



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

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

**32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

**12TH NOVEMBER 2023**



## Dear Parishioners,

In chapter 25 of the Gospel of Matthew we meet with rich wisdom and spiritual guidance as Jesus helps us to understand the metaphor of readiness, urging us to be vigilant, prepared, and steadfast in our faith as we await the coming of the Lord.

The parable of the ten bridesmaids speaks to the importance of being spiritually awake and ready for the coming of the Kingdom of God. It highlights the contrast between the wise and the foolish bridesmaids, emphasizing the significance of preparation, readiness, and foresight in our spiritual journey. It also encourages us to examine our spiritual lives and assess our preparedness for the coming of the Lord. Are we actively nurturing our faith, filling our spiritual lamps with the oil of prayer, good works, compassion, and a life lived in accordance with God's teachings? Or are we at risk of being caught unprepared due to spiritual neglect or distractions?

As a community, let us support and encourage each other on our individual and collective journeys of faith. Let us be vigilant, staying awake in prayer, nurturing our relationship with God, and actively engaging in acts of love and service to others. May this parable remind us of the value of being spiritually prepared, continuously seeking a deeper connection with God, and living in a way that reflects our readiness for the Lord's presence in our lives. As we edge towards the end of 2023, I would like to show my appreciation to all staff and volunteers for their wonderful ministry in our Parish of three diverse communities. We will be hosting a **"Thank You" Christmas BBQ on the Wednesday 29th November at St Thomas school grounds 6pm**. Please come and celebrate the gift of service in ministry with in our parish whether it be catechist, music ministry, alter server, Ministers of the Word, Flower arranging, cleaning the church, Hospitality and Morning tea, Money collecting or money counting, Bell Ringing, Vinny's, Eucharistic minister, Member of PMC or PFC, RCIA, etc...please come and let us celebrate together thanking our Lord for the wonderful year that 2023 has been.

This weekend is our **First Pastoral works BB appeal for the year 2023-2024** and our Quota is 67,579 please contribute generously to the pastoral and charity work of Broken Bay Diocese. Envelopes are available in the all 3 church's, along with a QR code if you wish to donate on line. All donations over \$2 are Tax deductible. Thank you for your generosity.

Blessings to all as we continue to grow in faith and readiness for the divine presence in our lives.

**Fr Jose Philip OSH**

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### **Entrance Antiphon** Cf Psalm 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

### **First Reading Wisdom** 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates.

Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

### **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

**(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

### **Second Reading** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

### **Gospel Acclamation** Matthew 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.  
Alleluia!

### **Gospel** Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

This weekend we welcome all the students, families and teachers from **St Philip Neri** who will be celebrating a Family Mass at 5pm  
We also welcome all year 4 students, families and teachers from **St Thomas** who will be celebrating a year 4 family Mass at 9.30am

## NOVEMBER EVENTS

Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	1pm St Leonard's Church	Maria S.S. Assunta
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	7.30 pm St Leonard's Church	Holy Hour Adoration
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	7.30pm St Leonard's Church	Hien's Ordination
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	10.30am St Leonard's Church	Feast of St Leonard
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	6.00pm St Thomas' School Grounds	Volunteers Thank You Christmas party

## REMEMBRANCE DAY



Every year, on 11 November at 11 am—the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month—we pause to remember those individuals who have served and those who have died in all wars and peacekeeping operations. Remembrance Day marks the moment the guns fell silent on the Western Front at the end of the First World War—the first moment of peace in four years. Join us in the hope that the fragile peace hard won by generations past endures for generations to come.



**ST THOMAS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
WILLOUGHBY**

**St Thomas Catholic Primary School is currently accepting enrolments for Years 5 & 6. Students in Years 5 & 6 have wonderful opportunities for school leadership. For more information please phone 72562104**

## IN OUR PRAYERS

**Anniversaries:** Saverio Di Cosmo

**Sick:** Bishop Peter Ingham, Peter Champion, Anne-Maree Nevil, Nicole Eve Van de Gard, Lana Zalmic, Lucy Rappa and Michael Chiu



CALLING ALL LNS VOLUNTEERS  
Please join us for an evening of appreciation, gratitude & fellowship as we come together to celebrate & thank each one of you for your exceptional service.

