



# Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore

Serving the communities of

St Leonard's Naremburn, St Philip Neri Northbridge, St Thomas' Willoughby  
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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A — 19 MARCH 2023

### REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Humans see and judge by appearances, but God looks into the heart, and there finds the real person. God's standards are not superficial, as are so many of the standards of the world. It is not age, beauty or physical strength that is important; it is not social position or religious role that is preferred. God chooses whom God chooses. God saw in David, the insignificant shepherd, the potential for being the chief shepherd of his people. The man who was born blind became the one through whom others would see the mighty works of God. Yet, neither young David nor the man in the gospel made the initial step; each simply responded with openness to God's choice of him.

By what criteria do we judge others? Do we consider some people too insignificant for greatness? Are we overly concerned with status? Do we categorise people according to the disease or physical limitation that they must endure? Do we sometimes blame them for their disability? Do our eyes perceive life in accord with the standards of a materialistic, body-orientated, pleasure-seeking society? Or do we look into the other's heart, as God does?

As with the other scrutiny Sundays, catechumens and long-standing members alike are exhorted to make a choice. Jesus is the one who gives sight to blind eyes and religious insight to those open to receive it. However, there is a price to pay. Will it be the standards of the world, or the power of God in Jesus Christ?

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

**Anniversaries:** Giuseppe Cascio, Herlien Sutanto, Marija Burmas Milostic and Kata Farac

**Sick:** Hermalina Sutanto and Angelina Lucia



### Stations of the Cross during Lent

**St Leonard's church**  
every Tuesday at 7:00pm  
**St Thomas' church** every  
Friday at 7:00pm including  
Reconciliation  
**St Philip Neri** every Friday  
after the 9am Mass

**All Day ADORATION**  
**Friday 31st March at St**  
**Thomas'**  
**Mass 9am**  
**Adoration**  
9.30am–7pm  
**Stations of the Cross**  
7pm  
**Reconciliation**  
9.30–11am  
4–7pm

### Were you there?



### Stations of the Cross

**St Leonards Church, 10am**  
Good Friday April 7<sup>th</sup>

Contemporary, Prayerful, All are Welcome.

## Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 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

1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

Reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22 R. v.1

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

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)

3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

## Second Reading

Eph 5:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

## Gospel Acclamation

Jn 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Gospel

Jn 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again,

'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

## Baptism

We welcome our newly baptised Luca Maxwell Leyton Thew into our faith family.



The World Community for Christian Meditation (NSW) presents:

## 'MEDITATE IN MAY'

Free 4-week Course via Zoom

An introduction to silent meditation in the Christian Tradition. This course is delivered in 4-sessions; each session has a different topic and there is time for practice and questions. Each session is around 1hr and 20 minutes.

Sessions are **Mondays 7:30pm** Sydney time on the following dates: 1-May; 8-May; 15-May and 22-May.

Enquiries/Booking: email to [maximoc@gmail.com](mailto:maximoc@gmail.com) or SMS 0431 996 108



## Celebrating Good News

Last Saturday Fr Jose presented a long standing volunteer in our parish

with a Papal Blessing at his home.

Congratulations and well-done on your many dedicated years of faithful service Ron Gustafson.





#### Parish Priest

Rev Fr Jose Philip OSH  
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#### Assistant Priests

Rev Fr Biju Mathew  
Rev Fr Vincent Nguyen  
Rev Fr Emmanuel Obiche

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#### Parish Secretary

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Kristy Komadina

Tuesday & Wednesday

#### Director of Liturgical Music

Lisa Lewis

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Ilona Dudek

Tuesday Only

#### St Leonard's Church

Cnr Donnelly & Willoughby Rds  
Naremburn

#### St Philip Neri Church

224 Sailors Bay Rd  
Northbridge

#### St Thomas' Church

Cnr Horsley Ave & High St  
Willoughby

#### St Philip Neri Primary School

67 Baringa Rd, Northbridge  
Principal: Fiona Bylsma  
9958 7136

#### St Thomas' Primary School

2 Horsley Ave, Willoughby  
Principal: Enrica Bova  
9958 7308

# Holy Week & Easter.

## Palm Sunday 2nd April

### Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper

6th April 7.30pm Mass St Thomas' Willoughby &  
7.30pm at St Philip Neri Northbridge

