



# Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore



St Thomas' Willoughby



St Philip Neri Northbridge



St Leonard's Naremburn

**MISSION**—'Together, in Christ's love, for others' **VISION**—'To know and love God, and to be Christ to one another'

*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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## 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

8th OCTOBER 2023



# WYD THANK YOU NIGHT

Supper and Reflections

We are excited to invite you to an evening of gratitude and sharing as we express our heartfelt thanks for the incredible support and generosity that made our recent World Youth Day pilgrimage possible. Your prayers, encouragement, and donations have played a significant role in allowing us to embark on this life-changing journey. This night is just a small way to say thank you to the community!



Date/Time: Saturday 28 October  
after the 6pm Mass

Location: St Thomas' Church

God Bless,  
The Lower North Shore WYD Pilgrims:  
Adeline, Frances, Clara, Maria and Aaron

WYD strengthened our faith and enriched our lives. We warmly welcome all members of our parish community to attend, whether you supported our pilgrimage financially, through prayer, or simply wish to hear all about our experiences. Your presence will make this night even more meaningful. We look forward to seeing you there!

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### **Entrance Antiphon** (Cf Esther 4:17)

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

### **First Reading** (Isaiah 5:1-7)

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

### **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7)

**(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.**

### **Second Reading** (Philippians 4:6-9)

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love

and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

### **Gospel Acclamation** (John 15:15)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

### **Gospel** (Matthew 21:33-43)

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'



PLEASE JOIN THE PARISH TO CELEBRATE TWO SPECIAL PRESTHOOD ANNIVERSARIES

FR VINCENT NGUYEN'S 10TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY  
AND  
FR REX CURRY'S 50TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER 10.30AM MASS AT  
ST LEONARDS CHURCH NAREMBURN

MORNING TEA WILL BE SERVED AFTER MASS

### LITURGY of THE WEEK

#### 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mon 9th St Denis and St John Leonardi

Wed 11th St John XXIII

Sat 14th St Callistus I

### IN OUR PRAYERS

**Recently Deceased:** Ante Zuvela

**Anniversaries:** Eve Cox, George and Roma Scarf

**Sick:** Bishop Peter Ingham, Peter Champion, Julie Wong, Anne-Maree Nevil and Nicole Eve Van de Gard.



### 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



## 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 Penrose 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 Penrose 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

Please CONFIRM your spot on this experience by contacting Marie Harris at 0417077020 or the Parish Office 9958 8846.



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

### TIME

**7.30 pm**

### DATE

**10 OCT**

### LOCATION

**ST LEONARDS NAREMBURN**

**ARRIVE FROM 7PM FOR A CUPPA**

Discover Peace in His Presence  
Uplifting Melodies that Stir the Soul  
A Moment for Your Innermost Prayers  
Escape and Encounter



Please Keep the Year 12 students in your thoughts and prayers as they will star their HSC exams next week. Our hope and prayer is for all of their efforts to be richly rewarded in producing their best over the coming weeks.

God we ask that our students feel your closeness during the HSC exam period. Give them calm hearts and quiet confidence in the knowledge that you hold them in the palm of your hand. Bless them with keen understanding and retentive memory. Give them the ability to grasp things correctly, be exact in their explanations and an ability to express themselves clearly. Point out clearly the beginning, direct their progress and help them in the completion of each of their responses. Holy Spirit send them your gifts of wisdom and knowledge. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen



A celebration for the Feast of the Assumption is being held on the 12th November at 1pm St Leonard's Church, Naremburn

This special Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo and will include a Procession.

After the Procession there will be refreshments served in the hall where there will be some great prizes to be won.

All are welcome

## 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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INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE

# THE FEAST DAY OF ST JOHN PAUL II

ON THE 1ST ANNIVERSARY  
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

MASS  
VENERATION OF RELICS  
PRAYER  
MARKET STALLS  
BBQ  
HOSPITALITY  
MUSIC

## THE FEAST DAY OF ST JOHN PAUL II

22ND OCTOBER

### EVENTS AT SHRINE

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

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.