



Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore



St Thomas' Willoughby



St Philip Neri Northbridge



St Leonard's Naremburn

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.

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

3rd SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Following the information provided earlier this week about the Naremburn development, I would like to remind you about a couple of important matters:

• Upcoming Parish Forum

A Parish forum is scheduled for **Wednesday, 6 September at 7.30pm** at the **St Leonard's Church Hall, Naremburn**. This will provide a further opportunity to gather once more to discern the update more fully, to share with you the latest developments and to hear from you again. Please could you RSVP your attendance either by phone by contacting **Ursula O'Hare or Dionne Soares, Parish Secretary** on **9958 8846** or by registering via Trybooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/CIWVU> or via this QR Code:



• Letters of support to Willoughby Council

To those of you who have already written to Willoughby Council in support of the proposed Metro development and the Parish's appeal against the Interim Heritage Order I extend my sincere thanks. I too will be writing to Council to voice my views about these matters of such significance to our parish community. It is my strong hope that this show of support from the community helps the Council to understand the parish sentiment about the development plans, the Interim Heritage Order and what we hope to achieve for the site.

• For those of you who have not yet been able to write, please continue to send your letters to Council. Every letter counts!

When **writing to Council**, please make clear to Council your support in appealing the Interim Heritage Order and why you are against an Interim Heritage Order being placed over the former school site. Could you also please convey your support for the proposed Metro development.

If you would like assistance as you prepare your letter, please see the **Guidelines for Parishioners and Template Letter of Support** located on the website at <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/lower-north-shore/news-events/parish-bulletins>

I thank you again for your continued support, advice and prayers for our Parish community and look forward to seeing you at the next Parish forum.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Fr Jose Philip
Parish Priest - Lower North Shore Parish

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: (Cf Psalm 85:3,5)

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading: (Jeremiah 20:7-9)

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2)

My soul is thirsting for You, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: (Romans 12:1-2)

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation: (Ephesians 1:17-18)

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Gospel: (Matthew 16:21-27)

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

LITURGY of THE WEEK

Fri 08/09 : THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A BIG HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO THE WONDERFUL



Jim Forsyth
for his dedication and inspiration to our
LNS Music Ministry for over 20 years. Jim's
last Mass will be 10th September 9.30am at
St Thomas' Church. Please join us at this
special Mass to thank Jim.

In our prayers

Anniversaries: Concetta Maria Vaccarella, David Williams, Selvam Selvakmaraswamy & Mary Odughty

Sick: Bishop Peter Ingham, Julie Wong, Elizabeth Dunn and Barbara Sunne



MEMORIAL MASS

Concetta Maria Vaccarella

1 Month Anniversary

Saturday 9th Septmber 2023

St Leonard's Church 11.00 am

HAPPY

Father's Day

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.



HOLY HOUR EVENING



You are warmly invited to join us for an hour of guided Eucharistic Adoration.

TIME

7.30pm

DATE

12 SEP

LOCATION

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Confirmation

This week our candidates for Confirmation were asked to reflect on names. Names have great significance for us. Sometimes they have a particular meaning that gives insight into the kind of person someone is. Other times names may honour a family member or even a favourite TV character! At our Confirmations we are asked to choose the name of a Saint who's life inspires us to live meaningful and Christ-like lives. It might even seem a little strange to take on a different name at your Confirmation. We know that when Abram became Abraham, when Simon became Peter and Saul became Paul, it marked a significant change, bringing each closer to God's mission. At our Confirmations, we are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and forever changed as people of God.

Please keep our children and their families in your prayers!



The Bazaar is back!

Saturday 9 September 9am-5pm

Pre-order your All Day Rides passes now for a discount, or purchase a raffle ticket at

jesuitmission.org.au/bazaar



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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

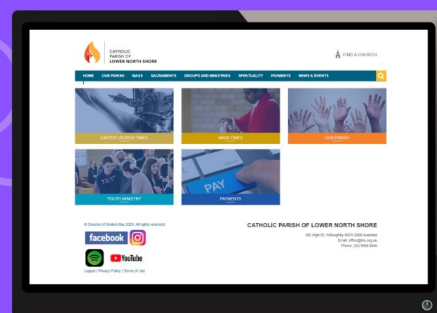


9AM - MASS CELEBRATED BY BISHOP WALKER, 9.30AM - CUPPA
10AM - FAITH SESSION



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

ALL ARE WELCOME



Are you a website designer?