### Good Friday Stations of the Cross 7th April 10am

St Thomas', St Leonard's & St Philip Neri

### Good Friday, The Passion of the Lord 7th April 3pm

St Thomas', St Leonard's & St Philip Neri

### Holy Saturday Vigil Mass 8th April 7pm St Leonard's

no Vigil Mass at 5pm St Philip Neri & 6pm St Thomas'

### Easter Sunday 9th April

8am & 9.30am Mass, St Thomas'

9am Mass, St Philip Neri

10.30am Mass, St Leonard's \*\*\* there is no 6pm Mass

4pm Mass, Royal North Shore Hospital Chapel

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP**

Easter Sign-up sheets are now available in all Church Foyers. If you use Elvanto can you please use the HARD copy sign-up sheets in the church as many people are not using Elvanto. Thank you.

Holy Week & Easter at Lower North Shore Parish

## The 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

will be held in our parish on Tuesday 28th March 7.30pm at St Thomas' Church



### Candlelight, song, prayer, silence **WATCH and PRAY**

a Taize service for Lent Simple meditative worship for everyone. Looking for some peace, stillness and a message of hope in a fragile world?

### Northbridge Uniting Church Gunyah St, Northbridge

7.15pm, Sunday March 26th, 2023 6.30pm Refreshments in Hall

Hosted by our Christian Church Communities Catholic Parish of Lower

North Shore, Willoughby- Northbridge Uniting Church, St Marks Anglican North

**warmly welcome you!**

### Position Vacant

#### Part-time Youth Ministry Coordinator

Lindfield-Killara Parish is seeking to recruit a part-time Youth Ministry Coordinator, working approximately 35 hours per month, allocated as per the varying needs of the position. This role plays an important part in the Parish team, coordinating and supporting the various ministries to children and youth and their families. The ideal candidate would have relevant experience in working with young people, of working with volunteers in a Catholic environment, comfortable working autonomously and having an understanding of the need for accountability and ownership in a role, and excellent time management skills. They would also have a good understanding of, and commitment to Catholic values and teachings.

The role allows for flexibility with the working schedule; however, you would need to have availability outside of normal working hours as some activities would by necessity take place on weekends.

If this role interests you, please email a brief cover letter and CV to [parish@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto:parish@lindfieldkillara.org.au)

