



# Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore

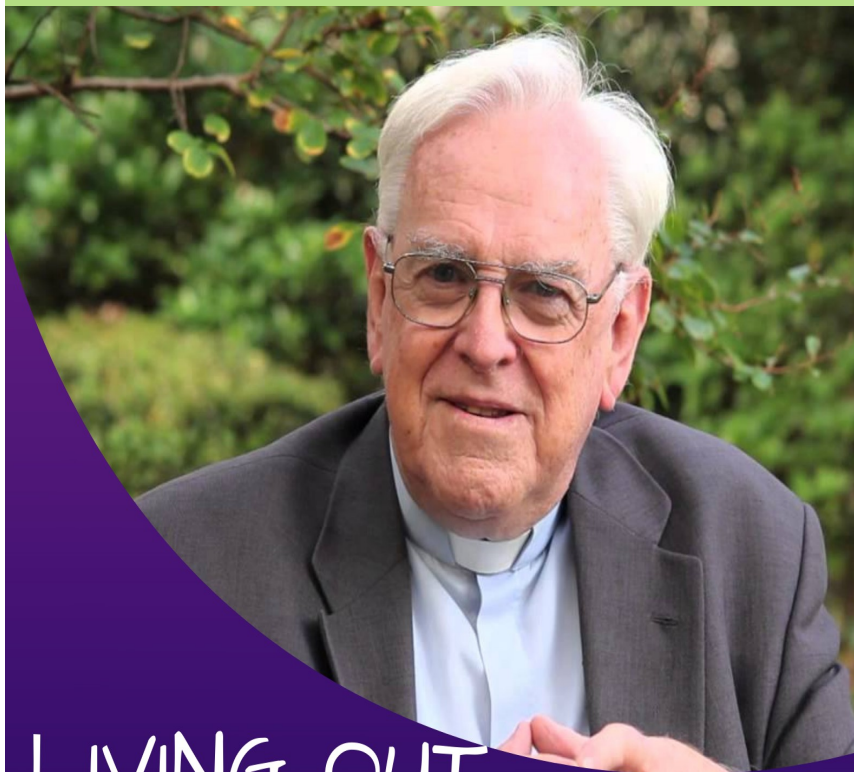
Serving the communities of

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 TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - 8 AUGUST 2023



### LIVING OUT OUR FAITH

SESSIONS WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER  
BISHOP DAVID WALKER

THE SESSIONS WILL BE HELD OVER THREE WEEKS



THURSDAY 24 & 31ST AUGUST & 7TH SEPTEMBER



9AM - MASS CELEBRATED BY BISHOP WALKER, 9.30AM - CUPPA  
10AM - FAITH SESSION



Mass at St Thomas' Church Willoughby  
followed by the faith sessions in the  
Parish Hall- Blue Room

ALL ARE WELCOME

Dear Brothers and Sisters

On this special Sunday of The Transfiguration, we commemorate an extraordinary event in the life of our Lord Jesus Christ. This event reveals the divine nature of Christ and serves as a beacon of hope and inspiration for all of us on our journey of faith. The Transfiguration of our Lord reminds us that amidst the challenges and trials of life, the glory of God's presence is always available to illumine our path. Let us open our hearts and minds to receive the profound message this occasion offers us. This Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August is the Solemnity of Saint Mary of the Cross (MacKillop), the celebration and remembrance of our first remarkable Australian saint. Saint Mary's example encourages us to embrace a life of service, standing in solidarity with those in need and striving for a more just and compassionate society. Remembered for her selflessness, resilience, and unwavering faith, which led her to establish the Sisters of Saint Joseph Congregation. On this joyful occasion, we especially congratulate the Sisters of Saint Joseph in our parish community at Naremburn on their great Feast Day, may they always seek St MacKillop's intercession and strive to follow in her footsteps of love and service. Also on the same Tuesday of 8<sup>th</sup> August, I would like to invite you all to the **Holy Hour Evening** at St Leonard's church Naremburn at 7.30pm. It would be a time of peace for those who are seeking solace in the midst of life's hustle and bustle, yearning for a serene and personal encounter with Jesus, to immerse yourself in a soulful and prayerful experience with our Lord. "Come to me and I will give you rest." (Mt 11:28-29)

Lastly, I would like to congratulate our seminarian Hien Vu, who will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons at St Leonard's Naremburn on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Please keep Hien in our prayers, may God's abundant blessings be with him as he is called to emulate the love and humility of Christ, serving the community with compassion, kindness, and selflessness.