The Parish is looking for a website designer from within our parish community to help refresh our website. If you can help please email or call the parish office.

office@LNS.org.au or 9958 8846

NATIONAL CHILD
PROTECTION WEEK
3 - 9 September 2023

WHERE
WE START
MATTERS

NAPCAN



NATIONAL CHILD
PROTECTION WEEK
STARTING FIRST SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER

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www.napcan.org.au

PARISH SCHEDULE

	St Thomas' Willoughby	St Leonard's Naremburn	St Philip Neri Northbridge
Weekend Masses	6.00pm Vigil Saturday 8.00am & 9.30am Sunday	10.30am Sunday 6.00pm Sunday (<i>Youth Mass</i>)	5.00pm Vigil Saturday 9.00am Sunday
Weekday Masses	9.00am: Mon – Sat	9.00am: Tue, Thu, Sat	9.15am: Mon, Wed, Fri
Adoration	Tuesday: 9.30am - 10.30am	Saturday: 9.30am - 10.00am	
Reconciliation	Saturday: 5.15pm - 5.45pm	Saturday: 9.30am - 10.00am	Saturday: 4.15pm - 5.45pm
Healing Mass	9.00am on First Friday (<i>Divine Mercy & Adoration</i>)	9.00am on 3 rd Saturday	
Baptism	9.00am 1 st Sunday 11.00am 3 rd Sunday (<i>outside Mass</i>)	10.30am on 2 nd Sunday	9.00am on 4 th Sunday
Children's Liturgy	9.30am Sunday (<i>during school term</i>)		9.00am 4 th Sunday (<i>Family Mass</i>)

Annual LETS Collection

The only LETS collection for this year will be held over the weekend of 9-10 September. Please continue to help us work beside the people of Letefoho, through LNSP LETS project! We continue to support the completion of the Eraulo chapel, due to be finished in February 2024. Sponsorship of senior high school students attending Our Lady of Mt Carmel High School, Letefoho and tertiary students attending the National University of Timor Leste (UNTL) and the Jesuit Teachers' College in Kasait remain our core projects. This year the LETS support has included some community projects: a pig farm for the Parish that will eventually grow pigs for villagers, to improve their nutritional intake and work towards self-sustainability a new more accessible water project to reduce time and improve safety of water collecting we have contributed to a large community hall which is almost completed **All donations are most gratefully received! Your donation will go, in full, to the LETS Tertiary Education Fund or one of our ongoing projects.**



Should be think about sponsoring a student next year, the fees are: Our Lady of Mt Carmel High School student for 1 year - \$245, National University of Timor Leste (UNTL) for 1 year - \$210, Jesuit Teachers' College education for 1 year - \$1400 Sincere thanks to all our past and current donors who keep this wonderful project an active part of our Parish's outreach programme. If you would like to know more about the LNSP LETS (Letefoho East Timor Support) programme, please contact our committee at admin@lets.net.au or Georgina on 0419280729

*I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something.
And I will not let what I cannot do, interfere with what I can do.*

Edward Everett Hale



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**CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF
CREATION**

'THE LETTER'

**Join us for a free screening of
Pope Francis' film, The Letter**



***7:30pm Tuesday 19th September
St Thomas' Willoughby***

**No need to book... just turn up!
Coffee & Tea and a brief discussion of the movie
to follow**



LAUDATO SI'
Action Platform



Vox Populi
30 August 2023

Young people, teachers, ministry leaders and adults of all ages are preparing to attend the exciting four-day Ignite Conference hosted in Sydney by our Diocese of Broken Bay.

With this year's theme being "Wonder", Ignite is truly a dynamic conference for everyone, from primary aged children to adults.

Between 28 September and 1 October, the Broken Bay Cathedral Precinct, Waitara will feature inspiring workshops, powerful preaching, music rallies, games, creative arts, dance, the sacraments, and opportunities to meet, mix and explore faith formation and encounters.

Parishes, schools and universities have already organised groups to attend, while many more have registered individually.

The Ignite Conference is run by Ignite Youth, a national youth ministry, and over the past 20 years it has built a reputation as a leading and powerful Catholic festival in Australia.

If you were one of the fortunate pilgrims to attend World Youth Day in Lisbon then you can now continue your faith journey in your own backyard.

However this vibrant conference is accessible to everyone.

Many families attend together, with parents joining the adult sessions while their children enjoy their own age-appropriate streams and sessions.

There will be dozens of topline presenters including Bishop Anthony and our Director for Vocations, Fr Sam French.

There is still the opportunity to register and experience the Church fully alive in faith. A conference that is innovative, passionate, authentic and animated by the Holy Spirit.

For further information visit <https://igniteconference.com.au/>



The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 SEPTEMBER

The Catholic Church celebrates the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on its traditional fixed date of September 8, nine months after the December 8 celebration of her Immaculate Conception as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne.