Applications close **Friday 24th March 2023.**

## Meet The Pilgrim - Adeline Kassis



Ola! I'm Adeline and I'm heading to Portugal this year along with our 4 other LNSP WYD Pilgrims. Many of you will know me because I support the music at Mass at each of our churches. You might also know that I am our Parish Youth Coordinator. World Youth Day played an enormous part in my discernment journey. When I was 16, I was sponsored by a generous parishioner to attend WYD in Poland. I had no idea what to expect really, but I could hardly contain my excitement. I made it my mission to have an authentic encounter with Jesus unlike any I had ever had up until that time. I asked, I prayed, and as always, God answered. On that pilgrimage, I met the Holy Spirit for the very first time. Of course, God's Spirit had always been with me, but I'd never been cognisant of that until I was standing in a field with 2 million other Catholic youths praying with our Pope and sharing in the offering of the Mass. From that day on, my life was changed. I'd always been a Mass-going Catholic, but my relationship with God and the Eucharist took on a whole new meaning after I met the Holy Spirit. The magnitude of this event cannot be understated, and being among that crowd of people from all countries, attending Mass in other languages, sharing a love of Christ and bonding with strangers over that incredible love, watching nuns play volleyball and seeing priests dance through the streets, hearing the chants of people from all over the world and journeying together in solitude all contributed to my passion for youth ministry. Without WYD, I'm not sure I'd be a youth leader today. This year, I'm attending WYD as a Pilgrim Group Leader for our Diocese of Broken Bay. I'm excited to be working with other young leaders, as well as Bishop Anthony and the Executive Team, to ensure we can facilitate opportunities for pilgrims to encounter God in the very real and very life-changing way that I did. All pilgrims have to pay for their trips in early April, so our LNS Pilgrims only have 2 more weeks to fundraise. We will cease our fundraising efforts on Palm Sunday. You have supported us tirelessly and we are incredibly grateful. Your support has meant the world to us! If you are interested in supporting Aaron, Maria, Frances and/or Clara before we stop fundraising, please scan the QR Code below or go to <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/Inshoreparish>. Your contribution to their first WYD will be life-changing, and WYD will also act as a formation program for each of them to come back to the Parish as Youth Leaders, supporting the faith formation of our high schoolers and young adults. *Thank you for your prayers. Know that we are praying for you. Obrigada! Deus o abençoe.*



Scan me!



On Sunday 5 March 2023 at 8.30AM a group of 5 from the Parish's Laudato Si Action Platform group joined other volunteers at Hallstrom Park (Bi-Centennial Reserve) in a Clean Up Australia activity. It was a successful day with all the participants sharing their experiences and the weather inspiring us to clean our beautiful home, Mother Earth



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# CATHOLIC PARISH OF LOWER NORTH SHORE

## SUSTAINING OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Fr Jose Philip and the Parish Finance Committee



Parish Annual **Report**

Financial Year  
2021/22



*Go make disciples of all nations, baptise them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and teach them to obey all that I have commanded you.*

# OUR PRIEST

A LETTER FROM FR JOSE PHILIP



Dear Friends,

Along with the Lower North Shore Parish Finance Committee, I present to you the Annual Financial Report of our Parish community. We have sought to provide you with as helpful an amount of information as possible.

The 2021/22 financial year continued to be challenging at times, however we were fortunate enough to be able to open our doors for the majority of the year. If you were able to join us, many of you continued to give very generously to the Parish through your weekly donations and many of you also continued to embrace the “Tap N Go” terminals in each Church. For those who were not able to return in person, your continued support through online giving also very much assisted our Parish. Sadly, despite significant Government financial support during lockdowns, our revenue from various traditional means for donations and collections continues to decline year-on-year. The financial viability of our Parish to properly perform ministry and evangelisation and at the same time to meet its operating costs is principally dependent on the continued financial support of our generous Parish community.

***For those of you who are already a part of our planned giving program, might you be able to increase your donation, even if only by a few dollars? If this is not possible right now, then your ongoing prayers and thoughts are always appreciated.***

I want to take this opportunity to thank most warmly our Finance Committee, for contributing their time in such a generous way to the financial life of our community. I record my gratitude, and that of the Committee to our recently appointed Parish Bookkeeper, who provides the Committee with comprehensive and extensive financial reports on a quarterly basis. I also thank the members of our Parish Missionary Council who dedicate their time and energy to our Parish, providing tremendous support and sharing their wisdom.

I extend my sincere appreciation to our Parish Secretary, Sacramental Coordinator and Catechist Coordinator for their valuable support and expertise. A very big thank you also to Fr Biju and Fr Chima for their invaluable assistance and support throughout the year.

# OUR COLLECTIONS

INFORMATION ON THE COLLECTIONS IN THE PARISH

## The First Collection

The proceeds from the First Collection, as well as Stole fees (donations for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals) are for the support of the Priests and Bishops in our Diocese.

After covering the household expenses of the clergy in our Parish, the balance of the Collection is passed over to a pooled fund that provides Stipends for all active Priests, supports our retired clergy and pays clergy medical costs. A portion of the collection (15%) is allocated to a fund to support the Bishop (and retired Bishops) and his office.

