



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"

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

5TH NOVEMBER 2023

Dear Parishioners,

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus teaches us about humility and true leadership within the community of believers. He warns against the hypocrisy of the religious leaders of his time, who loved to be honoured and esteemed by others.

He warns against hypocrisy and pride, urging us to be humble in our actions and intentions. Jesus reminds us that true greatness lies in serving others with a pure heart, without seeking recognition or praise. Let us reflect on these words and strive to embody the humility and selflessness that Jesus teaches.

May we all approach our lives with a humble and loving spirit, serving one another with kindness and compassion. By doing so, we not only honour the teachings of our Lord but also contribute to building a more harmonious and caring community.

Our Parish Vision, "To Know and love God, and to be Christ to one another," beautifully aligns with the teachings of Matthew 23:1-12. In these verses, Jesus emphasizes humility and service, urging us to be Christ-like in our actions and attitudes. By truly knowing and loving God, we learn to be humble, putting the needs of others before our own, just as Christ did. This vision calls us to live out the Gospel message, following the example of Jesus by serving one another with love, grace, and selflessness.

I would also like to take this opportunity to let you know about a few exciting events happening this month. The Italian community are celebrating the Feast of the Assumption next Sunday 12th November 1pm at St Leonard's Church, Bishop Anthony will be attending this Mass and we extend the invitation to all our parishioners too. Please don't forget to RSVP if you would like to join the diocese in celebrating our seminarian Hien Vu's Diaconate Ordination, details are in the bulletin.

I am also excited to extend an invitation to all our parish volunteers. On behalf of the Parish Finance Committee, parish clergy, staff, and myself we would like to hold a Christmas Thank You BBQ on Wednesday 29th November 6pm at St Thomas' School grounds to thank and honour you for your selfless service and unwavering commitment to our parish community.

Blessings to you all,

Fr Jose Philip Parish Priest

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Parish has a team of dedicated parishioners who take Communion once a week to the elderly at the 4 nursing home facilities within the Parish, in particular, to BUPA in Sydney St and Pathways in Sailors Bay Rd and Estia in Mowbray Rd and the Retirement Home in Willoughby. We are looking for people who would like to join one of those teams. It takes about an hour a week, you are with another volunteer, and is a most rewarding Ministry. The BUPA visit occurs on a Tuesday morning. Training is provided. If you would like to become involved or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office and they will put you in touch with one of the current volunteers.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon (Cf Psalm 37:22-23)

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

First Reading (Malachi 1:14 - 2:2. 8-10)

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration. Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 130)

(R.) In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13)

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 23:9. 10)

Alleluia, alleluia!
You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 23:1-12)

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi 'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

LITURGY of THE WEEK

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mon 6th	Weekday, Ordinary Time	
Tue 7th	Weekday, Ordinary Time	
Wed 8th	Weekday, Ordinary Time	
Thurs 9th	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	
Fri 10th	St Leo the Great	Memorial
Sat 11th	St Martin of Tours	Memorial

November Mass Intentions

During the month of November there will be Mass Intentions offered for your deceased loved ones. Envelopes will be available in the entry of each church, you can drop them to the office, or place them on the collection plate.

If you would like to add a loved ones name in this year's November Mass Memorial Book it will also be located at the entry of each church.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Maria Filippello and Jennifer Baker

Anniversaries: Ante Zaknic, and Sime Kero

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



we pray for the many people whose lives have been torn apart by conflict in Gaza and Israel.

We pray especially those who have died, those who are grieving, the injured and those now without food, shelter or medical supplies. Strengthen and support the work of all relief organisations.

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

Hien Vu's

Diaconate 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

HOLY HOUR EVENING



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

TIME

7.30pm

DATE

14 NOV

LOCATION

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Love to sing?

Our **Saturday 5pm Mass at SPN** has a couple of opportunities. Would you like to share your voice(s) and lead this congregation in giving praise and worship to

God, on a regular basis, perhaps monthly?

Do you know the most important music ministers in every congregation are **all of us**, gathered as "one body" to celebrate the Eucharistic liturgy. Our choirs and cantors are there to support **us** to "lift our hearts and mind to God" to worship God and participate in the sacrament he laid down his life to give us.

If you're interested in this Mass or any others including choirs across the parish community, we would love to hear from you.