The circumstances of the Virgin Mary's infancy and early life are not directly recorded in the Bible, but other documents and traditions describing the circumstances of her birth are cited by some of the earliest Christian writers from the first centuries of the Church.

The "Protoevangelium of James," which was probably put into its final written form in the early second century, describes Mary's father Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Joachim was deeply grieved, along with his wife Anne, by their childlessness. "He called to mind Abraham," the early Christian writing says, "that in the last day God gave him a son Isaac."

Joachim and Anne began to devote themselves extensively and rigorously to prayer and fasting, initially wondering whether their inability to conceive a child might signify God's displeasure with them.

As it turned out, however, the couple were to be blessed even more abundantly than Abraham and Sarah, as an angel revealed to Anne when he appeared to her and prophesied that all generations would honour their future child: "The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth, and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world."

After Mary's birth, according to the Protoevangelium of James, Anne "made a sanctuary" in the infant girl's room, and "allowed nothing common or unclean" on account of the special holiness of the child. The same writing records that when she was one year old, her father "made a great feast, and invited the priests, and the scribes, and the elders, and all the people of Israel."

"And Joachim brought the child to the priests," the account continues, "and they blessed her, saying: 'O God of our fathers, bless this child, and give her an everlasting name to be named in all generations' . . . And he brought her to the chief priests, and they blessed her, saying: 'O God most high, look upon this child, and bless her with the utmost blessing, which shall be for ever.'"

The protoevangelium goes on to describe how Mary's parents, along with the temple priests, subsequently decided that she would be offered to God as a consecrated Virgin for the rest of her life, and enter a chaste marriage with the carpenter Joseph.

HOLY HOUR EVENING

You are warmly invited to join us for an hour of guided Eucharistic Adoration.

TIME

7.30pm

DATE

12 SEP

LOCATION

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**28SEP
1 OCT SYDNEY**

CATHEDRAL PRECINCT, WAITARA

Wonder



Ignite 2023 is fast approaching and now is the time to start making plans!

Have you considered volunteering and assisting to make this the best conference ever!

Opportunities exist to volunteer in either a part-time or full-time capacity. Click below to register for a volunteer role* and use one of these Coupon Codes (enter in the 'enter coupon code' box to reveal the rego option):

For Full-Time (\$100 - rostered close to entire program) - vft23

For Part-Time (\$165 - rostered about half of the sessions) - vpt23

Please note that you can choose the invoice option if payment is an issue

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW](#)

Shortly after registering and paying for your ticket, the Ignite team will send you an email to an online questionnaire enabling you to indicate the different roles you would like to serve in, and the time slots that you are available. Please note that **Mandatory Volunteer Training is on Thursday 31st August, 2023, 6pm – 9.30pm, MacKillop Centre, St Leo's College, Wahroonga (enter the college via Unwin Rd)**

Contact **Angela Harris (Ignite Volunteer Co-ordinator 2023)** if you have any questions about Volunteering for Ignite.

For more information about Ignite visit: <https://igniteconference.com.au/sydney>



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

FOR PEOPLE LIVING ON THE MARGINS

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

SO FLEE YOUTHFUL PASSIONS AND PURSUE RIGHTEOUSNESS, FAITH, LOVE, AND PEACE, ALONG WITH THOSE WHO CALL ON THE LORD FROM A PURE HEART.
2 Timothy 2:22



YOUTH RETREAT

15th-17th September 2023
Starts on Friday 5.30pm & ends on Sunday 4.00pm

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"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

SEPTEMBER 2023 PROGRAMS

1st (Friday)	1ST FRIDAY HEALING SERVICE, CHATSWOOD Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church, 94 Archer St, Chatswood NSW 2067, Tel 02 9410 9000 6:30pm - 8:30pm	
2nd (Saturday)	ONE DAY MALAYALAM RETREAT 10:00am - 2:30pm	
15th-17th (Fri-Sun)	YOUTH RETREAT (LIVE-IN) "So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart." 2 Timothy 2:22 with Fr. Roni George VC and Fr. Jubey Varghese VC Friday 5:30pm - Sunday 4.00pm BOOKING: drcretreatrego@gmail.com	
18th (Monday)	SPIRITUAL RETREAT AT ST. PATRICK WALLSEND 7:00pm - 9:00pm, 11 Macquarie St, Wallsend 2287	
19th (Tuesday)	SPIRITUAL RETREAT AT ST. LUKE'S REVESBY 7:00pm - 9:00pm, 1 Beaconsfield St, Revesby, NSW 2212	
24th (Sunday)	ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE (LAST SUNDAY RETREAT) ST VINCENT DE PAUL FEAST 9:00am - 4:00pm with Fr. Roni George VC and Fr. Jubey Varghese VC • Praise and Worship • Preaching The Word • Eucharistic Adoration • Holy Mass	
KID'S MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 5 - 8 YEARS	CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 9 - 12 YEARS	TEENAGER'S MINISTRY FOR TEENAGERS AGED BETWEEN 13 - 17 YEARS

