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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 17th SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear Parishioners,

A big thank you to all those who have sent letters to Willoughby Council over the past weeks and who have shown their support for our parish in other ways. I too have written 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. As I have said before, 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 <u>Interim Heritage Order</u> 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 <u>https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/lower-north-shore/news-events/parish-bulletins</u>.

The Interim Heritage Order Appeal will be heard on Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 September 2023 and I will provide an update after the hearing. As mentioned at the Parish forum, the Court may not provide its decision for 3-6 weeks after the hearing, so as we wait for the outcome, I thank you again for your continued support, advice and prayers for our Parish community.

Fr Jose Philip Parish Priest

RCIA or HOW TO BECOME A CATHOLIC

Many adults are welcomed into the Catholic Church each year through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The RCIA takes place within a parish community in a relaxed and supportive environment to allow the candidate to share in the life of the Church expressed in a local faith community. It offers a way to grow in knowledge of Christ and the Catholic faith in company with others on a similar journey. The non-baptised who are suitably prepared are welcomed into the Catholic Church by the reception of the three Sacraments Initiation, namely Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. If you or someone you know would like to know more about the program please come along to our **first meeting on Tuesday 19/09/2023 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Office.**



Congratulation

Fr Jose, the assistant priests, the parish staff and all the parishioners join together in congratulating our children and

two adults who celebrated their Confirmation this weekend. May the Holy Spirit be a constant in your lives and enkindle in you the fire of His love. God bless you all!

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: (Cf Sirach 36:18)

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

First Reading: (Sirach 27:30 - 28:7)

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments. and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8)

(R) The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Second Reading: (Romans 14:7-9)

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation: (John 13:34)

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

IN OUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Vita Rossello

Anniversaries: Tanya Brookes, Barbara Smith, Vinka and Mark Lucic, Mira Krsticevic and Carol Natoli Sick: Bishop Peter Ingham, Peter Champion, Julie Wong, Elizabeth Dunn and Barbara Sunne



Baptism We welcome into our parish faith family the newly baptised

RUBY MACKENZIE DANIEL

Please keep Ariel and the family in your prayers.

Gospel: (Matthew 18:21-35)

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

LITURGY of THE WEEK

Mon 18:9	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tue 19:9	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wed 20:9	St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, MEMORIAL	
Thur 21:9	St Mathew, FEAST	
Sat 16:9	St Pius of Pietrelcina, MEMORIAL	



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 0417 077 020

Annual LETS Collection

Last weekend the Annual Collection to support our Twinned Parish, Letefoho in Timor Leste was held. Thank you to all who donated to support our projects. If you missed the collection it is not too late to donate!



We continue to support the completion of the Eraulo chapel, sponsorship of senior high school students and tertiary students and other community projects eq a new water project.

Please make your donation through one of the below methods:

1) BPoint payment option on the LNSP Website. If you go to the Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore website and open the red Payments tab, then click on the blue writing Donations and Payments then click on "1001739 LETS" from the Biller code dropdown menu you just fill in the details and pay with a credit card (<u>https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/</u><u>Inshoreparish</u>)

2) Electronic transfer to LNSP account - BSB: 062784 Acc # 100002032

Please reference your payment with "Your SURNAME LETS" 3) Cash or cheque to the Parish Office marked for LETS - Student Sponsorship with your SURNAME.

*If you would like to know more about the LNSP LETS (Letefoho East Timor Support) programme, please contact our committee at <u>admin@lets.net.au</u> or Georgina on 0419280729.

Many thanks for your support in helping us work beside the people of Letefoho, through LNSP LETS project!

Praying for a respectful discussion about the Voice <u>Referendum</u>

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.

BECOME A CATCHIST OR HELPER

If not you...then who?

If you're reading this now this might be a sign that being a Catechist or a classroom helper is one way you can live out your Baptismal call as a Christian to go and make disciples.

We currently have many vacancies at Northbridge Public school on Tuesday mornings.

	CATECHIST	HELPER	TIME
KINDERGARTEN	FILLED	FILLED	9.10 - 9.40AM
YEAR 1	FILLED	NEEDED	9.10 - 9.40AM
YEAR 2	FILLED	NEEDED	9.10 - 9.40AM
YEAR 3	NEEDED	NEEDED	10.50 – 11.20AM
YEAR 4	NEEDED	NEEDED	10.50 – 11.20AM
YEAR 5 & 6	FILLED	NEEDED	10.50 – 11.20AM

Take part in the greatest privilege you will ever have – introducing a child to God's love!

