



# 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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## Assistant Priest

Rev Fr Vincent Musindalo AJ

## RNSH Chaplain

Fr Joey Frez

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Jessica Bousimon

## Parish Bookkeeper

Dorothy Tomagra

## Director of Liturgical Music

Lisa Lewis

## Catechist Co-ordinator

Kristy Komadina

## 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

## Emergency No:

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## St Philip Neri Primary School

67 Baringa Rd, Northbridge  
Principal: Fiona Bylsma  
9958 7136

## St Thomas' Primary School

2 Horsley Ave, Willoughby  
Principal: Jenny McKeown  
9958 7308

## 4th Sunday of Advent Year A – 22nd December 2019



	ST LEONARD'S		ST PHILIP NERI		ST THOMAS'	
<b>Christmas Eve Tue 24 Dec</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>RNSH+</b>	<b>5:30pm*</b>	<b>Carols</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Carols</b>
	<b>10:30pm</b>	<b>Carols</b>	<b>6:00pm*</b>	<b>Family</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Family Mass</b>
	<b>11:00pm</b>	<b>PNG CCAA</b>			<b>11:30pm</b>	<b>Carols</b>
					<b>12:00am</b>	<b>Midnight Mass</b>
<b>Christmas Day Wed 25 Dec</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>			<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>



## DECEMBER SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE

We the people of the Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore are committed to fostering communities of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our commitment is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

**Recently Deceased:** Ian Smith, Mirjana Oreb, Francesco Tusa & Geoffrey Ranson (Father of Fr David).

**Anniversaries:** Lee Gemmell, Ojdana Curac & Marin Byok.

**Deceased:** Jubo Radovanovic.

**Sick:** Trish Fitzpatrick & John Jamieson.



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Cf. Is 45:8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

**FIRST READING** Is 7:10-14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*The virgin will conceive.*

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No', Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.' Then Isaiah said: 'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too?

The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 23:1-6. R. see vv 7. 10

**(R.) Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. **(R.)**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. **(R.)**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING** Rom 1:1-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son of God.*

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Mt 1:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Mt 1:18-24

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.*

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

### SUMMER WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**26th December 2019 -  
25th January 2020**

**Boxing Day December 26th :**

9:00am -St Thomas' Fr Joey - Mass

9:00am - St Leonards'- Communion Service

**The following weekday Masses will be communion services only.**

**Tuesdays** -9:00am St Leonard's

**Fridays** -9:15am St Philip Neri

**Saturdays** -9:00am St Thomas'

### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AT ST LEONARDS

Will break over the Christmas/New Year period and resume on Wednesday 29th January.

**WEEKDAY READINGS**

23 Mon Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

24 Tue 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
/Lk 1:67-79

25 Wed THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/  
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/  
Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18  
or 1:1-5, 9-14

26 Thu Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/  
Mt 10:17-22

27 Fri 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

28 Sat 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18

**BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND**

St Thomas' Church

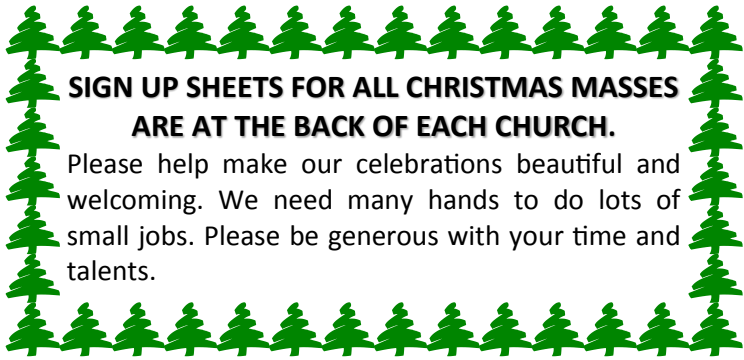
**Éire Murphy**



St Leonard's Church

**Felix Pang & Phoenix Press**

# Latest News...



## SIGN UP SHEETS FOR ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES ARE AT THE BACK OF EACH CHURCH.

Please help make our celebrations beautiful and welcoming. We need many hands to do lots of small jobs. Please be generous with your time and talents.