Yours in Christ.

Fr. Vincent Trung Nguyen, Administrator

## Entrance Antiphon

Cf Matthew 17:5

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

## First Reading

Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14

A reading from the book of Daniel  
As I watched: Thrones were set in Place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal Sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9. R. vv.1. 9.

**(R.)** The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

**1.** The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, let all the coastlands be glad. Cloud and darkness are his raiment; his throne, justice and right. **(R.)**

**2.** The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth. The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. **(R.)**

**3.** For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth exalted far above all spirits. **(R.)**

## Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16-19

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

## Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 17:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light.

Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



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4:30pm practice | 5:00pm Mass

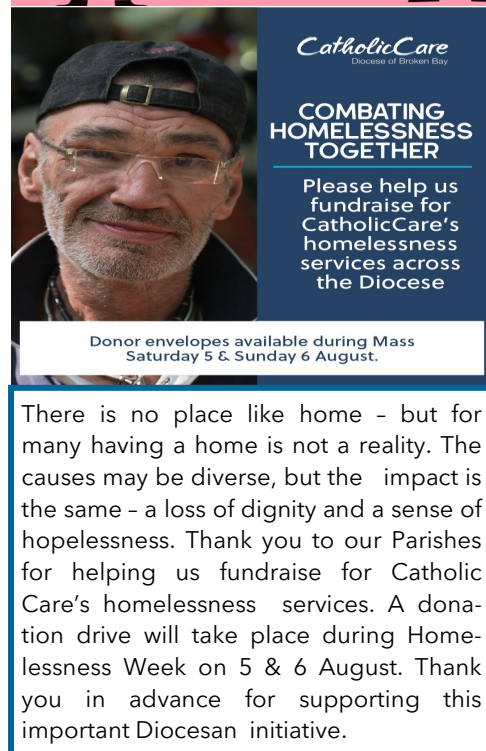
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Our next Mass is:

**Saturday 12 August**

Contact Lynda Lee with any questions.  
lynda.lee1@icloud.com



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**CatholicCare**  
Diocese of Broken Bay

**COMBATING HOMELESSNESS TOGETHER**

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

Donor envelopes available during Mass  
Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 August.

There is no place like home - but for many having a home is not a reality. The causes may be diverse, but the impact is the same - a loss of dignity and a sense of hopelessness. Thank you to our Parishes for helping us fundraise for CatholicCare's homelessness services. A donation drive will take place during Homelessness Week on 5 & 6 August. Thank you in advance for supporting this important Diocesan initiative.



**HOLY HOUR EVENING**

*Are you seeking solace in the midst 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 08<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

**St Leonard's Church**  
**Naremburn**

**Join us for a cuppa from 7pm.**





### Parish Priest

Rev Fr Jose Philip OSH  
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Naremburn

### St Philip Neri Church

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Northbridge

### St Thomas' Church

Cnr Horsley Ave & High St  
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### St Thomas' Primary School

2 Horsley Ave, Willoughby  
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The Solemnity of Saint Mary of the Cross (MacKillop) is a day of joyful celebration in the Catholic Church, honouring the life and legacy of Australia's first saint. Saint Mary MacKillop, also known as Saint Mary of the Cross, was a woman of unwavering faith, compassion, and dedication to education and social welfare. Her tireless work in establishing schools and caring for the poor and marginalized continues to inspire countless people worldwide. We remember her as a beacon of hope and a model of selfless service, encouraging us to live lives of love, courage, and solidarity with those in need.

The Masses for the Solemnity will be celebrated on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August at:

**\* St Thomas' Willoughby at 9.00am**

**\* St Leonard's Naremburn at 9.00am**

Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.

