



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.



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - 23 JULY 2023

Reflection

Today we hear how the Spirit of God dwells in all of us, helping us in our weakness. The first disciples had Jesus to explain the parables; we have the Spirit to enlighten us. It is the Spirit who helps us to interpret the teaching of Jesus and to be receptive to the challenges that they pose.

The presence of sinners in the kingdom of God is often a stumbling block to good people. There will be a time for separation and judgment, but the time is not now. This means that the righteous will have to live with the sinner and, even more challengingly, show them the same kind of concern that they show to others. The presence of sinners does not necessarily erode the quality of the kingdom. Rather, it provides disciples an opportunity to rise to the occasion of generosity and forgiveness.

There are two images of judgment in the readings. The one in the gospel is terrifying and decisive. The wicked are bound together into bundles and readied for burning. We must remember that this is a parable. In the first reading and in the psalm response the justice of God is said to be lenient, clement and kind. The power of God is demonstrated not in retribution but in mercy. God is said to be 'merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in kindness and fidelity', and repentance is a very real possibility. This is the image that gives us hope.

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PRAYER FOR THE THIRD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 2023

Virgin Mary, Mother of faith and hope, an example for this humanity bent by indifference, make me as willing as You to accept the will of God, to magnify and praise His Mercy. Mary, Mother of fortitude, you who knows my heart, do not allow me to become discouraged. I confidently surrender my life into your hands. Heal my wounds. May your tenderness accompany me on the way. Your presence, Mother of love, brings us to experience the joy of seeing our families united. Help me to transmit the tenderness and Love of God to the grandchildren and youth so that, in addition to praying for them, we can pray with them. Mary may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me: sustain my weakness; breathe into my heart the consolation that I may leave traces of faith among the young, bearing witness to the beauty of life, knowing that life has a limit and that beyond it lies before us our Father's embrace. Amen



Pope Francis instituted the Day in 2021 to be held on the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Jesus' grandparents, Saints Joachim and Anne. The Pope has chosen this year's theme "His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1:50), which he recalled, takes us back to the joyful meeting between Mary and her elderly relative Elizabeth (Lk1:39-56). The Holy Spirit had descended upon Elizabeth, and had earlier, descended upon Mary, prompting her to respond with the Magnificat, in which she proclaimed that the Lord's mercy is from generation to generation.

Let's join together in celebrating this special day in our community on Sunday 23rd July with MORNING TEA after

- 9.00am Mass at St Philip Neri Church Northbridge.
- 9.30am Mass at St Thomas' Church Willoughby.

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 53:6,8

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading

Wisdom 12:13.16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. (R.)

2. All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. (R.)

3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation

See Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of

heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:24-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

PRAYER FOR OUR WYD23 PILGRIMS

'The Path'

God bless the path on which you go.
God bless the earth beneath your feet.

God bless your destination.
God be a smooth way before you,
A guiding star above you,
A keen eye behind you
This day, this night, and forever.

God be with you whatever you pass.
Jesus be with you whatever you climb.
Spirit be with you wherever you stay.

God be with you at each stop and each sea,
At each lying down and each rising up,
In the trough of the waves,
on the crest of the billows
each step of the journey you take.



as found in Celtic Blessings: Prayers for Everyday Life by Ray Simpson

Baptism

We welcome into our parish faith family the newly baptised Marlow and Justin Ho. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.



You are invited to the
40th ANNIVERSARY
of PRIESTLY ORDINATION
Thanksgiving Mass
& Supper
of the
Very Rev Fr Brian Moloney
Parish Priest & Dean
Our Lady of the Rosary Parish
The Entrance
19 August 2023
5pm



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Recently Deceased: Eris McEncroe

Anniversaries: Vito Di Miscio 11 year anniversary

Sick: Bishop Peter Ingham and Julie Wong



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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

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9958 7136

St Thomas' Primary School

2 Horsley Ave, Willoughby
Principal: Enrica Bova
7256 2104

Visiting housebound



For those who are unable to join our regular masses, community gathering and other church services, due to health conditions or other reasons, we want you to know that you are not alone. Our priests and dedicated Communion ministers are available to visit your home, providing an opportunity for conversation, prayers, Holy communion. The priest will also be available to offer the Sacraments of Confession or Holy Anointing.

If you would like a visit, please contact the parish office at 9958 8846. We kindly request you to provide your name, contact information, and any specific preferences or needs you may have. Once we receive your information, we will be in touch with you to organise a suitable date and time for the visit.



The Parish LSAP group collected 5 bags of rubbish, mainly plastics and packaging on 1 July in Willoughby following the 9AM Mass. The highlight was a number of conversations with people thanking us and enquiring about where we were from and why we were doing rubbish collection. We engaged in fruitful discussion about the Parish, Pope Francis and Laudato Si. Our next pick-up day is Saturday 5 August after the 9AM Mass at St Leonard's Naremburn, starting at 9.30am and finishing by 10.30 AM. Feel free to join us. Gloves and bags supplied!

HAVE YOU CHANGED ADDRESS, EMAIL OR CREDIT CARD DETAILS?

