



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"

**Solemnity – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
26th November 2023**



Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday is the feast day of Christ the King. As we celebrate this glorious Feast we are reminded of the majesty and sovereignty of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today, we joyfully proclaim Christ as the King of kings and Lord of lords, acknowledging His reign over all creation.

In a world that often seeks power and control, we find true kingship in the humble and compassionate heart of Jesus. He is the King who rules with love, mercy, and justice, inviting us into His Kingdom of peace and righteousness.

On this special day, let us reflect on how we can surrender our lives more fully to the Kingship of Christ. May His love guide our thoughts, words, and actions, and may we strive to live in accordance with His teachings.

As a parish family, let us celebrate the unity we share under the reign of Christ the King. As disciples, let us joyfully continue to build a community that reflects His love and grace, reaching out to those in need and spreading the good news of His Kingdom. Let us lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving for the boundless love of our King.

I would also like to extend my sincere congratulations to our Deacon Hien ... Hein's ordination is not just a personal achievement but a blessing for us all. As he takes on the responsibilities of a deacon, let us offer our heartfelt congratulations and prayers for him. May his ministry be guided by the Holy Spirit, and may he continue to inspire us with his faith, humility, and love for the Gospel. Let us, as a community, support Hein in his new role, encouraging and uplifting him as he dedicates himself to the service of God and Diocese of Broken Bay. Let us continue our prayers for him as he is preparing for his priestly ordination.



Fr Jose Philip OSH Parish Priest

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

We pray especially for 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.



SUNDAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon Revelation 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest - it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R. see v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation Mark 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

IN OUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Martha Bayyouk

Anniversaries: Phil Ryan and Katie Kam
Man Chan

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



BAPTISM

We welcome into our parish faith family
the newly baptised

Zoe Alice Salter, Isabella Yin Tong Spano and
Theodora Nielsen

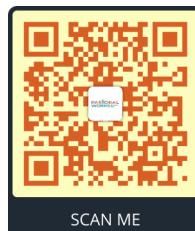
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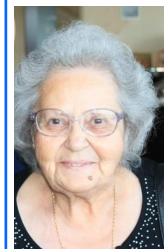
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SCAN ME



The Funeral of Martha
Bayyouk will be held on
Monday 27th November
10.30am at St Thomas'
church Willoughby.

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
99588846



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

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve Mass Times

St Leonard's Church Naremburn

5.30pm Carols/ 6pm Family & Youth Mass

This Mass will include a Nativity Play & Music by
SPN & Youth Choir

10.30pm Carols/11pm PNGCCAA Mass

St Thomas' Church Willoughby

6pm Family Mass with a Nativity Play

11.30pm Carols/ 12 midnight Mass

Royal North Shore Hospital

4pm Mass

Christmas Day Mass Times

St Philip Neri Church North Bridge

9am Mass

St Thomas' Church Willoughby

8am & 9.30am Mass

St Leonard's Church Naremburn

10.30am Mass

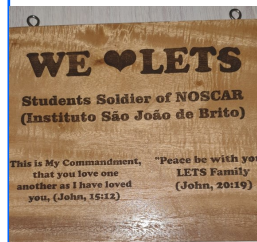
Please note all Sunday Morning
Masses over the 3 communities on

Christmas Eve will remain

- 9am St Philip Neri
- 8am & 9.30am St Thomas'
- 10.30am St Leonard's



Latest from Letefoho for November 25-26, 2023



Maggy Franklin & I have just spent 5 wonderful days in Letefoho, talking, laughing, sharing meals and praying with the Parishioners. We were updated on all current projects and participated in parts of a youth forum that was attended by Monsignor Marco Sprizzi, the Papal Nuncio in Timor Leste. This included Mass at the foot

of the Letefoho Cristo Rei - Christ the King, pictured here.

Remembering the 1992 Santa Cruz massacre included a beautiful 2 hour Mass, followed by a symbolic reenactment of the massacre.

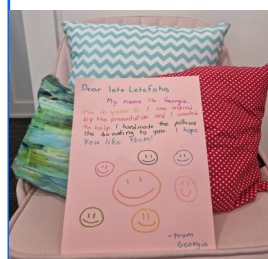
The people of Letefoho are financially very poor, but abundantly wealthy in faith, love and endurance. They strive for a better life, working towards greater achievement for their children and quality of life.

Over the next few weeks I shall share photos and updates of the projects LETS is supporting.

This week I'd like to share with you a report from Maggy Franklin, a newer member of LETS who visited Letefoho and Timor Leste, for the first time.

Below is a plaque made for LETS and the people of LNSP by one of the Jesuit Teachers College students, Geovanio Dias.

**Lao ho Maromak, Georgina Loughnan
for LETS (Letefoho East Timor Support)**



A year 6 student at St Philip Neri was inspired by the LETS presentation which led her to make some beautiful cushions that she donated. We done Georgina.

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



This Christmas, Australia's cost of living crisis is hitting families hard and we need your help urgently. National figures show that 5,000 people turn to Vinnies for help every single day. This is an 18% increase on the number of people coming to Vinnies for assistance, with many people needing to ask for help for the very first time. Many people find Christmas to be a very difficult time and cannot afford even the basic necessities as costs spiral out of control. Can you please help? Your donation is vital.

Next weekend please consider making a donation.

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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Saint Cecilia

22nd November

Saint Cecilia, the patron of music and musicians is celebrated on 22 November.

Born in the third century, tradition tells us Cecilia converted to Christianity and made a vow of virginity but her parents forced her into marriage with a pagan nobleman. On her wedding day, Cecilia sang to God in her heart. Her husband came to quickly understand her faith and he converted along with his brother. They committed themselves to burying Christian martyrs but were arrested, tortured and executed for refusing to deny their faith. Through St Cecilia's preaching of Christianity, she converted hundreds of people until she also was tortured and executed.

Today there are more than 2,000 known works of art depicting St Cecilia, who is one of seven women, excluding the Blessed Virgin, commemorated by name in the Canon of the Mass.

She is a reminder that music is a powerful force for good, and that it can be used to praise God, and bring beauty to the world.

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





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