



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. We respectfully acknowledge their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, as we continue the journey of Reconciliation.

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Naremburn

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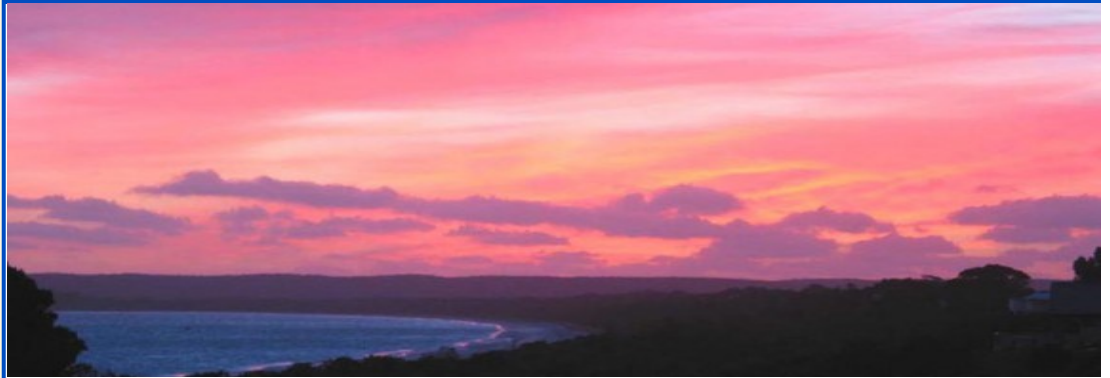
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4th Sunday Of Lent Year C – 31st March 2019



Dear Parishioners,

Today is the mid-point of the Season of Lent and is called **Laetare** Sunday, because the entrance hymn states, **Rejoice**, O Jerusalem. This is one of the two Sundays of the year to wear Rose vestments (sometimes mistakenly mentioned as pink vestments by parishioners).

While this is seen as a mid-season break from the rigours of Lenten penance it also reminds me that as Christians, we need to always be a people who give praise to God "in season and out of season", when all is going well and even when life is tough.

May we receive the grace that we might always be an eucharistic people, a people who rejoice always in our God.

Fr Brian



JOIN THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER
ST THOMAS CHURCH SUNDAYS @ 9:30AM

CONTACT LNS PARISH 9958 8846 OR OFFICE@LNS.ORG.AU

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Recently Deceased: James Dunn, Karen Ellis, Binawan Tirta, Betty Hannon
& Kata Grgoric.

Anniversaries: Bob Ljubic, Herlien Sutanto, Michael Fossey,
Beatrice Constance Fossey & Salvatore Bentivoglio.

Repose of the Soul: Frank Attard, Florence Smith, Elizabeth Williams & George Bradley.



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 *Jos 5:9-12*

A reading from the book of Joshua

The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

PSALM *Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9*

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.

The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **(R.)**

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. **(R.)**

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

MON: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

TUE: Ezek 47:1-9,12; Jn 5:1-3,5-16

WED: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5: 17-30

THU: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

FRI: Wis 2:1, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

SAT: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-52

SECOND READING *2 Cor 5:17-21*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Lk 15:18*

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL *Lk 15:1-3. 11-32*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.' When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put

him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'"

Latest News...

The Light is
ON for you



Each Friday during Lent we will be having Stations of the Cross followed by Reconciliation. St Thomas' Willoughby 5th & 12th April from 7pm. Please note there will be no reconciliation in Holy Week.

ROSEVILLE MUSIC CLUB

Please join us for a series of concerts. All concerts are held in St Luke's Presbyterian Church, 28 Lord Street, Roseville at 2pm on Saturday afternoons. We invite you to join our 2019 season. We are presenting five concerts which encompass a range of musicians, instruments, voices and musical styles. Our next concert is: **Continuum Sax** - a saxophone quartet featuring Christina Leonard and friends with musical selections from classical to jazz. Sat 4 May 2pm
www.roseville.fmca.org.au



Congratulations to Deacon Eugenio Redentor, newly ordained deacon of the Letefoho Parish. Eugenio works closely with LETS in regards to the student sponsorship and the laptop programmes. He is currently Fr Helio's right hand man and a wonderful host to all who visit Letefoho! We wish him God's blessings."



LATEST FROM LETEFOHO



Thank you to so many of our Parishioners who have re-sponsored a student of Letefoho to continue their Senior High School attendance at Our Lady of Mt Carmel High School for 2019! This is a tremendous example of commitment to improve the life of others. We now have only 70 students, including 35 new Year 10 students, who require sponsorship for this year's 12 month's tuition and uniforms. Please see the lists at the back of each church, if you would like to sponsor a student for this year. The cost is \$245. Payment details are included in the folders. For more information please contact Georgina at gcm.lough@gmail.com / 0419280729

PARISH CONSULTATION

All Parishioners are invited to fill out a Parish Needs Assessment form, outlining what you think the Parish needs are when looking at the Best Use of the Naremburn site. This is the first and most important step in collecting the wisdom of the local community about what any future use of the site should provide. Forms can be emailed to Fr Brian at the Parish Office, E: office@lms.org.au

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join the Italian Community for Stations of the Cross at St Leonard's 7pm – 7.30pm every Tuesday from 12 March through to the 13 April. All welcome! If you would like more information or you need help with transport, please contact Irma 02 9958 2945 or 0437 607 918.