Contact our CCD Coordinator Henny ccdeLNS.org.au





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Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy

On the 13th of each month, a pilgrimage takes place at Pernrose Park to the Shrine

of Our Lady of Mercy in honour of Our Lady of Fatima. Join us for this memorable pilgrimage.

- Date: Friday, October 13th
- Cost: \$35 per person
- Bring your own Lunch; coffee and tea provided
- Comfort stops during travel
- Meeting Point: 8.30am at parish hall ground
- Travel by bus: Max 20 people; walking frames welcome

Reserve your place for this profound experience by contacting Marie Harris at 0417077020 or the Parish Office 9958 8846.



EMERGENCY APPEALS Morocco Earthquake and Libya Floods www.caritas.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 (Youth Mass)	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 (Divine Mercy & Adoration)	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 (during school term)		9.00am 4 th Sunday <i>(Family Mass)</i>	

ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL MASSES

Thursday, Friday: 1.00pm | Sunday: 4.00pm



SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Father Kelvin Lovegrove Parish Priest of Holy Name Parish Wahroonga will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church Pymble on Thursday 28th September 2023. Our recently ordained deacon, Deacon Richard Houwing will be assisting.

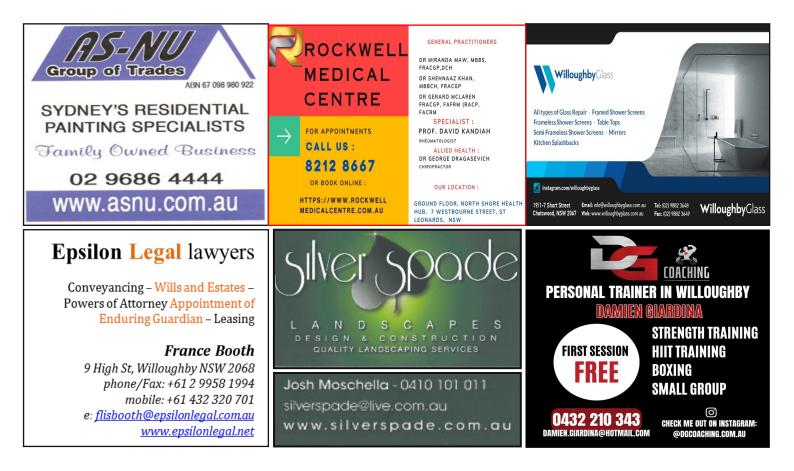
The evening commences with Mass at **6.00 PM** followed by a light meal and a short meeting.

Following the meeting Father Kelvin and Deacon Richard will be speaking to us about their vocation journey's.

Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see".

Please remember to pray <u>every day</u> 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.





Vox Populi 14 September 2023

The one symbol most identified with Jesus and His Church is the cross. On Thursday, 14 September, we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

This day actually celebrates two historical events: the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine in 320 under the temple of Venus in Jerusalem, and the dedication in 335 of the basilica and shrine built on Calvary by Constantine, which marks the site of the Crucifixion.

However the feast, more than anything else, is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: his salvific death on the Cross and His Resurrection. While a sign of suffering and human cruelty at its worst, through Christ's love shown in the Paschal Mystery, it has become the sign of triumph and victory, the sign of God, who is love itself.

We often make the Sign of the Cross over ourselves. We make it before prayer to help fix our minds and hearts on God. We make it after prayer, hoping to stay close to God. In trials and temptations, the cross is a sign of strength and protection. At Baptism we are sealed with the Sign of the Cross, signifying the fullness of redemption and that we belong to Christ. Let us look to the cross frequently, and realize that when we make the Sign of the Cross we give our entire self to God — mind, soul, heart, body, will, thoughts.

On Friday, 15 September we remember Our Lady of Sorrows which commemorates the seven great sorrows which Mary lived in relation to Her Son, as they are recorded in the Gospel: the prophecy of Simeon; the fight into Egypt; loss of the Child Jesus for three days; Mary meets Jesus on His way to Calvary; Crucifixion and death of Jesus; the body of Jesus being taken from the Cross and the burial of Jesus.



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Don't miss out on tickets!

Young people, teachers, ministry leaders, families, and adults of all ages are preparing to attend the upcoming IGNITE conference. Between 28 September and 1 October, the Broken Bay Diocese will be hosting this year's conference. This conference is for everyone! There will be many amazing presenters, including Bishop Anthony Randazzo and our Director of Vocations, Fr Sam French.

Click <u>here</u> to take a look at the many different and wide variety of workshops available at the year's conference.

