



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"

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 2024



Dear Parishioners,

As we journey through the sacred season of Lent, we are called to reflect deeply on the themes of sacrifice, faith, and transformation. In Genesis, we encounter Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac, a testament to his unwavering faith in God's providence. This story challenges us to examine our own trust in divine guidance, even in the face of uncertainty and difficulty.

In Romans, St. Paul reassures us of God's unending love and support, affirming that if God is for us, who can be against us? This powerful message reminds us that no challenge or trial can separate us from the love of God, strengthening our resolve to persevere in our Lenten journey.

In Mark, we witness the transfiguration of Jesus, a moment of profound revelation where his divinity shines forth. This miraculous event serves as a beacon of hope, illuminating the path of discipleship and inviting us to embrace the transformative power of Christ's love in our lives.

As we contemplate these scriptures during the second week of Lent, let us draw inspiration from the faith of Abraham, the reassurance of St. Paul, and the revelation of Christ's glory. May we approach this season with hearts open to God's grace, trusting in His unfailing presence and embracing the call to transformation. Through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity, may we journey ever closer to the radiant light of Easter morning, where we will rejoice in the triumph of Christ's resurrection. God Bless.

Fr Jose Philip



Last Sunday our parish presented 9 Catechumens to Bishop Anthony at the Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral for the annual Rite of Election. This is a step in their journey to receive the sacraments of initiation, Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation at Easter. Our Catechumens were accompanied by our RCIA coordinator & team, Fr Jose, Sr Anna & their sponsors. The Catechumens indicated their desire to join the Church by their names being written in the Book of the Elect. This was a wonderful celebration to witness, please keep them in your prayers as they journey towards the Easter liturgies.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

First Reading

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:10, 15-19, R. 114:9

**(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

1. I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.' O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. **(R.)**
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. **(R.)**
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to

benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.



BAPTISM

We welcome into our parish faith family
the newly baptised

Billie Katie Foster

Please keep them and their family in your prayers.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

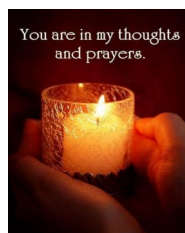
Morris Taker &
Sonia Grigoriou

Anniversaries

Maria and Marin Andrijic

Sick

Bishop Peter Ingham, Michael Chiu,
Michelle Sustersic and Brenda Lawrence





We invite parents and carers to attend our Open Days at our vibrant and enriching learning environment.

St Thomas Primary Willoughby

- Thurs 7 March: 7.30 - 8.30am
- Sat 16 March: 10am - 12pm



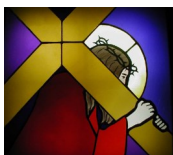
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This Sunday the Parish welcomes all students and Staff from St Thomas 'Catholic Primary school as they celebrate their Opening School Mass at 9.30am followed by a family BBQ.

Stations of the Cross during Lent

St Thomas' church every Friday at 7:00 pm including Reconciliation

St Philip Neri every Friday after the 9am Mass



Stations of the Cross at St Leonard's Church

During the season of Lent, we will be Praying the Stations of the Cross in Italian every Monday

Monday 26th Feb at 3.00pm

Monday 3rd March at 3.00pm

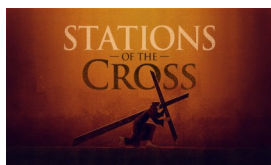
Monday 11th March at 3.00pm

Monday 17th March at 3.00pm

Monday 25th March at 3.00pm

For enquiries please contact Irma

DiSanto 0437607918 or Toni Vuoso 0451440386



First Reconciliation 2024

Children across our Parish are commencing their preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Diocesan Reconciliation Program has selected **God's Love & Choices** as the first two concepts to be studied. Children will be encouraged to recognise that God's love manifests across their lives and learn about the difference between making 'good choices' and 'poor choices'. All candidates will be presented to the Parish community across selected Masses this weekend. The Celebration of the Sacrament will be held on the 19th & 20th March. Our Parish prays for all candidates and their families as they develop and deepen their relationship with Jesus.

Participating in The Mission of Christ



https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/lenten_book_2024

DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY
2024 LENTEN PROGRAM



St Philip Neri Primary School
Northbridge



OPEN DAY

Tuesday 12th March 2024:

9.15am - 10.45am & 5.30pm - 6.30pm



Meet our Principal, teachers, students, parents.