## TOUR THE BELLS OF ST LEONARDS

As part of our **Australia Day** celebrations, we are offering **TWO** free tours of the tower, commencing at 3pm & 4 pm on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Please

arrive promptly at the back of the church (corner Willoughby and Donnelly Roads) at **2:50pm** or **3.50pm**. Tours are expected to last about 55 minutes. It is suggested you wear rubber-soled shoes and pants or trousers. **Please book your place by emailing [office@lms.org.au](mailto:office@lms.org.au)** Priority will be given to those who book. Children must be a minimum 10 years of age and be accompanied by a parent. **NUMBERS ARE LIMITED, SO DON'T HESITATE TO BOOK!**

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

### YOUTH MUSIC PROGRAM FELLOWSHIP 2020, CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE LOWER NORTH SHORE

Expressions of Interest are sought from high school aged parishioners who can display a skill in music, either as a singer or a musician in the band, and want to be an active part of our faith community.

The Youth Music Fellowship Program (Fellowship) requires participants to commit to spending 2 hours per month, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, to rehearse with other musicians, the musical parts of the Youth Mass at 6:00 pm on one Sunday per month at St Leonards Church, Naremburn. The Fellowship will run from February through November and the hours you commit to the Fellowship could form part of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award, Voluntary Service component.



Having satisfactorily completed the Fellowship you may be invited to join the list of casual musicians who are paid for their services. The Youth Ministry in our parish is vibrant and growing and you could make a significant impact by taking up the opportunity of a Fellowship. Please send your Expression of Interest, detailing your musical experience to Director of Music, Lisa Lewis: [Music@lms.org.au](mailto:Music@lms.org.au) by 24th January 2020.



## LENTEN LISTENING 2020

### A LENTEN PROGRAM OFFERED BY THE DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

This Lenten program experience draws on the rich Scripture texts of this Year A Lenten Season, and invites us to reflect on these in conjunction with the Plenary Council themes, to discern what the Spirit is saying to us in our own local parish communities today.

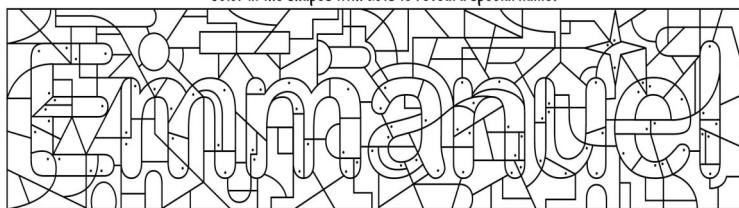
This will be a process of communal discernment, rather than individual discernment. The process is one of prayer, contemplation, sharing with one another and seeking God's direction, guided by the Holy Spirit. Each week will look at one of the 6 themes arising from the Plenary Council, and follow the discernment process as outlined in the Plenary Council *Let's Listen & Discern* Plenary Council 2020 Phase 2 Listening and Discernment guide.

The themes are as follows:

- Week 1: Prayerful and Eucharistic
- Week 2: Missionary and Evangelising
- Week 3: Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal
- Week 4: Humble, Healing and Merciful
- Week 5: Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform
- Week 6: A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community

Each session lasts 2 hours. This is a privileged time to spend with each other in our faith family, to discern where God is calling us within our own parish communities, and leading to positive actions going forward. If you're interested in hosting a group at a time and place that suits you, please contact the Parish Office.

Color in the shapes with dots to reveal a special name.



WEEKEND MASSES	CHURCH	CLERGY 28 & 29 Dec
Sat 5:00pm	St Philip Neri	Fr Brian
Sat 6:00pm	St Thomas'	Fr Joey
Sun 8:00am	St Thomas'	Fr Joey
Sun 9:00am	St Philip Neri	Fr Brian
Sun 9:30am	St Thomas'	Fr Joey
Sun 10:30am	St Leonard's	Fr Brian
Sun 6:00pm	St Leonard's	Fr Brian
Sun 4:00pm	RNSH	Fr Joey

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**  
 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month  
**St Philip Neri Church: 12:00noon**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month  
**St Thomas' Church: 10:45am**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**  
**7:00pm Parish Office**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 27th December 7:30pm  
 12 Stan Street, Willoughby  
 If you would like to host  
 a Home Rosary  
 please call Cecilia 0466 961 240

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

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

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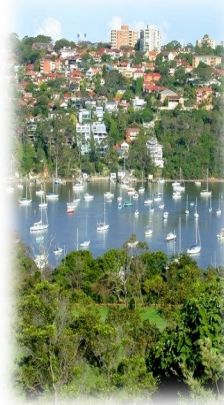
**MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK**  
**9:00am - St Thomas'**  
 1st Fri of the month  
**9:00am - St Leonard's**  
 3rd Sat of the month

**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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