



# 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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## 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

2023

### Pastoral Discernment Process Update

Dear Parishioners,

I'd like to take this opportunity to update you on our parish's Pastoral Discernment Process, which began early this year. You might remember that several consultation sessions were held across our three parish communities, and lots of feedback was collected from parishioners about the life of our parish.

This information has since been used to prepare a draft Parish Pastoral Plan, and in recent weeks this document has been undergoing a process of review by our newly formed Parish Missionary Council.

At our last PMC meeting, we discussed a new Vision statement for our parish. The preferred version, ***To know and love God, and be Christ to one another***, will feature in our pastoral plan when it is released in the near future.

You may also be interested to hear that some of the pastoral priorities that will appear in our new plan include providing new opportunities for faith formation, encouraging our three communities to be more welcoming and inclusive, facilitating a closer engagement with our parish schools, ensuring clearer communications, and striving for truly beautiful liturgical celebrations. I expect this plan to be finalised shortly, and look forward to sharing it with you all.

### We welcome our Parish Missionary Council Members

**President-** Marko Komadina **Members-** Marie Harris, Martin Crumpton, Georgina Wright, Lynda Lee, Georgina Loughnan, Bernard Ryan, Adeline Kassis, St Thomas' School principal-Enrica Bova & St Philip Neri School principal- Liz Calabria.

### Naremburn Project Update

You will be aware that the Interim Heritage Order Appeal hearing was scheduled to take place earlier this week on Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 September 2023. Most regrettably on the weekend of 23 September, immediately prior to the hearing, the Barrister who was to appear at the hearing for the Parish was hospitalised with a very serious condition. As a result, the hearing had to be postponed as there was simply not time for any alternative arrangements to be made. This was very unfortunate given all the preparations and our prayers are with our Barrister, whom I can report is recovering well in hospital. A new date for the hearing was determined by the Parish's solicitors on Thursday. The new court hearing dates are now scheduled to take place on **24 and 26 October**.

Thank you for your ongoing support, advice and prayers as our journey continues.

**Fr Jose Philip OSH**

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### **Entrance Antiphon** (Daniel 3:31,29,30,43,42)

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

### **First Reading** (Ezekiel 18:25-28)

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

### **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6)

**(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

### **Second Reading** (Philippians 2:1-5)

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no com-

petition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

### **Gospel Acclamation** (John 10:27)

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel** (Matthew 21:28-32)

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

### IN OUR PRAYERS

**Recently Deceased:** Salem Semann

**Anniversaries:** Gavin Larkin

**Sick:** Bishop Peter Ingham, Peter

Champion, Julie Wong, Elizabeth Dunn,

Barbara Sunne, Sue Brown and Anne-Maree Nevil



### LITURGY of THE WEEK

Mon 02:10 The Holy Guardian Angels, MEMORIAL

Wed 04:10 St Francis Assisi, MEMORIAL

Sat 07:10 Our Lady of the Rosary, MEMORIAL

## HEALING MASS

*Including Anointing of the Sick and  
Novena to the Sacred Heart*

**October**

- 9.00 am on Friday 6th October
- St. Thomas' Church



### Baptism

We welcome into our parish faith family  
the newly baptised

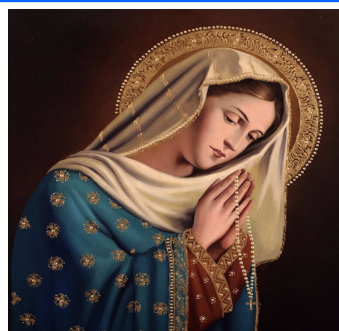
**COOPER BRIAN MAURICE BRUCE**

Please keep Cooper and the family in your prayers.

### OSH Special Appeal

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. **There are envelopes located in the church pews for you to use this weekend.**

**Fr Jose Philip OSH**



## 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. The Holy Rosary is an enormous source of grace and spiritual protection, and one of the most powerful sacramentals of the Catholic Church.

Sister Lucia dos Santos, one of the children to whom Our Lady appeared at Fatima, once said:

**"There is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families...that cannot be solved by the Rosary."**

We have a special 10 days 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. For those that can make it, we will conclude this spiritual journey with a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our lady of Mercy at Pernrose Park on the 13th October.



## Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy

On the 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>
- 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.

## 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  
ccde@LNS.org.au



## Latest from Letefoho

Do you have accounting skills? Would you be willing to assist LETS in a voluntary manner, with the keeping of their financial records? This would require 1- 2 hours per month, after an initial review of the current records. You would be in contact with our Parish bookkeeper on a regular basis, but there would be no actual money management involved.

If you are interested in this role, please contact Lorna at [admin@lets.net.au](mailto:admin@lets.net.au) or Georgina at [gcm.lough@gmail.com](mailto:gcm.lough@gmail.com) or on 0419280729



## Our wonderful Fr Vincent Nguyen will celebrate his 10 year Ordination Anniversary this October.

Please join the parish in congratulating Fr Vincent with a special Mass.

This will be held on

Sunday 29th October

10.30am Mass at St Leonards Church,

Naremburn

Morning tea will be served after Mass.



## PARISH SCHEDULE

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

### ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL MASSES

Thursday, Friday: 1.00pm | Sunday: 4.00pm

The World Community for Christian Meditation (NSW) presents:

#### ‘Introduction to Meditation’

An introduction to the contemplative practice of silent meditation in the Christian Tradition.

Each 1-hour session covers the same content. Choose 1 of the three options all held on Monday 27th November:

- 9:15am at the Blue Room cnr. of High Street & Horsley Avenue
- 4:30pm at the Parish Office on 182 High Street
- 6:30pm at the Blue Room cnr. of High Street & Horsley Avenue

RSVP via email [maximoc@gmail.com](mailto:maximoc@gmail.com)



# Taize

Come and try!

**Thursday Oct 26, 2023**

Simple meditative worship

Looking for some peace and stillness?

**Candlelight, song, prayer, silence.**

Please join with us for this beautiful, quiet time of spiritual nourishment, no preaching.

**From 6.30pm:** A delicious Supper, drinks and hospitality

**7.30pm:** Service Commences in the Church

Everyone is most welcome

**Venue: St Philip Neri Church and Hall, Northbridge**

**Hosted by St Philip Neri Catholic Community.**



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OF THE GOSFORD SHRINE

EVENTS OCCURRING ALL DAY  
9:30AM - 6PM

22ND OCTOBER

MAIN CELEBRATION: MASS @9:30AM W/  
BP EMERITUS MOST REV ROBERT M MCGUCKIN



Register via the QR Code

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## THE FEAST DAY OF ST JOHN PAUL II

22ND OCTOBER

### EVENTS AT SHRINE

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

BBQ | HOSPITALITY | LIVE MUSIC | MARKET STALLS |  
PRAYER STATIONS

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.