LOWER NORTH SHORE PARISH  
VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU  
CHRISTMAS PARTY



WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2023  
6PM - 8PM

St Thomas' School Ground



RSVP  
VIA THE QR CODE OR THE OFFICE  
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# HOLY HOUR EVENING



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

TIME	DATE	LOCATION
7.30pm	14 NOV	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



### Pastoral Work Broken Bay Appeal

Over the next few weeks parishes in the Diocese will be holding our Pastoral Works Broken Bay November Appeal. Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of the Catholic community in Broken Bay. We have two major Pastoral Works appeals each year - November and May. The key focus for our Pastoral Works appeals will be the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioners. More than 750 volunteer catechists (Catholic religion teachers) in our Diocese who have received specialised training, provide religious education to the 14,000 Catholic students attending public schools in our local parish communities. This is a vital evangelisation role, and a vibrant, enriching and rewarding ministry. The quality of catechists in the Diocese is second to none, many of whom have provided years of dedicated service. Our team has a wealth of experience and an undeniable desire to share their faith with the children and young people they teach. Your donations support the training of catechists and the development of teaching and learning materials, including multi-media resources. CCD does not receive government funding, so we are always grateful for your generosity and ongoing support. Our Hospital Chaplaincy is not always widely acknowledged - unless you find yourself directly involved. It is such an important ministry, providing comfort and care, and the sacraments to those who are vulnerable or experiencing loneliness, illness and isolation. Our chaplains are also a great source of consolation to families and loved ones. Along with other external contributors, our pastoral works provides assistance to students with disability achieve their dreams, and provides practical support for the deaf community.

**All donations over \$2 are tax deductible**



Please scan the QR code to make an online donation

<p><b>Hospital Chaplaincy &amp; Pastoral Care Practitioners</b> Helping those who are vulnerable, experiencing loneliness or sick in hospital.</p>	<p><b>Confraternity of Christian Doctrine</b> Catechists taking the gospel to State school students.</p>	<p><b>St Lucy's School</b> Serving year K-12 students with disability.</p>	<p><b>St Edmund's College</b> Serving year 7-12 students with disability.</p>	<p><b>Ephpheta Centre</b> Pastoral care, sacraments, and advocacy for the deaf community.</p>
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Every gift makes a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish or the wider community.



**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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## Rosary

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

We will be kept safe by **ADULTS** who...

### CARE

for us as we are a precious gift from God



COMMUNITIES OF SAFETY AND CARE

## 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 - 5.00pm
<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>	11.00am on 2nd and 4th Sunday	12pm on 4th Sunday	10.30am on 3rd 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> )
<b>Rosary</b>	8.30am Mon-Fri 7.00pm Wednesday	9.30am Tue, Thu, Sat	9.45am Mon, Wed, Fri

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Every gift gives  
you the opportunity to add to the  
happiness of someone else.



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## Vox Populi

9 November 2023

While we all look forward to the beauty and wonder of the Christmas Season it can also be a time of additional stress.

This time of year can be extra-busy with family visits and activities, planning, and of course increased financial pressures – certainly not helped by another interest rate hike this week for many families.

However it is a time of year when we can think about what we can do for others.

Giving is the practical part of our faith and integral to our mission.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of our Catholic community, enabling us to reach further and wider in helping our local community, and more deeply connect us to the mission of Jesus.

Our two appeals each year, in May and November, help support two key Diocesan ministries, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and the Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Program. It also contributes to St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College which educate students with disabilities, and supports the deaf community through the Ephpheta Centre.

Every gift, no matter how small, provides the opportunity to add to the happiness of someone else.

This November Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal is our last for 2023. Although everyone must have a great deal on their mind at this time, perhaps we can think about a contribution to the PWBB appeal.

There are many ways to donate – through envelopes made available by the parishes or through online giving. All parishes have been sent a comprehensive resources kit they can share with parishioners.

Thank you to everyone who has supported, or continues to support our Pastoral Works. Your contribution really does make a difference.

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



## INDIA TOUR 2024

Fr David Ranson and Fr Shiju Simon and team will lead a Tour to India in February 2024, visiting Punjab, Delhi, Agra, Jaipur and Kerala.

Dates: Departing mid-February 2024 (14 days/13 nights) Costs: Tour Package \$3100pp Twin Share. (Visa, International flights and Travel Insurance not included)

Highlights include:

- Oblates Mission in Punjab
- The Golden Temple
- The Pink City of Rajasthan
- Amer Fort, ancient capital of Jaipur
- Taj Mahal
- Periyar National Park and Tiger Reserve
- Elephant Safari at Thekkady
- Spice Plantation Tour at Thekkady
- Cultural Show at Cochin
- Visit OSH Monastery, Kerala
- Boating on Kerala's famous labyrinthine backwaters.

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