



Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore



St Thomas' Willoughby



St Philip Neri Northbridge



St Leonard's Naremburn

Twinning 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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

24th SEPTEMBER 2023



Would you give your support to build a Church?

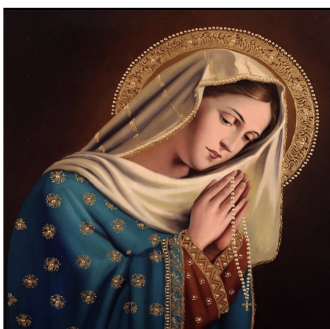
Dear Parishioners,

Since 2020, to support the missionary activities of the OSH, the diocese of Broken Bay, allowed the members of OSH to have two special appeals for our congregation from the Parishes they are serving. Due to Covid-19, we have taken only one collection in the past years. From this year onwards we plan to have two special appeals. So, the first special appeal will be held over the weekend of 30th September – 1st October. We are so grateful to you for your valuable generous support in the past years.

To fulfill the mission and charism of the Society of the Oblates of the Sacred Heart we initiated our mission ministry in the Jalandhar diocese in Chabal, this is a very remote area of Punjab, in India. There are five OSH priests currently serving in this new mission area. They visit the families in a regular manner and talk to them about God, religion and, introduce them slowly to Jesus Christ. There are more than fifteen to twenty conversions taking place every year. At present they use the facilities of classrooms and homes for prayer gatherings. So, they are in need of a church where they can come and participate in the Holy Mass, catechism and other activities of the church. At this stage they are unable to get the contributions from the locals as they themselves have hard time making their ends meet. Hence, this time the appeal is to support this mission centre to fulfill their dream to build a church to worship. We are ever grateful to you for all the generous contributions you have been making in your own ways and means. On behalf of the Society, we thank you for your generous hearts and minds.

May God bless you all.

Fr Jose Philip OSH - Parish Priest



October is The Month of the Holy Rosary

The Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary is Saturday, 7th October.

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary.

We have a special 10 day rosary celebration in our parish from 3rd Oct - 12th Oct 7pm at St Thomas' Church. Please come and join us during this 10 days of rosary prayer. We

will conclude this spiritual journey with a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our lady of Mercy at Pernrose Park on the 13th October.

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading (*Isaiah 55:6-9*)

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm (*Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18*)

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

Second Reading (*Philippians 1:20-24. 27*)

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation (*See Acts of the Apostles 16:14*)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel (*Matthew 20:1-16*)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

Refection

Our attention shifts slightly in these last Sundays of Ordinary Time. We turn from concentration on the character and responsibilities of discipleship to reflection on the import of the end of time. As we move toward the close of the liturgical year, we are invited to consider the final coming of Christ and the last judgment. The thought of judgment is enough to strike fear in the hearts of many. We sometimes experience tension between the idea of divine justice, which requires that the good be adequately rewarded and the evil be appropriately punished, and that of the mercy of God, which we hope will be generously extended to us. As seen in the readings for this Sunday, the justice of God does not conform to the standards of human justice. It is incomprehensible, because its foundation is mercy. While we might find consolation in this view of divine judgment when it is directed toward us, our hearts do not always seem to be generous enough to rejoice in the mercy extended to others. It is almost as if we feel that we have been cheated in some way, if God is merciful to others. However, divine mercy can work in us to abolish our pettiness and indignation and replace it with generosity of heart. We are called to conduct ourselves with this kind of generosity, this kind of love, this kind of mercy.

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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.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Richard Casey and Josip Protich

Anniversaries: Marija Burmas, Vjeko Silva and Bogdan Milostic.

Sick: Bishop Peter Ingham, Peter Champion, Julie Wong, Elizabeth Dunn, Barbara Sunne and Sue Patricia Brown



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.

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
ccd@LNS.org.au



LITURGY of THE WEEK

Mon 25:9	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tue 26:9	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Wed 27:9	St Vincent de Paul, MEMORIAL
Thur 28:9	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Fri 29:9	Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels FEAST
Sat 30:9	St Jerome, MEMORIAL



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 contact the Parish Office 9958 8846



Baptism

We welcome into our parish faith family the newly baptised

RUBY MACKENZIE DANIEL

Please keep Ruby and the family in your prayers.

SAVE THE DATE

HIEN VU DIACONAL ORDINATION



Hien will be ordained a Deacon on Friday the 24th

November at 7.30pm at St Leonard's Church. Please keep Hien in your prayers as he prepares for this special day.



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

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>Sacred Heart Novena & Adoration</i>)	9.00am on 3 rd Saturday	
Baptism	11.00am 2 nd Sunday 11.00am 4 th Sunday	12 noon 4 th Sunday	10.30am on 3 rd Sunday
Children's Liturgy	9.30am Sunday (<i>during school term</i>)		9.00am 4 th Sunday (<i>Family Mass</i>)

ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL MASSES

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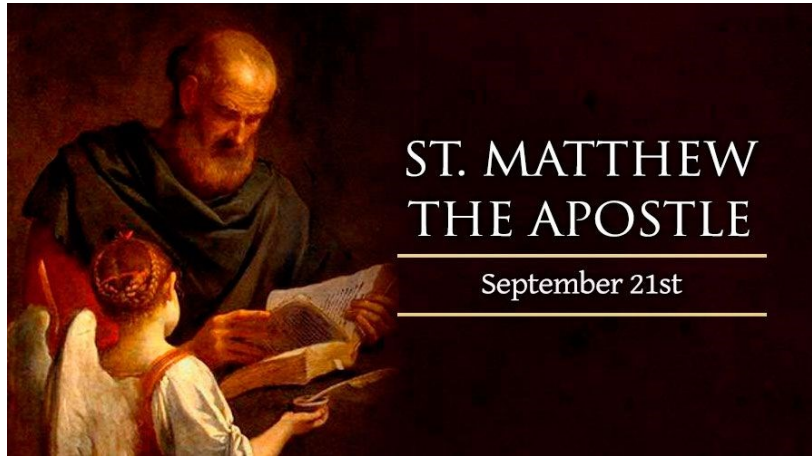
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Vox Populi

21 September 2023

Today is the feast day of St Matthew the Evangelist, one of the 12 apostles. He was a Jew who worked for the occupying Roman forces, collecting taxes from other Jews. Consequently his fellow Jews were not impressed, and lumped Matthew in with “sinners”. They were equally shocked when Jesus saw Matthew at his tax collector’s booth at Capernaum, on the Sea of Galilee, and said “Follow me”, and Matthew got up and followed Him.

Even worse at a send off or going-away dinner a number of “sinners” were present. The Pharisees questioned how could a supposedly great teacher associate with such immoral people? Jesus replied, “For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.” (Matt 9:10-13)

Matthew is the first of the three synoptic Gospels in the New Testament. Mark and Luke all have similarities in structure and wording, while the fourth, Gospel of John, covers a different time span, locates much of Jesus’ ministry in Judaea and relates long discourses on theological matters.

However Matthew does have specific differences. Scholars believe it was originally written between 42 to 50AD and in Aramaic, for a Jewish audience, with many references to the Old Testament.

Matthew begins with a detailed genealogy of Jesus, His birth (he is the only one to mention the Maji), childhood, education, and goes on to record Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection.

The major theme that Jesus Christ came to establish His kingdom on earth is reinforced when Matthew introduces Jesus as “messiah”. And he includes key central tenets of Christianity discipleship – the Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes, the Lord’s Prayer, and what Jesus called the first and greatest commandment, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.....you shall love your neighbour as yourself.” (Matt 22:34-40)

We can learn much from St Matthew on Jesus’ teachings, especially during times of dissent, notably His teachings of love, forgiveness, the importance of serving others, and the call to be compassionate and merciful.

One of the goals of the parish's Laudato Si' Action Platform group is to support the Uluru Statement from the Heart, in accordance with our Australian Bishops' Conference. In that spirit, we present the following extract from the Bishops' 2023 Social Justice Statement.

The Voice referendum in late 2023 will be a significant moment in the struggle for justice by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The Voice is one of three recommendations of the Uluru Statement from the Heart. The Statement was issued at the end of a National Constitutional Convention with the endorsement of an overwhelming majority of more than 250 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders.

The Convention was the high point of extensive dialogue with a large number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in 13 regional dialogues across the country. This process was designed and led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

No one should dismiss the recommendations of the Uluru Statement from the Heart lightly. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who designed and led the process, who participated in the dialogues and the Convention and the many who support its recommendations, especially the Voice, deserve great respect and a serious consideration of their proposals and their reasons for it.

Some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples oppose the Voice and the referendum. They propose a different way forward. They and their position deserve respect, too. Many well-known Australians, including prominent Catholics, have voiced their support for the referendum. Some have also opposed it publicly. Many Catholic organisations support the referendum.

NATSICC (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council) has expressed its support and has developed a website to provide Catholics with a source of information on the referendum. A wide range of business, sporting, faith and community organisations have added their voices to those supporting the referendum.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will not tell Catholics or their fellow Australians how to vote in the referendum. Instead, **we ask all Australians to seek out information on the referendum proposal**, especially from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We encourage you to participate in opportunities for dialogue about the referendum with respect for different views.

Those who propose the referendum do not seek to divide our country, and none of us should accept divisive behaviour during the referendum campaign. Weigh up all the arguments and information carefully and make a choice which you think respects the hopes and aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Choose the option which you believe offers the best chance of healing and justice for the First Peoples of our land.



Don't miss out on tickets!

If you missed the deadline, it's not too late to register for the Ignite Conference. Take a look [here](#) at the many different and wide variety of workshops available at this year's conference.

For more information about Ignite visit: <https://igniteconference.com.au/sydney>
Only days left to register!

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

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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.

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
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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	
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THE FEAST DAY OF ST JOHN PAUL II

22ND OCTOBER

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9:30AM | MASS W/ BP EMERITUS MOST REV ROBERT MCGUCKIN

10:45 AM | ROSARY - JOYFUL MYSTERIES

11:30AM | PRAISE AND WORSHIP SESSION #1

12:00PM | ANGELUS

12:10PM | ROSARY - SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

1:00PM | REFLECTION ON ST JOHN PAUL II

2:00PM | ROSARY - GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

3:00PM | DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

3:30PM | STATIONS OF THE CROSS

4:30PM | ROSARY - LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

5:00PM | LITANY OF ALL SAINTS

5:15PM | PRAISE AND WORSHIP SESSION #2

5:45PM | LITANY OF JP II

6:00PM | YOUTH MASS

AFTER MASS 10:30AM-12PM

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On Sunday 8th October 2023 at 12:30pm

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*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.