Learn about St Philip Neri's faith led approach, including appointments for specialised learning programs.



Visit our classrooms, play area, sports oval, library, computers, music rooms



Gain a real sense of the St School's community



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Margaret Holles, Principal
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We welcome all families and staff from St Philip Neri Catholic Primary school that are celebrating their first Family Mass of the year at 5pm on Saturday evening followed by a BBQ.

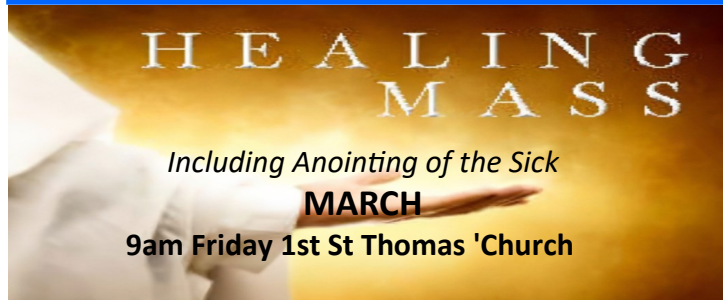


Would you like to know more about being a catechist teacher in our Parish's local public School. This is a very rewarding ministry to be involved in. All the training is provided. Please email Henny at ccd@lms.org.au



Brass cleaning

Do you have any spare time after the 9am Mass on Thursday 29th February to help out with the cleaning and polishing of all our Brass wear in St Thomas 'Church.



HEALING MASS

Including Anointing of the Sick

MARCH

9am Friday 1st St Thomas 'Church



THERE'S A SEAT FOR YOU AT THE TABLE

ALPHA IS A SAFE SPACE YOU CAN ASK LIFE'S BIG QUESTIONS

COMING TO LNS PARISH IN WINTER 2024

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/Holy Hour	Tuesday: 9.30am - 10.30am	Saturday: 9.30am - 10.00am 2nd Tuesday of the Month 7.30pm	
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
Charismatic Prayer Group	St Thomas' Parish Hall 7pm Tuesday evenings Enquires 0419977531		



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Vox Populi

25 February 2024

How was your first week of Lent? Prayerful and reflective? Our Church provides Lent almost like an annual retreat, a time of deepening the understanding of our Christian faith, a time for reflection and renewal, a time to make a fresh start. It offers us the opportunity to journey towards the joyous solemnity of Easter and while we reflect on our lives we can harness the call to participate in the Mission of Christ to which we are all called.

In the early centuries of the Church, Lent was seen as a time of beginning. It was – and is now – a time for forming new converts, preparing them for their formal entry into the Church community.

Last Sunday 130 Catechumens in the RCIA program from parishes in our Diocese gathered with Bishop Anthony at the Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral for the annual Rite of Election which takes place on the First Sunday of Lent. This is a step in their journey to receive the sacraments of initiation – Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation – at Easter.

Accompanied by their RCIA co-ordinators, Parish Clergy, sponsors, fellow parishioners, family and friends, the Catechumens were presented to the Bishop as a sign of “election” into the Catholic Church.

The Catechumens indicate their desire to join the Church by signing the Book of the Elect.

It was a beautiful grace-filled celebration as they journey towards the Easter liturgies. Lets us keep them all in our Lenten prayers

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

WALKING IN A *New Life*

From Friday, March 8th to Saturday, March 9th we are invited to join with the universal Church around the world in observing "24 Hours for the Lord" – a way to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic adoration.

Starting with 9 am Mass on Friday and ending with 9 am Mass the next morning, with Eucharistic adoration and hourly Confession, draw near to the Father who is truly "rich in mercy", who extends it abundantly upon those who appeal to Him with a sincere heart.

Come experience God's love and God's grace.

