with the cost of discipleship, but we are also comforted by the promise of the providence of God. Baptism is for us both death and life. Through it we enter into Christ's death and we die to lives of selfishness and sin. Through it we rise with Christ to a new life freed from everything that previously held us down. As glorious as this new life might be, it requires death to our old ways of living, and this is always difficult.

The cost of discipleship cuts right to the core of our beings, it lays bare the very structures of kinship. Baptism recreates us as children of God; through it we are given a new life and born into a new family. The bonds of discipleship are now even stronger than the bonds of blood. Discipleship requires our very lives. As disciples we can no longer put ourselves first. We must be willing to spend ourselves and to be spent, to serve others in the day to day unfolding of life. We may find such commitment very demanding, but that is part of the cost of discipleship. God promises that if we lose our lives in this way, we will really gain them. If we are unselfish in the way we share ourselves with others, we will be enriched through our generosity. If we spend ourselves and are spent in our service of others we will be filled with blessings unimaginable. Dianne Bergant CSA



**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](mailto:sacraments@LNS.org.au)



## **Feast & Memorial Days JULY**

Monday 3rd – St Thomas Apostle  
Tuesday 4th – St Elizabeth of Portugal  
Wednesday 5th – St Anthony Zaccaria  
Thursday 6th – St Maria Goretti  
Friday 7th – BL Peter To Rot



## Entrance Antiphon

Ps 46:2

All peoples, clap your hands.  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

## First Reading

2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

**(R.)** Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R.)**

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. **(R.)**

3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **(R.)**

## Second Reading

Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

## Gospel Acclamation

1 Pt 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mt 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'



## JULY

Healing Mass

Including Anointing of the Sick & Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

St Thomas' Church 7th July  
9.00am mass

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...**



**Anniversaries:** Giovanna Trani and Rado Petkovic, Aubrey Hurrell  
**Sick:** Bishop Peter Ingham and Julie Wong

## Baptism

We welcome into our parish faith family the newly baptised Remy and Celeste Wood. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

## Praying for a respectful discussion about the Voice Referendum

From **Monday 3 July 2023** at 7.30PM (sharp) – 8PM and every Monday evening at St Leonard's Church, Naremburn, we will be having a prayer session with a reading, quiet reflection and to pray the Rosary for the upcoming referendum on the Voice. Our aim is threefold:

1. A respectful debate in our country leading up to the Referendum;
2. That when people cast their vote, they do so having been informed of the facts; and
3. That we as a nation may be drawn closer together through this process, whatever our origins and beliefs. We will also be praying for the intentions of our Parishioners. Feel free to join us.



Monday 26th June we celebrated Fr Emmanuel's Birthday. Happy Birthday Fr Emmanuel



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2 Horsley Ave, Willoughby

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Thank you to all our wonderful supporters of the people of Letefoho. All students are now sponsored for 2023. This includes 98 school students at Our Lady of Mt Carmel (NOSACR) High School and 68 students now attending tertiary education, including 2 seminarians. This is a brilliant response!

LETS is also supporting a Parish pig farm, new water project and contributing to a community hall. We received this message on Monday from Fr Eilo, Dulce da Cunha & the Parish of Letefoho:

*We continue to appreciate LETS commitment and steadfast in supporting Noscar parish and the school. Our prayers flow to each and every one who contributes and helps out. It is indeed making a great impact on the ground. We thank God for each and every one of LETS members and also extend our warm welcome to the new members.*

*We in fact have all our donors intentions, especially LETS in every mass.*

*Best Wishes and Blessings, Fr Elio*

If you would like to know more about the LNSP LETS (Letefoho East Timor Support) programme, please contact our committee members via [admin@lets.net.au](mailto:admin@lets.net.au) or Georgina at [gcm.lough@gmail.com](mailto:gcm.lough@gmail.com).

Thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate the feast of St Thomas, Patron Saint of St Thomas' Church and School.

Special thanks to Rohan and Sam from St Joseph's discernment house for preparing the BBQ. Enrica Bova (school principal) and Elizabeth Jones (Religious coordinator) for organising the Mass, the hospitality team and all who served behind the scenes. We hope you had a great day!



The Diocese of Broken Bay is proud to be hosting one of Australia's most powerful Catholic Youth Conferences - Ignite Conference (Ignite Youth) - in the Cathedral Precinct, Waitara from 28 September to 1 October 2023. This conference is more than just a gathering for youth. It has something for everyone. It caters for creche-aged children through to parents, teachers and parishioners. Families, high school student groups, young adults as well as priests and religious from around the country travel to Ignite Conference every year to be inspired, experience Jesus, and leave with a renewed passion for their Catholic faith. The main sessions feature live worship from Emmanuel Workshop, the powerful preaching and life-changing encounters with God. Time to book your tickets now with the half-priced Early Bird Special. Only 5 days to go until this special deal closes.