Personal mass offerings and gifts remain with individual Priests.

## Pastoral Works Broken

### Bay (formerly Charitable Works Fund).

Commencing 2022/23 the Pastoral Works Broken Bay collections will be held twice a year. Donations, which are tax deductible, directly support the people of our Diocese. These are:

1. Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)
2. CatholicCare Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioners
3. Ephpheta Centre
4. St Lucy's School
5. St Edmund's College

## The Second Collection

The Second Collection (Loose and Tap N Go) and Planned Giving (envelopes, credit cards and direct bank transfers) are for the needs of the Parish.

These funds support our parish ministries, meet the administration costs including electricity and insurance and the maintenance of the Parish buildings. as detailed on the following pages.



## Devotional Candle Stands

The monies donated for the intentions of the donors at the candle stand, are placed at the service of Parish special appeals.

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**Peter's Pence:** conducted on the first weekend in July and sent to the Vatican as a response from the faithful to support the charitable activities of the Holy See.

**Project Compassion:** conducted during Lent each year for Caritas, the Catholic organisation that provides humanitarian assistance to people in need.

**St Vincent de Paul Appeals:** held twice a year for the Winter Appeal and Christmas Appeal.

**Holy Places:** held on Good Friday to promote missionary work of the Church and support education, health, medical and social works for the people of the Holy Land and to preserve and restore sacred historical sites.

# OUR FINANCES

OVERVIEW OF OUR PARISH FINANCES FY2021/22

The ongoing impacts of the COVID pandemic, coupled with declining planned giving contributions and the loss of rent from the Naremburn property all contributed to a net deficit of **\$187K**.

Government COVID assistance totaling \$45k received throughout the year partially offset extra costs that the Parish incurred to comply with COVID obligations, including making our churches safe and to enable the Parish to continue its various Ministries which otherwise would not have been possible in these difficult times. Government financial assistance programmes are no longer available.

## Key Outcomes With Income

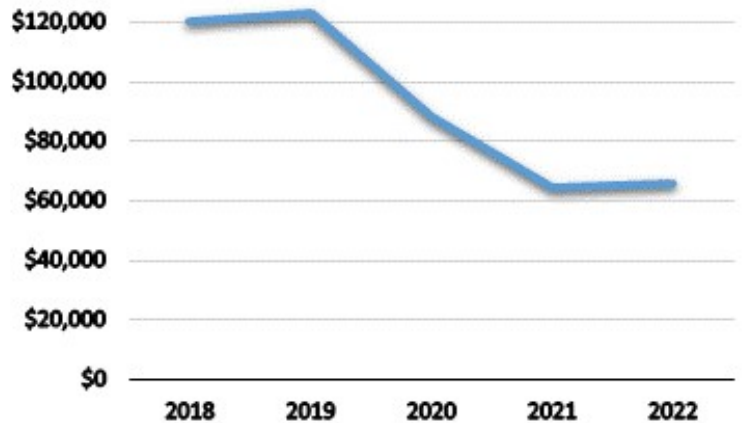
2021/22 total Church operating income declined by **15.8%** on the prior year.

Unfortunately, first and second collections giving continues to steadily decline year-on-year (refer to graphs).

