



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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Principal: Liz Calabria

MISSION - "Together, in Christ's love, for others"

VISION - "To know and love God, and to be Christ to one another"

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

29TH OCTOBER 2023



Dear Parishioners,

In our bulletin You will see our Mission Statement **"Together, in Christ's Love for others"**. As a faith community, we embrace the profound truth that Together in Christ, we are called to love others. This love isn't just a feeling, but a commitment to be Christ's hands and heart in the world. This Sunday's gospel reminds us in Matthew 22:37-40, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." It is clear from this teaching that our love for God and our love for others are inseparable. In fact, they are so interconnected that they are like the two wings of a bird, working in harmony to allow us to soar higher in our faith journey. In our world today, where division and hatred often seem to dominate, our call to "Together in Christ love for others" is a beacon of light. It is a testament to the transformative power of Christ's love in our lives. When we love our neighbours as ourselves, we become instruments of healing, unity, and peace. Let us remember that we are not alone in this endeavour. We are "Together in Christ." As a community, we can support and encourage each other to live out this commandment. Let us pray for the guidance and strength of the Holy Spirit to help us love God and love our neighbour more fully. Our love can bring light to the darkest corners, hope to the most troubled hearts, and healing to the broken. It is our love that defines us as followers of Christ. Let's stand together, in unity and love, to make a difference in our community and beyond. Your love is a powerful force for good, so let it shine, let it guide, and let it inspire.

I would like to congratulate Fr Vincent and Fr Rex for their priesthood anniversary, your dedication to serving God and the church is inspiring. May your anniversary be joyful and may you continue your sacred mission with renewed strength. God Bless you!

We also welcome our new interim principal for St Philip Neri, Liz Calabria, who will be serving in this capacity until the end of the current term. We look forward for her leadership and contribution to our school community.

Our Annual Finance Report for 2022/23 is available for you to read. Copies have been made and placed in the foyer of each Church.

I would also like to thank you all for your generosity in giving to the OHS appeal. 8,000 was raised to help build the New Church. **Thank You!**

Fr Jose Philip Parish Priest

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon (Cf Psalm 104:3-4)

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

First Reading (Exodus 22:20-26)

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."'

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2)

(R.) **I love you, Lord, my strength.**

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 1:5-10)

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of

the great opposition all round you.

This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation (John 14:23)

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 22:34-40)

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

IN OUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Juan Lira and Margaret Jones

Anniversaries: Nikola Basic, Basic Franku Marja, Max Pap and Grgur Cetinic

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



LITURGY of THE WEEK

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mon 30th Weekday, Ordinary Time

Tue 31st Weekday, Ordinary Time

Wed 1st All Saints Solemnity

Thurs 2nd All souls' Day Solemnity

Fri 27th Weekday, Ordinary time

Sat 28th St Charles Borromeo Memorial

As we enter the month of November, a time of reflection and remembrance, we invite you to participate in our Mass offerings for the month. November is traditionally a month dedicated to the Holy Souls, a time when we remember and pray for our departed loved ones and all the faithful departed. Throughout the month, we will be offering Masses for the intentions of our parishioners. It is a beautiful opportunity to remember and Honour those who have gone before us, and to seek God's grace and mercy for their souls. If you would like to request a Mass intention for your loved ones, please take & complete a November Mass Offering envelope and place it in the collection plate or please contact our parish office and provide the names of the individuals you would like to have remembered during these special Masses. All of our Priests will offer Mass for the departed souls in the month of November. In addition to Mass intentions, we also encourage you to visit the cemetery, light a candle, or create a special prayer space in your home to remember and pray for your loved ones. May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Please Join us for our Special Parish Remembrance Mass held on All Souls Day Thursday 2nd November 7.30pm at St Thomas' Church.