With Ignite 2023 only a few weeks away, it's now time to register your attendance at the 2023 Ignite Conference. BE QUICK LATE FEES START SOON!

Young Adults Event

Join us on Friday, September 22nd for a special Holy Hour and Discernment Evening with guest speaker Fr Marek Woldan, at Holy Name Parish in Wahroonga! This is an opportunity for you to discern your call in life, so don't miss this chance to find out more information and explore your vocation. St. John Paul II said: 'Be not afraid to welcome Christ and accept his power' – come and do just that! The night will start at 6pm and will be followed by dinner – we look forward to seeing you there! #findyourcalling #discernmentnight #vocationsoffice

RSVP TODAY! To 0418 522 449 or vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au



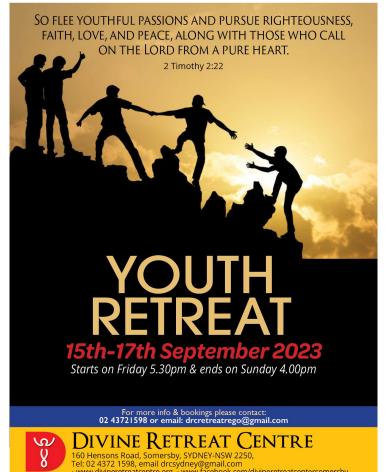
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POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER Intention for september

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.



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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
Ist 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. Juby Varghese VC Friday 5:30pm - Sunday 4.00pm BOOKING: drcretreatrego@gmail.com
I 8th (Monday) SPIRITUAL RETREAT AT ST. PATRICK WALLSEND 7:00pm - 9:00pm, 11 Macquarie St, Wallsend 2287
I 9th (Tuesday) SPIRITUAL RETREAT AT ST. LUKE'S REVESBY 7:00pm - 9:00pm, I Beaconsfield St, Revesby, NSW 2212
ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE (LAST SUNDAY RETREAT) Structure Structure 9:00am - 4:00pm with Fr. Roni George VC and Fr. Juby Varghese VC • Praise and Worship • Preaching The Word • Eucharistic Adviration • Holy Mass
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BIVINE RETREAT CENTRE 160 Hensons Road, Somersby, SYDNEY-NSW 2250, Tel: 02 4372 1598, email drcsydney@gmail.com • www.divineretreatcentre.org • www.facebook.com/divineretreatcentersomersby
The Divine Retreat Centre promotes the safety and protection of children and other vulnerable persons in its care.

CFORD PAR	THE FEAST DAY OF
60- SH	ST JOHN PAUL II
	22ND OCTOBER
INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE	EVENTS AT SHRINE
THE FEACT DAV OF	9:30AM MASS W/ BP EMERITUS MOST REV ROBERT MCGUKIN
THE FEAST DAY OF	10:45 AM ROSARY - JOYFUL MYSTERIES
	11:30AM PRAISE AND WORSHIP SESSION #1
ST JOHN PAUL II	12:00PM ANGELUS
	12:10PM ROSARY - SORROWFUL MYSTERIES
ON THE 1ST ANNIVERSARY	1:00PM REFLECTION ON ST JOHN PAUL II
OF THE GOSFORD SHRINE	2:00PM ROSARY - GLORIOUS MYSTERIES
	3:00PM DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
EVENTS OCCURRING ALL DAY 9:30AM - 6PM 22ND OCTOBER	
	4:30PM ROSARY - LUMINOUS MYSTERIES
MAIN CELEBRATION: MASS @9:30AM W/ BP EMERITUS MOST REV ROBERT M MCGUCKIN	5:00PM LITANY OF ALL SAINTS
	5:15PM PRAISE AND WORSHIP SESSION #2
MASS VENERATION OF RELICS	5:45PM LITANY OF JPII
PRAYER	6:00PM YOUTH MASS
MARKET STALLS BBO	
HOSPITALITY	BBQ HOSPITALITY LIVE MUSIC MARKET STALLS PRAYER STATIONS
Register via the QR Code MUSIC	COFFEE, TEA, REFRESHMENTS ALL DAY



Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day

On Sunday 8th October 2023 at 12:30pm At St Benedict's Catholic Parish, 2 Fagans Road, Arcadia 2159

Commences with a children's play and recital of the Rosary in 5 languages followed by a Procession, Holy Mass, and then afternoon tea and raffle.

For further information: 0438 521 421

There will be a nine-day **"NOVENA"** held at 6.25pm in St Benedict's Church, starting Fri 29th September 2023, followed by Mass at 7.00pm.