Please let the parish know so we can update our Data System Thank you!

SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING



Father Jim McKeon, Parish Priest of Epping and Carlingford Parish, will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church Pymble on Thursday 27th July 2023. The evening commences with Mass at **6.00 PM** followed by a light meal and a short meeting. Following the meeting Father Jim will be our guest speaker. His topic will be "Safeguarding in the Catholic Church" and should not be missed. 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 if you would like to attend.

Peace

Terry 0438 887 295

Praying for a respectful discussion about the Voice Referendum

Monday 7.30PM (sharp) to 8PM St Leonard's Naremburn we are reading and reflecting in silent prayer and then praying the rosary for the intention of a respectful and informed discussion on the Voice Referendum and for the unity of our nation. Please join us.

Feast & Memorial Days JULY

Monday 24th — St Sharbel Makhluf

Tuesday 25th — St James

Wednesday 26th — Sts Joachim and Anne

Saturday 15th — Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus



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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
20 July 2023

A group of Broken Bay pilgrims will soon be experiencing a journey of a lifetime. A joyful and faith filled experience as Christ's witnesses to His mission.

The group of 169 will join thousands of others from around the world in Lisbon, Portugal, for World Youth Day in the first week of August.

Comprising students, young adults, teachers, priests, religious, seminarians, and diocesan leaders, the majority of the pilgrims depart Friday evening, 21 July, for Venice, Italy, to begin their pilgrimage through Italy.

They will be led by Bishop Anthony to the holy sites of many of our saints- to their birthplaces, cathedrals, basilicas and holy resting places. While some have been to a number of WYDs, for many it is the first time they have been overseas or to Europe.

What an experience!

At the end of the month these pilgrims will be joined by another Broken Bay group in Lisbon and the Broken Bay WYD Magnify Pilgrimage will encounter an amazing experience.

There will be times of prayer and reflection and times of music and great celebration with young people from so many and varied cultures.

The Holy Father, Pope Francis will join this unique gathering, encouraging them to see the meeting with "hope" and that they "grow and acquire values they did not have before... values that will stay for life, and with that, it will convey the message that the Church has young people's strength".

For Bishop Anthony it is also his first WYD.

"I too am very excited about being part of this journey but also excited for our young people," he said before leaving.

"Our group is incredibly enthusiastic, really filled with the Holy Spirit for what will be a life changing experience for many.

"Please pray for all of us during the coming weeks, and ask our Blessed Mother to carry each one of us in her heart and that we return safely to our loved ones."

Many communities throughout Broken Bay have come together to support, fundraise and encourage our travellers. You are all part of the journey - and all part of the storytelling.

You can now journey with our pilgrims online by following our [Hashtag Challenge here](#)

Thank you all for your prayers and support!

2023/24 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM



CONFIRMATION FROM YEAR 3 (MUST BE BAPTISED)



Registrations open now until 30th July 2023

Parent info sessions: 10th and 13th August

4 week preparation program

Celebration of Confirmation 16th September at St Thomas Willoughby
10am or 11:30am



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A limited number of 50% discount tickets left!

There are only a small number of 50% discount tickets still available. Please consider members of your community who you feel may benefit from the support of financial subsidy and invite them to reach out to Evangelisationea@bbcatholic.org.au to request a discount code.

It's now time to jump online to register your attendance at the 2023 Ignite Conference.

<https://igniteconference.com.au/>



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Pina Bernard 8379 1627 faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au



“You’re Welcome Here!” is a new workshop offered by the Parish Renewal and Discipleship Team and available to all parishes of the Diocese of Broken Bay.

Each weekend, first-time attendees come to our Masses. Their experience of welcome can be a deciding factor as to whether they will return.

This workshop looks at a wide variety of aspects of hospitality in our parishes, including:

- The theology around hospitality from our sacred Scriptures and Church tradition
- Why we need radical hospitality today – inviting people to belong can be a first step towards discipleship
- A variety of suggested initiatives around:
 - Welcome at Mass (eg greeters, welcome desk etc)
 - Welcoming at all parish events
 - Ways to help everyone see their role as welcomers
 - Ensuring we have a welcoming environment (eg foyer, signage)
 - Reviewing our website to make it welcoming to outsiders
 - Practical formation for greeters at Mass
 - A list of resources

To discuss how this workshop could be used in your community, please contact Pina Bernard, Team Leader Parish Renewal and Discipleship, on 0432 682 239 or pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au

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Annual Seminarian Benefit Dinner

Calling all #BrokenBay faithful! Come join us for an amazing evening Saturday, September 2nd 2023. Enjoy delicious food, friendly company and musical performances put on by our very own seminarians. Most importantly, support our diocese's commitment to inspiring vocations! Seats are limited. Tickets are \$60pp, all are welcome! Secure yours now at the [link](#).

Date: Saturday, September 2, 2023, at

Time: 6:30pm, after the 5pm Vigil Mass.

Venue: Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood Parish – Harrington Hall, 94 Archer Street, Chatswood 206

Tickets: \$60 per person



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>

Enquiries: Email pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au or phone 0432 682 238



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