



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"

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 19TH NOVEMBER 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25:14-30 resonates strongly with our Parish Mission of "To know and love God, and to be Christ to one another." In the context of this mission, the talents can be seen as the various gifts, skills, and resources that God has bestowed upon each individual within the parish community.

This parable emphasizes the importance of knowing God. The servants who actively engaged with their talents and invested them wisely demonstrated a deep understanding of their master's character and expectations. Similarly, in the parish community, the call to know God suggests an intimate relationship with Him through prayer, Scripture, and spiritual practices. This knowledge becomes the foundation for discerning how to utilize the unique gifts each person has received.

The command to love God is reflected in the way the faithful servants used their talents for growth and service. Love is an active and selfless expression, and in the context of the parish mission, it involves utilizing one's God-given talents to contribute positively to the community. Whether through acts of kindness, service, or sharing one's skills, the parable encourages parishioners to express their love for God by being actively engaged in the well-being and growth of the community.

Being Christ to one another is embodied in the parable through the idea of being faithful stewards. The servants who multiplied their talents not only benefited themselves but also contributed to the overall increase of the master's wealth. Likewise, in the parish mission, individuals are called to be Christ-like by using their talents to uplift and support one another. This might involve acts of compassion, understanding, and support, reflecting the selfless and sacrificial nature of Christ's love.

On the flip side, the cautionary example of the servant who buried his talent out of fear serves as a reminder for the parish community. Fear can paralyse individuals and hinder them from fully engaging with their gifts and serving others. The mission to be Christ to one another challenges parishioners to overcome fear and complacency, stepping out in faith to actively contribute to the flourishing of the community.

In the light of the parish mission to know and love God, and to be Christ to one another, reinforces the importance of active engagement, love-driven service, and the responsible stewardship of the gifts that God has entrusted to each member of the community.

Last weekend we started our November appeal for Pastoral Works BB, our Parish quota is \$67,579 for this financial year. This can only be achieved by your enormous generosity, so dig deep and make a contribution to this important appeal.

I would also like to remind you that Hien's Deaconate Ordination is this coming Friday 24th November 7.30pm at St Leonard's Church Naremburn. I would love to encourage our parish community to come and support Hien on his journey to priesthood. Could I ask you to RSVP via the QR code as there will be supper celebrations afterwards.

Finally, next Sunday let us gather at St Leonard's Church to celebrate the Feast Day of St Leonard at 10.30am where we will have a morning tea and cake after Mass.

God Bless

Fr Jose Philip OSH

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon Jeremiah 29: 11,12,14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A perfect wife - who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127: 1-5 v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation John 15:4,5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his

servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."



BAPTISM

We welcome into our parish faith family
the newly baptised

Ethan Gomes, Hugo & Charlie Angelico

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.



IN OUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries: Isabella Timothy Fernandes

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

NOVEMBER

EVENTS

Friday 24 th November	7.30pm St Leonard's Church	Hien's Ordination
Sunday 26 th November	10.30am St Leonard's Church	Feast of St Leonard
Monday 27 th November	9.15am Blue Room-4.30pm & 6.30pm Parish Office	Intro to Meditation
Wednesday 29 th November	6.00pm St Thomas' School Grounds	Volunteers Thank You Christmas party

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

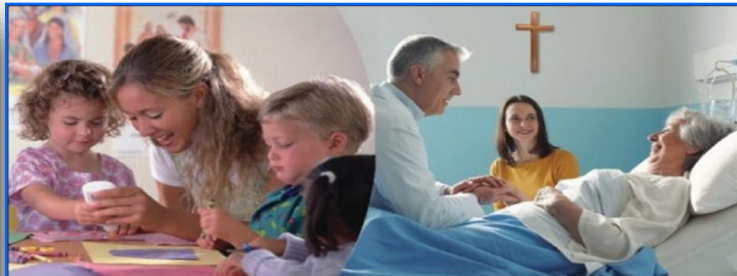
6PM - 8PM

St Thomas' School Ground

RSVP Volunteers Thank You
Christmas BBQ



RSVP
VIA THE QR CODE OR THE OFFICE
99588846



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Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of the Catholic community in Broken Bay.

Every gift makes a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish or the wider community.

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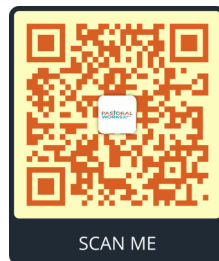
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& Pastoral Care
Practitioners

St Lucy's School
and St Edmund's College
Students with disabilities

Ephpheta Centre
Deaf community

Please scan the QR
code to make an
online donation

Thank you!



SCAN ME



Parish Vinnies Charity Drive 2023

Toiletry care packs for Homeless in our city.

This year for our SVdP Christmas charity collection, we are asking you to generously donate from items listed below. These will go to making up toiletry bags for the homeless people living on the streets of our city and will be distributed through St Vincent de Paul (Maternal Heart) Waterloo.

Our Parish schools and church communities have supported StVdP Waterloo with Christmas food hampers, gifts and importantly the SPN community with fortnightly visiting of people in need on Thursday mornings to facilitate with food, clothing, basic furnishings, and human contact, for over 30 years.

Join our working bee after 9am Mass SPN DEC 03

in hall to make up these toiletry bags. Come along, grab a coffee, and help us get these little packs put together. **Everyone welcome.**

Surplus items will be sent on to Vinnies for ongoing distribution.

Please bring items you can donate and place in boxes inside Church foyers and schools between Nov 18-Dec 3rd, inclusive

Small sizes of

- wet wipes
- deodorant
- tissues
- petroleum jelly
- toothbrushes and toothpaste
- body lotions
- hand lotions
- hand sanitizer
- nail clippers (not scissors)
- a hairbrush or comb
- shampoo
- small soap or shower gel
- little torch
- sunscreen, lip gloss
- Men extras – disposable shavers
- Treats*



It's Christmas, so we will add to each a treat; biscuits, muesli bars, sweets, nuts ..and a little Christmas greeting.

For the annual Hamper and Gifts giving - see the Christmas trees in Church in Advent. If you are interested in a practical way in helping during the year, in this vital work we would love to hear from you. Please send an enquire to
June jok140@hotmail.com Helen helen_walsh58@hotmail.com

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



**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

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

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.



Rosary

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



We are committed to the NATIONAL CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS

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 - 5.00pm
Healing Mass	9.00am on First Friday (Divine Mercy & Adoration)	9.00am on 3 rd Saturday	
Baptism	11.00am on 2nd and 4th Sunday	12pm on 4th Sunday	10.30am on 3rd Sunday
Children's Liturgy	9.30am Sunday (during school term)		9.00am 4 th Sunday (Family Mass)
Rosary	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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BROKEN BAY

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



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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