



# 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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## 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

15th OCTOBER 2023



## REFLECTION

As incredible as it may seem, some people turn down the invitation to the eschatological banquet. This is the case, both in the parable and in our world today. This invitation seems much less interesting than a sports event, the latest movie, or some social affair. So much of our time and energy is spent either climbing the economic ladder or just trying to keep our heads above water. Even if we are interested in the banquet, we do not seem able to afford the time and energy that it might require. And so we send our regrets: I cannot come. What a shame! We seem to have forgotten that everything is tending toward the end; all of our plans, interests and distractions will cease. Only the banquet will remain. All God asks of us is that we receive the blessings that have been prepared for us. We need not work for them. In fact, we cannot work for them on our own. All we can do is enjoy them. Enjoyment of the eschatological time of fulfilment is open to all, but guaranteed to none.

One theme seems to connect all of the readings for this Sunday, our total dependence on God. God spreads the banquet table and invites the guests; God punishes those who are indifferent to or antagonistic toward the eschatological banquet; God supplies whatever we need in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. We do not have to bargain with God, or make reservations. All we have to do is accept what God has to offer.

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# All Souls Day

Please join us for our Parish All Souls Day Mass celebrations on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

St Thomas' Church Willoughby - 9am

St Leonard's Church Naremburn - 9am

St Philip Neri Church Northbridge - 9.15am

## SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE MASS

St Thomas' Church - 7.30pm



## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### Entrance Antiphon (Psalm 129:3-4)

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

### First Reading (Isaiah 25:6-10)

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

### Responsorial Psalm (Ps 22. R. v.6)

**(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

### Second Reading (Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20)

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as

only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Gospel Acclamation (See Ephesians 1:17-18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

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.

Alleluia!

### Gospel (Matthew 22:1-14)

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.'



This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

**The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.**

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor), or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

**Recently Deceased:** Brian Clemison, Gary Hooper, Maxine Wade and Ante Zuvela,

**Anniversaries:** Petar Pavisic and Guiseppa Bellia

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



## Baptism

We welcome into our parish faith family the newly baptised

Ashton Ma,  
Paige and Maddison Dolling,  
Grace Chase,  
Emilia Theodorus  
James and Robert Temple,  
William Carman  
Darcy Chambers

Please keep them in your prayers.





# 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!

Come and try! **Thursday Oct 26, 2023**



# Taíze

## Simple meditative worship

Searching for some inner peace and hope amidst our war-torn world?

## Candlelight, song, prayer, silence.

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

**From 6:30pm:** A delicious supper, drinks and hospitality

**7:15pm:** Service commences in Church. (40 mins.)

**Venue:** St Philip Neri Church and Hall  
224 Sailors Bay Road, Northbridge

*Hosted by St Philip Neri Catholic Community,  
for the Northbridge Combined Christian Churches (NCCC)*

- St Marks Anglican Church, Northbridge
- Willoughby – Northbridge Uniting Church
- Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore

## Defibrillator

You may have noticed at the back of St Thomas' Church and St Philip Neri Church that we now have a portable defibrillator installed for emergencies. We thank our local Member of Parliament Tim James for his assistance.

The defibrillator is a device that sends an electric shock to restart the heart in the event of a heart attack. An instructional video is available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6erevVXO-gY>

Our defibrillator uses voice prompts to guide you should you ever need to use it.



## 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

*Please join together to celebrate*

**TWO SPECIAL PRIESTHOOD ANNIVERSARIES**

**FR. REX CURRY'S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**FR. VINCENT NGUYEN'S 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**10.30AM SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER MASS  
AT ST LEONARD'S CHURCH, NAREMBURN**

MORNING TEA WILL BE SERVED  
AFTER MASS



## Maria S.S. Assunta

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**



### **SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING**

Father Roger Delmonte, Assistant Priest at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Parish Waitara will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church Pymble on Thursday 26th October 2023.

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

Following the meeting Father Roger will be speaking to us about his recent Marian Pilgrimage and his attendance at World Youth Day in Lisbon.

Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see".

Please remember to pray every day 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](mailto:terry_scanlan@bigpond.com) if you would like to attend.

### **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 Willoughby
- 6:30pm at the Blue Room cnr. of High Street & Horsley Avenue

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## **Vox Populi** **11 October 2023**

The reports unfolding this week in the Middle East following the unprecedented attacks and responses are shocking and distressing.

In a region that has known conflict for many decades, this week has sadly carved another date into its bloody history.

The violent attacks by Hamas militants against Israeli civilians - children, the young and elderly, families – and the abductions and hostage-taking demonstrate disregard for human life and dignity.

As a result many Palestinian families are now suffering and grieving loss of loved ones following the terrorist-inflicted conflict which began at a music festival during a Jewish holy day.

All people of faith and goodwill must be devastated by this escalation of terror and war and be asking what does real peace look like for everyone, and how can we get there?

Speaking from Rome this week Bishop Anthony Randazzo said terrorism and war do not lead to resolutions, only to further anguish, death and suffering.

“I will continue to pray for peace and that we do not see the potential incalculable consequences for the whole region,” Bishop Anthony said.

Our prayers can have a powerful impact, especially during this month of October which is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

Pray to Our Lady for an end to the devastating loss of civilian lives, the release of hostages and for renewed peacebuilding efforts.

### **News from the Synod, Rome:**

The XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome is reaching its halfway point.

The overall theme is “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission.” During the first week, around 460 participants met in small groups to discuss the first part of *Instrumentum Laboris*, the document guiding discussions during the monthlong assembly.

These discussions centred on “For a Synodal Church: An Integral Experience” and the experience of the people of God journeying together over the last two years.

This second week the gathering switched from small groups to a plenary assembly with the theme “A communion that radiates”.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo was also elected this week to the synod’s Information Commission.

For your interest these two links provide a background to the Synod from EWTN [A Look at the First Week of the Synod on Synodality | EWTN News In Depth October 6, 2023 - YouTube](#)

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LITURGY OF LAMENT

# Shining THE LIGHT

*Presider:*  
Very Rev Dr David Ranson  
Vicar General

4.30pm Thursday 12 October 2023  
Our Lady of The Rosary, Cathedral

23 Yardley Ave  
Waitara



Conference 2023

# Alive in the Spirit

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Wednesday 25 October 2023

10am - 4pm

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22ND OCTOBER

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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 |  
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## 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.