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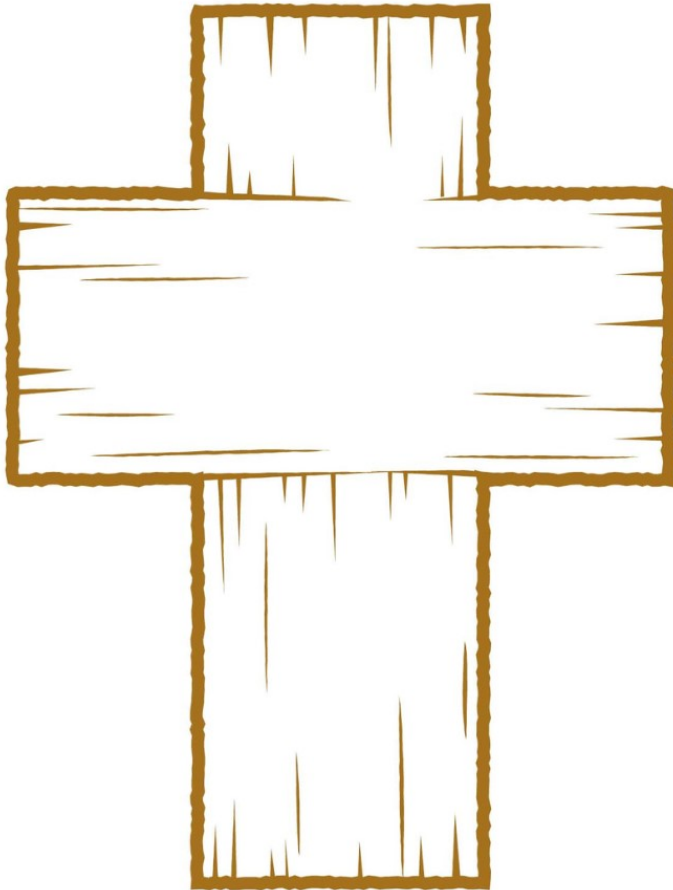


Please note: Parishioners who normally attend Mass on Saturday morning at 9am at St Thomas' Willoughby, on the date of our Confirmations, **16th September**, Mass will be half an hour earlier at 8.30am to ensure enough time between the morning Mass and the Confirmation ceremonies. Thank you for your understanding.

KIDS' BULLETIN

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Write on the cross some of the hard things you need to do if you want to follow Jesus.



COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

"If you want to be my followers you must take up your cross and follow me."

START **I** F Y O E

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Z N A L W

V T U E R

D F Y M I T X P I A B O K

G O H E B O Y S R U S T U

J L R C A T A O U M H T J

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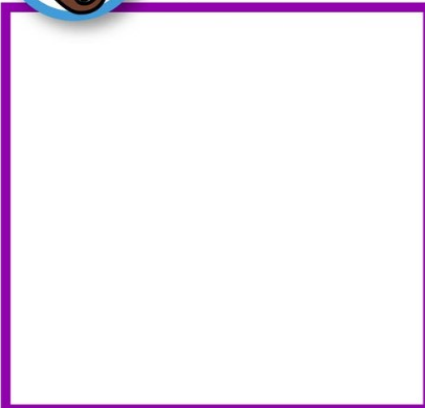
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Help Jesus tell his disciples about the coming events in Jerusalem.

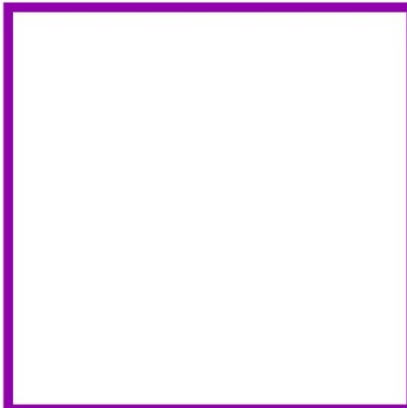


I must go to the city of Jerusalem...

...where people will make me suffer and I will be killed.



Draw Jesus entering the city on the donkey



Draw Jesus suffering on the cross



Write what Jesus tells the disciples next

Find the way through the maze. As you pass through the letters along the correct path, write them in the boxes below to discover what Jesus said to his disciples.