We can support you as you gently grow into this ministry and learn to share your gifts in what can become a very fulfilling journey.

If you can sing in tune and have a passion for beautiful liturgy, what are you waiting for?? Send an enquiry to

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WILLOUGHBY**

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**NATIONAL CATHOLIC
SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS**



Rosary

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



Please cut the calendar out for your fridge ----- ✂

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 RCIA 7.30pm	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 PFC 7.30pm	16	17	18 Healing Mass Anointing STL 9am
19 Youth Mass STL 6pm	20	21 RCIA 7.30pm PMC 7pm	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 Into to Meditation 9.15am, 4.30pm & 6.30pm	28	29 Rosary STT 7pm Volunteers thank You Christmas Party 6pm	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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BISHOP ANTHONY:
4TH ANNIVERSARY
IN THE DIOCESE**



Vox Episcopi

1 November 2023

As I arrive back in Sydney from Rome I join with you in prayer for All Saints Day as we remember all the saints and martyrs, known and unknown. Tomorrow, 2 November we remember all the faithful departed, not only our loved ones but all those around the world who we have not and will never meet. Through the mercy of God they will rest in peace.

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you my gratitude for your support and prayers for me and Kelly Paget and all the members of the Synod. While it has been a marvellous encounter, it has also been quite exhausting. The programme was relentlessly full-on. Kelly and I arrived in Rome at 1.30PM and we were both on the steps of Saint Peter's Basilica by 3PM. It did not slow down at all for the next month.

And yet, I must say that it has been a most graced time. I cannot imagine all the details that must have demanded the attention of Cardinal Grech and the Synod Team, and yet each time I had the opportunity to meet with him or speak with members of the Team, they were gracious, hospitable, and fraternal. As you well know, it is not possible to keep everyone happy all the time, and yet such a demonstration of charity and care was, I felt, exemplary of what is needed in a Synodal Church. Patience, charity, and kindness go a long way in making the Gospel real in our lives.

I was also quite humbled by the opportunities that were given to me to contribute, by presiding at Mass and preaching, leading the prayer in the Synod Hall, participating in the Commission for Information, and leading the Oceania Bishops in fraternal dialogue with Cardinal Grech and Cardinal Hollerich.

The Oceania Team was front and centre every day for the month. Apart from eight bishop members, there were 10 non-bishop members, four facilitators, and one theological peritus. For a continent of almost seven million Catholics (that is, the smallest Catholic continent) we were very well represented and extremely well engaged. The number of times people commented to me positively about the Oceania Team, and in particular Kelly Paget, was quite overwhelming, and I hope that our not-so-small contribution was positive and that we have in some way contributed to building the culture of a Synodal Church.

These next eleven months, I pray, will be a graced time of reflection, prayer, discernment, participation, and action in the Church. When we open ourselves to the regenerating love and mercy of God, the Holy Spirit does great things in and through us.

My prayers and blessings.
+Anthony

Broken Bay Diocese
FILIPINO CHAPLAINCY

Simbang Gabi 2023

CHRISTMAS NOVENA
LAUNCH MASS

SATURDAY | **09** | AT 7:00 PM
DEC

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHATSWOOD PARISH

Fellowship & Short Program follow from 8 - 9 PM

DAWN MASSES

Chatswood

16 - 24 DEC | 5:30 AM
OUR LADY OF DOLOUR PARISH
94 ARCHER ST CHATSWOOD

EVENING MASSES

Waitara & Dee Why

15 - 23 DEC 2023
7:00 PM 7:30 PM
HORNSBY CATHEDRAL ST KEVIN'S CHURCH
23 YARDLEY AVE, WAITARA 50 OAKS AVENUE DEE WHY

TRIDUUM MASS

Wyong

21-23 DEC 2023 | 7:00 PM
ST CECILIA CHURCH
23 BYRON ST. WYONG



Footprints Mass



There is no foot too small that it will not
leave an imprint in the world

Please join us for a special Mass for all our
deceased children through pregnancy loss

Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood Parish
94 Archer Street Chatswood

Wednesday 15 November 6pm

We invite you, and all those affected by miscarriage and
stillbirth to come and hold the life of your deceased
children before the Lord, in whom everyone lives and in
whom no one is lost





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