### ***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 August**

Monday 7th — St Sixtus II and St Cajetan

Tuesday 8th — St Mary of the Cross

Wednesday 9th — St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Thursday 10th — St Lawrence

Friday 11th — St Clare

Saturday 12th — St Jane Frances de Chantal



A very grateful thank you to those parishioners who donated so generously to the recent Vinnies Winter Appeal. \$11,904.10 was raised, an amount for which the local Conference is most grateful. These donations will assist numerous families in the area. Receipts have been processed and members are currently hand-delivering or posting them to donors.



### **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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### **LETS Information Night**

**Where:** St Thomas Parish Hall  
**When:** 7:30 Pm Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> August  
**R.S.V.P:** [admin@lets.net.au](mailto:admin@lets.net.au)

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It is with great delight to announce that our seminarian Hien Vu will be ordained to the Order of Deacons at St Leonard's Church on Friday the 24 November 2023 at 7.30pm. by the Most Rev Anthony Randazzo.

Please pray for Hien as he assumes this important moment in his journey towards Priesthood. Please find the Bishop full letter in the church foyer.



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**Anniversaries:** Luka Banicevic 11th year  
Anniversary

**Sick:** Bishop Peter Ingham, Julie Wong and  
Elizabeth Dunn

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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## **Vox Populi**

**02 August 2023**

Our Broken Bay pilgrims are now all in Lisbon, Portugal where they have joined hundreds of thousands of other young people from nearly 200 countries for World Youth Day '23.

On Monday the 169 students, young adults, teachers, leaders and coordinators, seminarians, priests and Bishop Anthony attended the opening WYD Mass in a huge park near the waterfront along with around 400,000 other pilgrims - and the crowds keep growing. The opening Mass was celebrated by Cardinal Manuel Clemente, the patriarch of Lisbon who wished all pilgrims a "happy and inspiring World Youth Day". Bishop Anthony was one of the 700 concelebrating bishops from around the world which he said was a spiritually powerful experience.

Prior to the Mass, most of the 3,000 pilgrims from around Australia gathered for the traditional Australian prayer, reflection and musical celebration. Broken Bay was asked to lead one of the segments with the Broken Bay pilgrimage song 'Magnify' a highlight.

However the week really moved up a notch when the Holy Father, Pope Francis flew in on Wednesday. Pope Francis met with Portugal's President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa but his first message was to all European leaders - invest in young people rather than weapons.

He said the fact that hundreds of thousands of young people have come from around the globe this week to encounter each other offers an antidote to today's societal ills.

As the Pope was driven into the city, a number of our excited pilgrims saw the official motorcade and Pope Francis who smiled and returned their waves.

Tomorrow will be the Welcome Mass with the Holy Father followed the next day with Stations of the Cross. The Vigil on Saturday with Pope Francis includes Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the pilgrim sleep-out. Organisers believe around one million people could attend the Missioning Mass on Sunday morning with Pope Francis. This marks the end of WYD23 and is when the city that will hold the next World Youth Day in three years is announced.

Following the arrival of Pope Francis in Lisbon, Bishop Anthony said the Holy Spirit is clearly alive and active in the swelling crowd of people gathering from all parts of the world.

"These next few days will engage us in catechisms, prayer, reconciliation, adoration, evangelisation, convivium, and worship," Bishop Anthony said.

"I have already been overwhelmed by our young pilgrims. Their ability and capacity to ponder life questions in the context of their faith is inspirational.

"Please continue to pray for them as we walk together this pilgrimage of faith."



## **Pilgrimage Itinerary at a glance!**

### **1-7 August WYD week Lisbon**

All BB WYD Pilgrims are together now, on their pilgrimage in Portugal, as they prepare for World Youth Day week with Pope Francis and millions of young people from around the world in Lisbon. Keep connected on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/CYBBAUS/> for highlight videos of their journey so far.

### **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.





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You are invited to:

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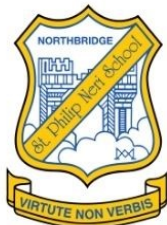
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## Diocesan fundraiser for CatholicCare to take place 5 & 6 August

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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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