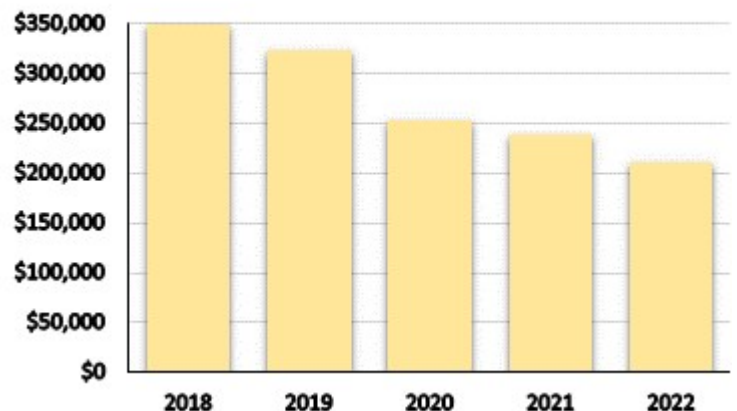
## Key Outcomes With Expenditure

2021/22 total Church operating expenditure had decreased by 5% on the prior year (driven largely by Government subsidising wages during lockdowns). Wage expenses will increase again in the coming financial year as Government subsidies are no longer available.

First Collection FY2018 - 2022



Second Collection FY2018 - 2022





# OUR FINANCES

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

### 5 Year Comparative Analysis of Income and Expenditure

	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20	2018/19	2017/18
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>					
Credit Cards & Direct Deposits	123,475	135,670	140,692	160,469	182,400
Envelopes	23,920	33,465	35,028	46,663	66,905
Good Giving App	1,805	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Planned Giving</b>	<b>149,200</b>	<b>169,135</b>	<b>175,720</b>	<b>207,132</b>	<b>249,305</b>
Tap N Go	15,835	22,334	-	-	-
Loose Second Collection	45,661	46,988	77,274	116,607	99,758
<b>Total Giving Revenue:</b>	<b>210,696</b>	<b>238,456</b>	<b>252,994</b>	<b>323,739</b>	<b>349,062</b>
<b>Other Income</b>					
CCI & Diocesan Rebates	-	-	1,040	1,022	2,443
Donations	11,744	16,435	308,521	21,844	27,406
Interest Received	4,846	11,797	23,913	29,117	24,302
Pastoral Programmes	8,828	3,595	4,975	14,818	11,943
Rental income	260,282	266,310	250,993	290,277	252,540
Other Income	19,033	75,769	24,408	15,870	29,641
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>304,733</b>	<b>373,905</b>	<b>613,850</b>	<b>372,947</b>	<b>348,276</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>515,428</b>	<b>612,362</b>	<b>866,843</b>	<b>696,686</b>	<b>697,338</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>675,913</b>	<b>712,437</b>	<b>653,756</b>	<b>725,250</b>	<b>779,697</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT</b>	<b>- 160,484</b>	<b>- 100,075</b>	<b>213,088</b>	<b>- 28,563</b>	<b>- 82,359</b>
<b>Other Non Operating Income &amp; Exp:</b>	<b>- 26,282</b>	<b>- 20,613</b>	<b>2,655</b>	<b>- 87,121</b>	<b>- 138,277</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>-\$ 186,766</b>	<b>-\$120,688</b>	<b>\$215,743</b>	<b>-\$115,685</b>	<b>-\$ 220,636</b>

#### Notes for FY2021/22:

- Office Staff wages accounted for \$126,253 of total operating expenditure
  - Music Ministry wages accounted for \$116,380 of total operating expenditure
  - Figures exclude expenditure incurred on the proposed Naremburn development (\$282K). This amount is covered by the payment received from the developer as part of the development rights payment.
  - PWBB collections shortfall of **\$56,062** which is required to be paid from Parish funds.
- Target for FY2022/23 is \$77,738.

# OUR FINANCES

PARTICULAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR FY2021/22

## Key Outcomes With Income:

- Recurring planned second collection (credit cards, direct debits and envelopes) income decreased by **11.8%** on the prior year.
- Second collection loose and Tap N Go income declined by **11.6%** on the prior year reflecting reduced Mass attendance due to COVID restrictions.
- Total Church revenue (excl. Govt. Subsidies) declined by **\$97K** or **15.8%** on the prior year driven mainly by significant decreases in planned giving (**11.8%**), unplanned giving (**11.3%**), one-off donations (**28.5%**), and interest income from Term Deposits (**58.9%**).
- The above significant decreases in income were only partially offset by Government assistance subsidies.