WILLOUGHBY PRAYER GROUP

We would like to invite you to the Willoughby Prayer Group. We meet each Tuesday evening at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall. We start with Praise and Worship and Bible Reading for one hour and then finish with Prayer until 9pm. **ALL WELCOME.**

DISCERNMENT EVENINGS

Every Christian has a vocation, a special invitation from God to become holy and whole, to walk a unique, earthly path that leads ultimately to heaven. Samuel Group participants are encouraged to bring their unique questions, desires, strengths and weaknesses to God, and to learn to respond to His loving voice.

This discernment event is for young adults, who meet together once a month in order to pray, ask questions and discover their individual vocations or lifetime call from God.

We invite you to set aside a few hours on Wednesday evening March 27 in order to learn more about God and yourself and investigate your vocation, a special call from God, to leave a mark in this world.

Date: March 27, May 29, July 24, Sept 18, Nov 20

Time 5:30 – 7:30pm

Where: Holy Name Parish, 35 Billyard Ave Wahroonga- The Priory

SPIRITUAL FOOD FOR LENT

Smart Catholics are picking up a 20 minute Eucharist at home or office, on their commute on the bus or train with an i-phone or i-pad. **Mass on demand.com**
Get with it this Lent!

PARISH SCHOOL REFERENCES

- Please bring the School's generic form to the Parish Office (a stamped addressed envelope is really helpful)
- Attach a family photo (just one from your home printer is great)
- Attach a note regarding your involvement in the Parish (eg, volunteer ministries/ planned giving contributor) and which Church you usually attend Mass.
- Once we receive your form, Fr Brian will complete the reference, and send it directly to the school for processing.

The World Community for Christian Meditation (NSW) presents:

'MEDITATE IN MAY'

How to meditate in the Christian Tradition

4-week Course

at the St. Thomas' Parish Office

Delivered in 4 sessions. Each 1-hour session covers a different topic and there is time for practice and questions.

Sessions are **Mondays 7:30pm** on the following dates:

6-May; 13-May; 20-May; 27-May.

Other locations/dates/times may be available

Please RSVP by SMS or call to 0431 996 108

Coordinator: Maximo

Booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/434714>

WEEKEND MASSES	CHURCH	CLERGY 6 & 7 April
Sat 5:00pm	St Philip Neri	Fr Vincent
Sat 6:00pm	St Thomas'	Fr Brian
Sun 8:00am	St Thomas'	Fr Brian
Sun 9:00am	St Philip Neri	Fr Tomy
Sun 9:30am	St Thomas'	Fr Brian
Sun 10:30am	St Leonard's	Fr Tomy
Sun 6:00pm	St Leonard's	Fr Vincent
Sun 4:00pm	RNSH	Fr Andrew

WEEKDAY MASSES	CHURCH
Mon 9:00am	St Thomas'
Mon 9:15am	St Philip Neri
Tue 9:00am	St Thomas'
Tue 9:00am	St Leonard's
Wed 9:00am	St Thomas'
Wed 9:15am	St Philip Neri
Thu 9:00am	St Leonard's
Thu 9:00am	St Thomas'
Thu 1:00pm	RNSH
Fri 9:00am	St Thomas'
Fri 9:15am	St Philip Neri
Fri 1:00pm	RNSH
Sat 9:00am	St Thomas'
Sat 9:00am	St Leonard's

CHILDREN'S BAPTISM
St Leonard's Church: 12:00noon
 4th Sunday of the month
St Philip Neri Church: 12:00noon
 2nd Sunday of the month
St Thomas' Church: 10:45am
 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month
NO BAPTISMS DURING LENT

BAPTISM PREPARATION
7:00pm Parish Office
2nd & 3rd Tuesdays of the month
 Forms are available from the back of each Church, or our website.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY
St Philip Neri Church -9:00am Mass
 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays
St Thomas' Church - 9:30am Mass
St Leonard's Church - 10:30am Mass

HOME ROSARY
 Friday 5th April, 7:30pm
 15 Northcote St, Naremburn
 If you would like to host a Home Rosary please call
 Cecilia 0466 961 240

MEMORIAL PLAQUES AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH
 If you would like to purchase a memorial plaque for a loved one, please contact the Parish Office.

ADORATION
 Tuesdays after 9:00am Mass at St Thomas' Willoughby concluding with Benediction at 10:30am. **School Term**

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MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK
9:00am - St Thomas'
 1st Fri of the month
9:00am - St Leonard's
 3rd Sat of the month

RECONCILIATION
St Leonard's Church
 Sat: 9:30am - 9:45am
St Thomas' Church
 Sat: 5:15pm - 5:45pm
St Philip Neri Church
 Sat: 4:45pm

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