All Souls Day

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

St Thomas' Church Willoughby - 9am

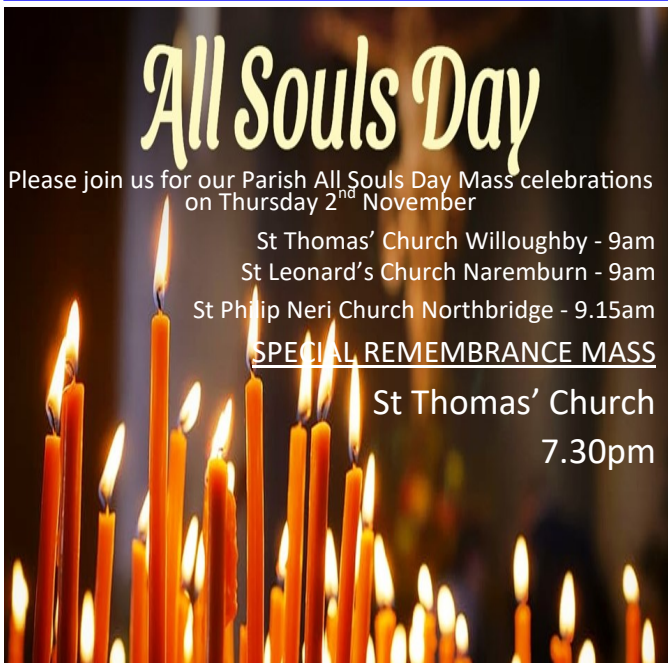
St Leonard's Church Naremburn - 9am

St Philip Neri Church Northbridge - 9.15am

SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE MASS

St Thomas' Church

7.30pm





PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

Hien Vu's

Diaconal Ordination

FRIDAY 24.11.2023

7.30PM - MASS

ST LEONARDS CHURCH, NAREMBURN
FOLLOWED BY SUPPER IN THE HALL
RSVP FOR CATERING PURPOSES

Hien Vu's Diaconal Ordination
RSVP



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

please note

St Leonard's Feast Day Celebrations

The Feast of our Patron Saint for St Leonards Church will be celebrated on the 26th November at the 10.30am, we previously announced this to be celebrated on the 6th November, however the correct day is the 26th November.



St Leonard of Port Maurice

St. Leonard's Feast Day is celebrated on November 26th each year. He lived between the years of 1676 and 1751.

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

RSVP via email maximoc@gmail.com



We are committed to the
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Rosary

Please join us for the Rosary every Wednesday at St Thomas' Church 7pm

Leonard's surname is derived from his birthplace on the Gulf of Genoa. After completing his education in Rome, he joined the Franciscans of the Strictest Observance, and was ordained to the priesthood. Severe gastric haemorrhages kept him an invalid for four years, but he was restored to complete health when he vowed to devote his entire life to the conversion of sinners. For 44 years he gave popular missions throughout central and southern Italy, preaching to thousands in the open squares. His success was phenomenal, not only in converting hardened sinners and completely reconciling long standing feuds and violent enmities, but in rekindling the religious zeal of the entire population.

He promoted devotions to the Immaculate Conception of Mary, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, veneration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and particularly the Stations of the Cross, of which he erected 571 in Italy, including a set in the Roman Coliseum.

Once, when he gave a two-week mission in the Piazza Navona in Rome, the Pope and the college of Cardinals attended. St. Leonard has left numerous ascetical and devotional works for the guidance of missionaries and laymen alike, which fill 13 volumes and have been repeatedly translated and republished.



November

EVENTS
2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
STT- St Thomas' Church SPN- St Philip Neri Church STL- St Leonard's Church			1 Rosary STT 7pm	2 All Souls Day Masses all churches morning 7.30pm St Thomas	3 Healing Mass Anointing STT 9am	4
5 Youth Mass STL 6pm	6	7	8 Rosary STT 7pm	9	10	11
12 Maria SS Assunta STL 1pm Family Mass STT 9.30am	13	14 Holy Hour Adoration STL 7.30pm	15 Rosary STT 7pm	16	17	18 Healing Mass Anointing STL 9am
19 Youth Mass STL 6pm	20	21	22 Rosary STT 7pm	23	24 Hien's Ordination St Leonards 7.30pm	25
26 Family Mass SPN 9am Feast of St Leonard STL 10:30am	27	28	29 Rosary STT 7pm	30		

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 (outside Mass)	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 (Family Mass)

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Vox Populi 19 October 2023

Another very busy schedule at the Synod on Synodality at the Vatican this week. Discussions included the possibility of revising canon law and addressing equality for women in the Church.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo was asked to join a Holy See press briefing in which he clarified the distinction between the “procedural or situational canon law.”

“It’s one very large, ongoing process,” he said. “The law itself of course can change with the needs of the Church... [procedural] law can be adapted according to the needs of particular communities and situations and circumstances. Other laws are more deeply rooted in the Second Vatican Council and Sacred Scripture.”

“So it is not just a matter of changing them to accommodate the changing circumstances of the world,” he said. “We have to first ask what was in the mind of the legislator, what was the mind of the council, what were the theological, spiritual, pastoral fruits that led to those being prepared, not just in the 1960s but over the last 2000 years of the community of the Church.”

Prof Reneé Köhler-Ryan, Dean of Philosophy and Theology at the University of Notre Dame Australia and one of the lay women delegates at the Synod, also took part in the same press briefing.

After being asked about whether Synod participants have addressed equality for women in the Church, she commented that she doesn’t focus on the fact that she’s not a priest.

Dr Kohler-Ryan also added there is currently a lot of focus on women’s ordination.

“What happens when we place too much emphasis on this question is we forget about what women need throughout the world,” she said.

“We could be making sure that professional women are not forced to choose between having families and being out there in the workforce; we could be doing more to make sure that families are supported in all kinds of way.”

In his role of president of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania, Bishop Anthony also spoke about digital evangelization and how that affects different cultures.

“When we talk about the synodal way of walking together, we really should be talking about how we might swim or boat together,” he joked. “There are people in the Church and communities of Oceania who are vast distances away from anyone else, and they live in deep isolation and so communication can be a real challenge.”

“This raises for us even deeper questions with regards to the way we speak, the way we act, the way we involve various people in the community of the Church and in the society in which we live,” he said.

One of the wonderful experiences for me here is sitting at a table with people who come from all over the world, who are not just from Europe, who don’t come from traditional European communities of the Church.

“That sounds very synodal to me.”

Bishop Anthony sent a video message to the people of Broken Bay and can be viewed at <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/latest-news>



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Elias

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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

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