## Key Outcomes With Expenditure:

Total Church operating expenses declined by \$37K or 5% on the prior year.

- Key drivers were reductions in Motor Vehicle costs, IT expenses, and Altar & Church requisites.
- Employment expenses also declined due to COVID closures but will increase again in the new financial year.
- Any increases in operating expenses were offset by these larger cost savings.

## Capital Works Development Highlights: (non-operating expenditure)

### Parish Office:

- Re-carpet and repaint office.
- Installation of new ducted air-conditioning system.

### St Thomas Church:

- Installation of new projector system.

### St Leonards Church:

- New lectern microphone
- New lighting fixtures for sanctuary area.

# OUR FUTURE

FINANCIAL STRATEGIES FOR OUR FUTURE

## Planned Giving

As we look ahead to support the ongoing life and mission of our Parish, might you consider becoming a member of our **Planned Giving Program** so that we can most effectively plan for our annual endeavours?

If you are already one of our valued planned giving members, are you able to review your contribution and increase it? Even if only by a few dollars?

Planned giving may easily be made by:

- A monthly debit to your credit or debit card;
- Direct bank transfer (EFT);
- Obtaining a set of weekly envelopes that you contribute at Mass collections; or
- Pledging a quarterly or annual amount to the Parish.

For more information about these options for our Planned Giving Program please contact the Parish office.

## Bequests

**A gift to the Parish in your Will, no matter how small, would help us enormously.**

After you have provided for your family, you may like to leave part of your estate to your family of faith. This may be through a specific sum of money or a small percentage of your estate.

The following clause may be taken to your solicitor and discussed with your family.

*"I give to the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church for the Diocese of Broken Bay, (ABN 79 031 652 544) as trustee for the Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore, in the State of New South Wales for its general purposes, the sum of \$ .....or \_\_\_\_\_percent of my estate or the property at \_\_\_\_\_(or other specific items), free of all duties, taxes and other deductions of whatever kind.*

*I declare that the receipt for the same signed by the Bishop of the Diocese, or other designated officer, shall be sufficient discharge to my Executors and Trustees."*

**At all times, donations to the Parish are able to be made either for specific projects or for general revenue via our bank account.**

**Please contact the Parish Office on 9958 8846 for account details.**







## **SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING**

**Father Ireneusz (Irek) Czech SDS, Parish Priest of Pymble Catholic Parish, will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church Pymble on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023.**

The evening commences with Mass at **6.00 PM** followed by a light meal and a short meeting.

Following the meeting Father Irek will speak to us about his vocation journey and discuss Savatorian Spirituality.

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.*

Please telephone: Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email [terry\\_scanlan@bigpond.com](mailto:terry_scanlan@bigpond.com) if you would like to attend.



**Sacred Heart Church Pymble**

*Serra Club* North Shore

Lenten

*Reflection Day*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 11**

SPEAKER **FR ALDRIN VALDEHUEZA**

The Serra Club invites you to a Lenten Reflection Day, Saturday March 11 at Sacred Heart Church Pymble. All are welcome to attend. Please bring a plate to share for lunch and refreshments will be provided. The day will conclude with Mass at 3PM. Please RSVP to Terry Scanlan

**TIME: 10AM - 4PM**

**VENUE: Sacred Heart Church  
2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble**

To RSVP email [terry\\_scanlan@bigpond.com](mailto:terry_scanlan@bigpond.com)





## VIRTUAL BOOK LAUNCH INVITATION

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*Australian Women Preach* is a weekly podcast featuring Australian women preaching the Sunday Gospel. *In Her Voice: Raising Women's Voices in Preaching the Gospel* is a selection of reflections from that podcast featuring 30 women preachers of diverse Christian faith and ages.

