



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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

10 MARCH 2024



Dear Parishioners,

In the past months there have been some developments on our Naremburn development. You will recall that the Interim Heritage Order (IHO) Appeal hearing took place in the Land and Environment Court in late October 2023.

The IHO Appeal decision was handed down later than expected, in January 2024. Most unfortunately the Appeal was dismissed, which means that Willoughby Council is now free to undertake a Heritage Listing Process for the former primary school. Despite a letter being sent to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces (Paul Scully) to request that the Minister himself become involved in the matter to avoid Council retaining control over the Planning Proposal, the Minister declined, so the Council retains such control.

This is a major blow to the Parish, both in terms of the financial impact and the lost opportunity to create a vibrant parish and community precinct for generations to come. If the heritage listing proceeds, it means that the former primary school building must be retained, which in turn means the site could not be viably developed. As it is also clear that the school building cannot be used as a school, essentially the Parish will be left with an all but derelict building which will need to be fenced off for safety reasons at ongoing parish expense.

The Heritage Listing process involves Council amending the Local Environmental Plan by May 2024, with this process likely resulting in a listing. Nevertheless, parishioners will have an opportunity to voice their opinions on the proposed heritage listing once the Planning Proposal is open to public exhibition and comment. I will provide more detail about this in due course. The IHO Appeal loss is an extremely disappointing outcome for the community, the parish, and for all the parishioners who provided such wonderful personal support for the Parish as we fought the IHO.

Since the IHO Appeal decision, I have been considering the way forward with members of the Parish Finance Committee and our development partner, Metro. We have also sought advice to clarify our position. As the site would effectively become unusable and be a drain on Parish resources into the future, we have decided to progress the DA Appeal with a view to achieving a viable development of the site entailing the demolition of the former primary school, as always planned. This seems the most appropriate pathway to follow, given the pastoral vision we share for the renewed vitality, the wonderful facilities and amenity for our parish and our broader community which the development will bring. The DA Appeal has been listed for hearing in the Land and Environment Court on **26, 27 and 28 August 2024** so preparations for the Appeal will continue over the coming months and I will provide a further update as we progress. I thank you again for your continued support, advice and prayers for our Parish community. If you would like to discuss or if you have queries, please reach out to me or any members of the Parish Finance Council after Mass or when you next see them.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Fr Jose Philip

Parish Priest - Lower North Shore Parish

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Isaiah 66:10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading

2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."' "

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 136. R. v.6

(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

1. By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there
we hung our harps. (R.)
2. For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for
songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they
said, 'one of Zion's songs.' (R.)
3. O how could we sing the song of the Lord
on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right
hand wither! (R.)
4. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember
you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my
joys! (R.)

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's

work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel Acclamation

John 3:16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'



**CHRISM
MASS**

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26 March at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral,

Waitara. Priests of the Diocese of Broken Bay gather for this celebration with Bishop Anthony Randazzo to renew their priestly commitments. During Mass, the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the Chrism is consecrated and brought back to each parish for use in various Sacramental liturgies throughout the year. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this sacred occasion in the life of our Diocese.

A special Happy 80th Birthday this week to Alessio Monaco

IN OUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Reginald English, Malcolm Leonard Somers, Blake Deltoer and Morris Thacker

Anniversaries

Drago Bestulic, Jaka, Donko and Dominic Donjerkovic, Ante Oreb, Lilian Cheeseman, Carmelita Jimenez, Giovan Guiseppe Schiano, Margaret Ann Hurrell and Wilma Selvakumaraswamy

Sick

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



Bp. Anthony Randazzo, the bishop of Broken Bay, has accepted the application of **Mr. Rosan Mathew** for admission to Candidacy for Sacred Orders. It will take place on Saturday 16th March 2024 within the 5pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Parish, Waitara. Let us continue to pray for him as he takes this important step in his journey towards priesthood.

Celebrate Easter With Us at Lower North Shore Parish

- Palm Sunday 24th March
- Chrism Mass 26th March, Hornsby Cathedral 7pm
- Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper 28th March
St Thomas' Willoughby 7.30pm
St Philip Neri Northbridge 7.30pm
- Good Friday Stations of the Cross 29th March
St Thomas' Willoughby 10am
St Leonard's Naremburn 10am
St Philip Neri Northbridge 10am
- Good Friday, The Passion of the Lord 29th March
St Thomas' Willoughby 3pm
St Leonard's Naremburn 3pm
St Philip Neri Northbridge 3pm
- Holy Saturday Vigil Mass 30th March 7.30pm
*** please note that there is no Vigil Mass at St Philip Neri or St Thomas'
- Easter Sunday 31st March
St Thomas' Willoughby 8am & 9.30am
St Leonard's Naremburn 10.30am *** there will be no 6pm Mass
St Philip Neri Northbridge 9am
Royal North Shore Hospital Chapel 4pm



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Friday 5th April Roseville Cinema

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Most Rev Anthony Randazzo
Bishop of Broken Bay

Our allocated Quota for PWBB 2023/2024 Financial year is **67,579**. This is to be collected by 30th June this year!