MARCH

8-9

9AM - 9AM



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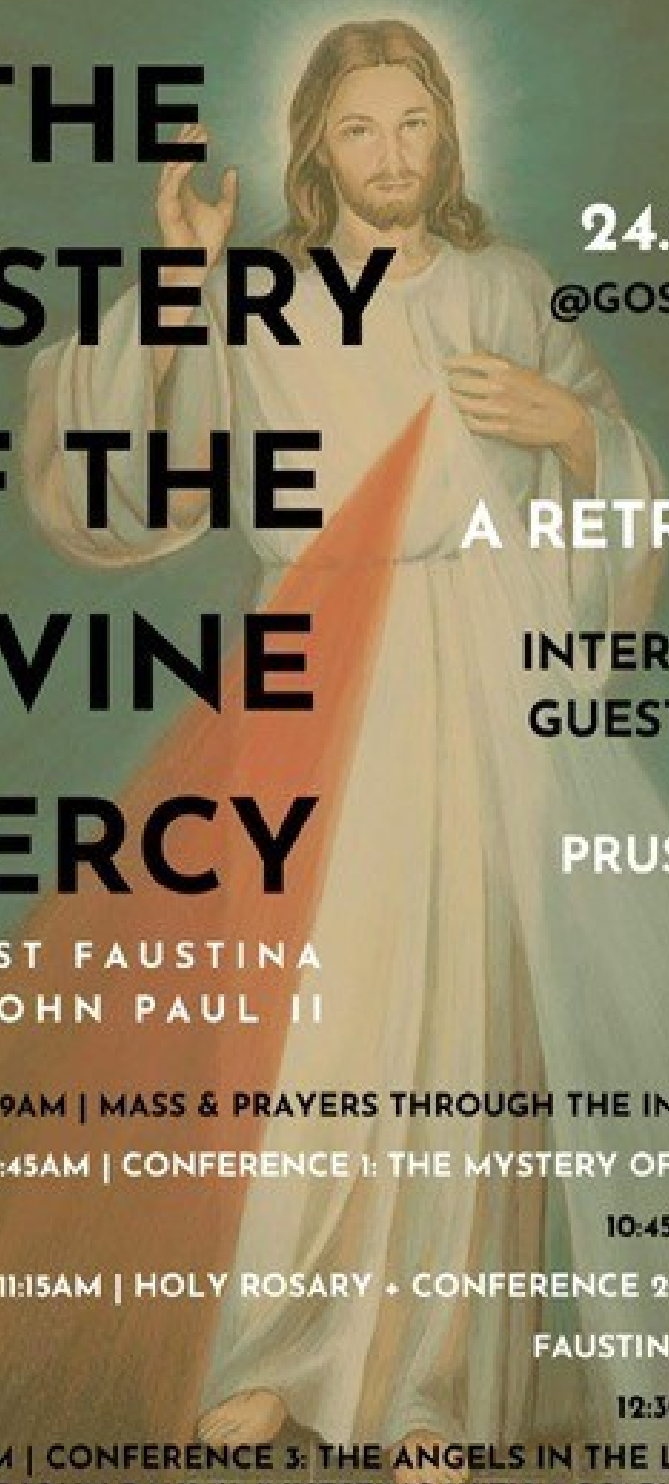
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THE MYSTERY OF THE DIVINE MERCY



WITH ST FAUSTINA
& ST JOHN PAUL II

24.02.2024

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A RETREAT DAY

INTERNATIONAL
GUEST SPEAKER:

FR PETER
PRUSAKIEWICZ
CSMA

9AM | MASS & PRAYERS THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF JP II

9:45AM | CONFERENCE 1: THE MYSTERY OF THE DIVINE MERCY

10:45AM | COFFEE BREAK

11:15AM | HOLY ROSARY + CONFERENCE 2: THE SECRETS OF ST
FAUSTINA & ST JOHN PAUL II

12:30PM | LUNCH BREAK

1:30PM | CONFERENCE 3: THE ANGELS IN THE LIFE OF ST FAUSTINA
& ST JOHN PAUL II, INVESTING WITH A SCAPULAR OF THE DIVINE
MERCY

2:15PM | HOLY HOUR

3:20PM | END OF RETREAT



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Matthew 7:24-27

16 MARCH 2024

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SATURDAY 10AM-4PM

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Inner Healing Growth Retreat 16th-18th February

Lenten Growth Retreat 15th-17th March

Divine Mercy Growth Retreat 5th-7th April

Couples Growth Retreat 17th-19th May

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Family & Children Retreat 12th-14th July

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please contact: 02 4372 1598 or email: drcretreatrego@gmail.com

Special Dates to Remember

DIVINE MERCY FEAST

April 7th, 9:00am to 4:00pm.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL FEAST

September 29th, 9:00am to 4:00pm.

ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA FEAST

5th September

ST FAUSTINA KOWALSKA FEAST

5th October

7:00am to 9:00am

•Confession •Holy Adoration •Holy Mass

A partial indulgence is granted to all who venerate the relic on this day.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

31st Dec, 8:00pm- Confession 10:00pm- Praise and worship, Rosary, 11:00pm- Holy Mass