*In Her Voice* is a unique Australian book that showcases the often unheard voices of Christian women.

Six of the contributors from the book – Tricia Gemmell, Mary Coloe, Rachel McLean, Jennifer King, Di Langham and Tracy McEwan – will talk about their preaching experiences, and what it has meant to be part of *Australian Woman Preach*. A Q&A session will follow.

We hope you can join us for the virtual launch of this powerful and ground-breaking book.

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### EVENT DETAILS

**WHEN:** Thursday 9 March 2023

**TIME:** 7.30pm AEDT\*

**WHERE:** Via Zoom meeting

**COST:** Free

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE](#)



# Latest from Letefoho



This weekend is LETS Awareness weekend. We are not holding a collection, but you are more than welcome to donate to the LETS projects via BPoint on the Parish website.

To remind you all LETS stands for Letefoho East Timor Support. Letefoho is a remote subdistrict in the mountains of Timor Leste. It includes 65 villages and 25,000+ people. It is a very poor area of one of the poorest countries in the world. LNSP has been supporting Letefoho through LETS since September 2013.

Our past projects include:

1) The complete renovation of a high school



2) the building of a boarding house for girls



3) Vehicles for the community



4) The extension of an old building to be a boarding house for boys



Our ongoing projects continue to include students sponsorship for high school students and students attending tertiary education institutions. This year we will be expect to be sponsoring a total of 95 high school students and 65 tertiary students. This is a most effective level of support for a very poor community, which provides for future self-sustainability and improved quality of life for not just the students, but the whole community.



School students (L)

Tertiary students (R)



LETS continues to send reconditioned laptops, school supplies and occasionally books to Letefoho, with the great

support of D B Schenker Australia to transport the goods to Melbourne for us and then Rotary Donations in Kind for transport to Timor Leste.

This year we are working towards:

1. funding repairs to the older section of the boys' boarding house (~AUD9,524)
2. completion of the Eraulo chapel. Eraulo is a village of Letefoho with a significant position.
3. funding a new project of pig farming. Initiated by the Letefoho Parish, this project is to be the base of a village project for families to eventually grow and sell pigs themselves.

We are very fortunate to have LETS as a part of our Parish community. It is a LNSP project that is now in its 10 year, thanks to the wonderful support of our Parish Priests and you, our Parishioners! Your individual support has been unsurpassed. The LETS Committee and the people of Letefoho are incredible grateful for all you have given – funds, hands-on support and your prayers. THANK YOU!

The LETS Committee needs to grow! Please think about joining our small group and contributing to a most meaningful and rewarding opportunity within which you can really help our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Christ. Please contact Georgina at [gcm.lough@gmail.com](mailto:gcm.lough@gmail.com) or 0419280729 or Lorna at [admin@lets.net.au](mailto:admin@lets.net.au) If you would like to share your time, talents or expertise with LETS.

Candlelight, song, prayer, silence

# WATCH and PRAY



a **Taize** service for Lent

Simple meditative worship for everyone.

*Looking for some peace, stillness and a message of hope in a fragile world?*

**Northbridge Uniting Church**

**Gunyah St, Northbridge**

**7.15pm, Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

6.30pm Refreshments in Hall

**Hosted by our Christian Church Communities**

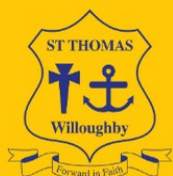
Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore, Willoughby- Northbridge  
Uniting Church, St Marks Anglican North

**We warmly welcome you!**





# OPEN DAY



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- Meet our Principal, teachers and students
- Discover how each and every child has a unique learning experience
- Visit our new refurbished learning environments
- Gain a real sense of the St Thomas community

**Wednesday 8 March 2023**

8am to 10:30am, 4pm to 6pm

**Tuesday 14 March 2023**

7.30am to 8.45am, 4pm to 6pm



**Scan Now  
To Register**

**Enrica Bova, Principal**

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