



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.



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - 30 JULY 2023

Reflection

Two themes seem to weave through the readings for this Sunday: treasure and delight. The treasure is the extraordinary gift that comes from God; the delight is the joy that we experience when we realise that the treasure is ours. A third theme, which is found in the first reading, picks up a theme that we have considered several times during this period of Ordinary Time, namely, service of others.

The treasure is the kingdom of heaven. It is the prize that gives meaning to the present, and its fullest delight draws us into the future. The reign of God is the fulfilment of our deepest desires and our fondest hopes. Nothing in the world can compare with it, and that is why we are willing to sacrifice everything to attain it. The treasure that we find is really a gift that is given. We need not work to attain the kingdom, nor can we earn it in any way. It is given to us by God. All we have to do is accept it.

Solomon chose to be of service to others. In this he is a model for disciples to follow. We have discovered the treasure in the field; we have found the pearl of great price. What we have been given, we must now give to others. In giving we will lose nothing. In fact, we gain an abundance of blessings. All things work for good, and God is glorified in all. Such is the character of the kingdom of God.

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HOLY HOUR EVENING

Are you seeking solace in the mist of life's hustle and bustle? Yearning for serene and personal encounter with Jesus? Immerse yourself in a soulful and prayerful experience at our Holy Hour Evening

7.30pm - 8.30pm

Tuesday 08th August

St Leonard's Church

Naremburn

Join us for a cuppa from 7pm.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 67:6-7,36

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5-7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97 (R.) Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. (R.)
2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. (R.)
3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. (R.)
4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives Light and teaches the simple. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all

those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'



August

Healing Mass

Including Anointing of the Sick & Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
St Thomas' Church
4th August 9.00am mass

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.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Recently Deceased: Lucia Cappello and Biargina Boccansuso
Anniversaries: Giuseppe Parrino 6 years Anniversary and Veronica Grew
Sick: Bishop Peter Ingham, Julie Wong and Elizabeth Dunn



Feast & Memorial Days July–August



Monday 30th – St Ignatius of Loyola

Tuesday 1st – St Alphonsus Liguori

Wednesday 2nd – St Eusebius of Vercelli and St Peter Eymard

Thursday 3rd – St Dominic

Friday 4th – St John Vianney



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



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.

PASTORAL WORKS
Broken Bay

THANK YOU!

To all our parishioners and friends who have donated to the Diocese Pastoral Works Broken Bay, the pastoral charity of our Catholic community. Your kindness and generosity will make a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish and the wider community.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay also supports:

- St Lucy's School
- St Edmund's College
- Elphinstone Centre

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Pastoral Care and Hospital Chaplaincy

CatholicCare
Diocese of Broken Bay

COMBATING HOMELESSNESS TOGETHER

Please help us fundraise for CatholicCare's homelessness services across the Diocese

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Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 August.



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best they can be.

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

27 July 2023

A pilgrimage is often referred to as a journey to a special place, perhaps a religious site, to pay one's respects, fulfill a promise to yourself or someone close.

At its simplest, purest, and most ancient, pilgrimage is an unbroken journey on foot to holy places, and holy places are everywhere.

Some people will say pilgrimages are just out of date, pointless. However, a pilgrimage is not a matter of just wandering about. You are walking to somewhere special, somewhere you want to be, although not really sure of how or what you may feel and experience along the way.

A pilgrimage goes beyond the shallow and predictable waters of tourism. It dives deep into challenging moments and does not always go as expected.

A pilgrimage provides time and space to process thoughts, questions, and emotions, but it is not all about asking questions. It is often about being silent and listening to your heart.

It is a journey that helps connect with others but especially with God.

The experience of a pilgrimage may be hard to fathom in our fast-paced world and lives, but this is exactly what many of our Broken Bay students and young adults, staff and leaders, priests and religious, and seminarians are doing right now.

Bishop Anthony is guiding our WYD Magnify pilgrims through Italy, visiting holy sites of many of our saints who until now have only been stories and pages. They have seen where these holy men and women have lived, worked, and prayed.

They have seen the magnificent religious artworks of our greatest masters which changed the course of history. Experiencing a most incredible time of joy, encounter, prayers, and reflection. They are also connecting with like-minded friends and new friends. And they are very excited about meeting up with more Broken Bay pilgrims in Lisbon, Portugal, when they will be joined by Pope Francis.

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



FIRST RECONCILIATION FROM YEAR 4 – AFTER CONFIRMATION



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FROM YEAR 4 – AFTER CONFIRMATION + FIRST RECONCILIATION



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Pilgrimage Itinerary at a glance!

21-31 July *Pilgrimage through Italy*

Our WYD pilgrims commenced their pilgrimage through Italy this week, where they have visited Padua, Venice, Bologna, Florence, Siena, and Assisi. Their final stop in Italy will be Rome, ahead of the WYD Week in Lisbon.

WYD stories from the road!

To capture our amazing Diocesan community spirit, we are running a Hashtag Challenge (#BBWYDChallenge) throughout the pilgrimage dates. This is a WYD project, but not just for those travelling overseas - we want you people in Broken Bay to be part of the fun ... students, parents, loved ones, teachers, parishes, schools, religious, and clergy. Yes, ALL OF YOU!

Capturing the stories of our people is important. We invite all communities at home to journey with us through a #challenge. 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.

Please invite your family and friends to join us on the WYD journey by sharing the #hashtag challenge details with them. Visit <https://bbwyd.org.au/stories-from-the-road/> to find out how you can participate.

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/>





Diocesan fundraiser for CatholicCare to take place 5 & 6 August

In August (coinciding with Homelessness Week and Mary MacKillop Feast Day) Bishop Anthony has again asked both Catholic Schools and Parishes to fundraise to support CatholicCare's homelessness services across the Diocese. You should have your donor envelopes by now and have received an email or phone call from Nicole Anderson who works in CatholicCare's Community Outreach team. If not feel free to reach out to her by phone on 0423 079 936 or email her

nicole.anderson@catholiccaredbb.org.au. Thank you in advance for supporting this important Diocesan initiative.

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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