Email [evangelisation@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:evangelisation@bbcatholic.org.au) to request a 50% discount code to use when booking your ticket.

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4:30pm practice | 5:00pm Mass

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**SATURDAY 8 JULY**

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<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	
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<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		
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## Vox Populi

29 June 2023

There are always anniversaries to welcome and celebrate in our Diocese. It may be anniversaries of parishioners, even our parishes, our clergy and our schools.

This past week St John the Baptist Primary School (SJB) at Woy Woy celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary! In the 1920's Woy Woy had a small but growing population which necessitated a school.

The first classrooms were in the St John the Baptist Church and Sisters of St Joseph came daily from Kincumber to teach the children. Purpose-built classrooms and a convent for the Sisters were eventually completed. From just 50 young students the school now has more than 500 enrolled, and is lovingly nurtured by the community.

Bishop Anthony celebrated the anniversary Mass, however he was joined by two former SJB students - the Director of Vocations for the Diocese, Fr Sam French and his younger brother and seminarian Matthew French .

Two of our clergy are also approaching a milestone anniversary.

Fr Robert Borg and Fr Brian Moloney will celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood in August. Seminary classmates they were both Ordained for the Archdiocese of Sydney and were founding clergy of the Diocese of Broken Bay when it was established in 1986.

Fr Brian will be celebrating at the 5.00pm Mass on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> of August in the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, The Entrance followed by a light supper in the parish centre. Fr Robert will be celebrating at the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> of August in the Church of St Joseph, Narrabeen followed by refreshments in the parish hall.

They welcome everyone to share in this happy occasion.

In a couple of months, Saturday, 14 October, Fr Peter de Souza and his parish will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Our Lady of the Rosary, Wyoming. A Golden Jubilee or 50 years is certainly a milestone.

We also celebrate feast days throughout the year and this Thursday, 29 June, is a very special one. The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, both Apostles and martyrs of the Christian faith.

As we know St Peter was the first Pope and founder of the Roman Catholic Church and St Paul, while not having met Jesus, was responsible for much of the New Testament, spreading the teachings of Jesus and Christianity far and wide.

Both are considered cornerstones of the Church.



Inviting all pilgrims, their families,  
friends, and Community Leaders to the

## **PILGRIM BLESSING MASS**

**5pm Friday 14 July, 2023**  
**Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral**  
**Waitara**

After Mass, supper and formalities will occur in  
**The Light of Christ Centre**



With the departure date nearing, 167 pilgrims and leaders are in the final preparations for their pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal. The final gathering before departure will be the Commissioning Mass on 14 July with Bishop Anthony at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara followed by dinner and distribution of travel documents. Please join us at this Mass to pray for our pilgrims and leaders for an amazing experience and safe return.



Fresco in the Niccoline Chapel by Fra Angelico, depicting Saint Peter consecrating the Seven Deacons. Saint Stephen is shown kneeling.

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## DIACONATE INFORMATION EVENING

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35 Billyard Ave  
Wahroonga NSW 2076

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## Permanent Diaconate

Join us at Holy Name Parish Wahroonga on Wednesday, July 5th, at 7:30pm for an enlightening evening dedicated to exploring the Permanent Diaconate. This event is a fantastic opportunity to delve into the profound calling of serving as a Deacon within the Catholic Church.

During the information evening, we will have experts on hand, ready to address all your questions and provide valuable insights into the Permanent Diaconate. They will guide us through the formation process, shed light on the responsibilities of a Deacon, and share inspiring stories of those who have answered this sacred vocation.

Whether you have been contemplating the Permanent Diaconate or are simply curious to learn more, we invite you to attend and embark on a discernment journey. This evening will help you gain a deeper understanding of the role and discern whether this path is meant for you.

RSVP essential for catering purposes to [Vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au) or 0418 522 449.



This year's Tri-Diocesan social justice event is on the topic of the current Australian Catholic Bishop's statement on domestic violence: 'Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse.'

This is an annual event organised by the Diocese of Broken Bay, the Diocese of Parramatta and the Archdiocese of Sydney, with Sydney hosting the event this year as follows:

- Date: Wednesday 26 July 2023
- Time: 6:00pm - 8:30pm

Venue: Catholic Institute of Sydney, Strathfield

Presenters on the evening include the organisers of a photographic exhibition recently held on the Central Coast to draw attention to this issue, which includes Commander Sharon Marshall from the NSW Police.

For other speakers and further details, please see flyer below.

This is a free event, and includes dinner. All most welcome to be part of this important conversation. Registration is essential at: <https://tinyurl.com/2wwy3ajm>

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