Our Parish has collected **\$17,050** to date
With a balance of **\$50,529**

RECONCILIATION & ADORATION EVENING Experiencing God's Love THURSDAY 21st MARCH 7pm-8pm ST THOMAS' CHURCH

Lent is a wonderful time to celebrate the reconciling love and the healing graces our Lord offers us. Reconciliation is what God does. Receiving it and celebrating it is what we do. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a most natural way to celebrate God's forgiveness and love.

Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart ...Joel 2:12

RECONCILIATION & HOLY HOUR EVENING



You are warmly invited to join us as we prepare for Easter for an hour of guided Eucharistic Adoration. & Reconciliation

TIME DATE LOCATION

7.30pm

12 MARCH

St Leonard's Naremburn

ARRIVE FROM 7PM FOR A CUPPA

Discover Peace in His Presence & the Sacrament of Reconciliation
Uplifting Melodies that Stir the Soul
A Moment for Your Inner Most Prayers
Escape & Encounter

Please join us for Stations of the Cross during Lent

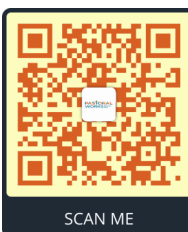
St Thomas' church every Friday at 7pm including Reconciliation.

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 11th March at 3.00pm
Monday 17th March at 3.00pm
Monday 25th March at 3.00pm



SCAN ME

Our parish will be collecting for this appeal over next two Sunday's. Envelopes are available in pews and the foyer. To digitally donate or to find out more information about PWBB, please scan the QR code:

Thank you for always giving so generously to this appeal!

LAUDATO SI' Action Platform



On Saturday 2 March 6 volunteers from the Parish's Laudato Si Action Platform (LSAP) group got a jump start on Clean Up Australia and combed the streets of Willoughby, picking up rubbish, mostly plastics and cigarette butts bound for Middle Harbour and our ecosystem via the storm water drains.

During the course of our collecting rubbish, we engaged in a number of conversations with people, telling them we were from the Parish, talking about Laudato Si and our Holy Father Pope Francis.

Our next collection day is Saturday 6 April 2024, after the 9AM Mass. The venue is TBA, but it will be either Naremburn or Northbridge. We will provide details shortly.

FIRST RECONCILIATION 2024



Children across our Parish are midway through their preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Diocesan Reconciliation Program has selected **Forgiveness & Reconciliation** as the last two concepts to be studied. Children will recognise how making poor choices creates a separation between us and God, however, God's capacity for love and forgiveness is boundless. Candidates will learn that reconciling our relationship with God begins by saying "sorry" and making a decision to change our thoughts and actions.

Our Parish prays for all candidates and their families as they develop and deepen their relationship with Jesus, especially in the coming weeks as the children prepare to celebrate their Reconciliation on **Tuesday 19th March at St Philip Neri and Wednesday 20th March at St Thomas' Church.**

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

We are halfway through Lent 2024 so it is a good time to pause and reflect on how we are going.

Have our Lenten resolutions borne the effects we had hoped after receiving the ashes on Ash Wednesday?

It can be around this time our Lenten journey can become a little harder, more challenging. Not the time to let our Lenten sacrifices and resolutions go the way of most New Year's resolutions!

Giving up things we like will help us realise that the pleasures of this life are not what we live for.

The halfway point is not a time to be discouraged but to be encouraged and present with Our Lord.

If you think Lent is a kind of spiritual boot camp or marathon, think of the joy and celebration three weeks ahead.

This is a time to grow in grace and keep focused, and remember why we are fasting, doing penance and being charitable to others – all of it is in anticipation of Easter.

It is not for some arbitrary reason we give up certain pleasures for 40 days or that we make special acts of penance or charity. It is to unite us with and bring us closer to Our Lord.

God does not expect us to be perfect right now. Indeed, He knows that is not going to happen. God will always make up by His grace what we lack in perfection.

So, instead of focusing on our failures for the first half of Lent, we should focus on beginning anew each day and asking for God to reveal His mercy and grace ever more.



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WINTER 2024

SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Bishop Emeritus David Walker will be celebrating Mass for Serra at **Sacred Heart Church 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble** on Thursday 21st March 2024. There is plenty of parking available in the Parish car park.

The evening commences with Mass at **7.00 PM (kindly note the change of commencement time)** followed by a light meal and a short meeting. **Following the meeting Bishop David will be our guest speaker, his topic will be "Being a Disciple of Jesus".**

Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see".

Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, and novices and for the perseverance of existing vocations.

For catering purposes kindly telephone Henry or Anna Leung on **0478 083 116** or email henrywk@yahoo.com.au or telephone Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you are planning to attend.

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Divine Mercy Growth Retreat 5th-7th April

Couples Growth Retreat 17th-19th May

Inner Healing Growth Retreat 14th-16th June

Family & Children Retreat 12th-14th July

Inner Healing Growth Retreat 16th-18th August

Youth Retreat 13th-15th September

Marian Growth Retreat 18th-20th October

Inner Healing Growth Retreat 15th-17th November

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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

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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