



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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Feast of the Epiphany Year A – 5th January 2020

Dear Parishioners,

A very happy New Year to you all.

I pray that 2020 will be a year of rich blessing for each of us.

2020 is a shorthand way of speaking for having a clear vision. May Jesus and his rich message be our vision for this coming year.

Fr Brian



STARS AND SEEKERS AFTER TRUTH

Unlike the writers of the horoscope columns in our newspapers, these Wise Men were scholar astrologers, probably from Syria or Iraq. They believed that the stars controlled the destiny of human beings, but they were open enough to the Hebrew scriptures to be led to the amazing discovery of a star-child in Bethlehem.

They knelt before this baby, doing homage, because they realised that the stars did not control *this* infant, but that there was something of this baby which caused the night sky to respond! They preserved the child from the deadly schemes of Herod, and then they returned to their home country, 'by a different way'. They were on a different journey after encountering the Child.

Who can doubt that the Holy Spirit led these wise men from the East to the manger? In fact, the Holy Spirit is at work in every human being, prompting each and every one to become seekers after Truth.

As a person responds to this prompting and tries to lead a good humane life, then the Church teaches that the Holy Spirit can draw them into the saving life of God. Thus, billions in China and India who have never heard the Gospel, can be saved. But, such persons do not savour the fullness of Truth as we do with the privilege of having the scriptures and the sacraments. Where it is possible, we are obliged to offer them the road map to the Truth.

We can take a moment to affirm our faith in the baby in the manger as the One of whom Dante spoke: 'the Love which moves the sun and other stars'. Come, let us adore him.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Recently Deceased: Rocco Di Ciano.

Anniversaries: Brian Woodward.

Deceased: Mary Fernandes, Stephen Broderick, deceased members of the Toohey and Broderick families.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Mal 3:1; 1 Chr 29:12

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

FIRST READING Is 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **(R.)**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. **(R.)**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AT ST LEONARDS

Will resume on Wed 29th January.

SECOND READING Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!



BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

St Thomas' Church

Alessandro Parisi

Welcome!



WEEKDAY READINGS

6 Mon 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
7 Tue 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
8 Wed 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
9 Thu 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
10 Fri 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
11 Sat 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

GOSPEL Mt 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

SUMMER WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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'

Latest News...

THANK YOU



A huge thanks and congratulations to all involved in the music over Christmas ! We had so many wonderful compliments about the music, as the hearty sounds of singing filled our churches.

Thank you to all the volunteers, who read, sang, clicked, stacked chairs, made sandwiches, distributed communion, visited the sick, decorated, rang bells and gave of yourself. You are the Spirit of Christmas.

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 26th January 2020.** 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** 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!**

BEANNACHT A BLESSING FOR THE NEW YEAR

John O'Donohue

On the day when
the weight deadens
on your shoulders
and you stumble,
may the clay dance
to balance you.

And when your eyes
freeze behind
the grey window
and the ghost of loss
gets in to you,
may a flock of colours,
indigo, red, green,
and azure blue
come to awaken in you
a meadow of delight.

When the canvas frays
in the currach of thought
and a stain of ocean
blackens beneath you,
may there come across the
waters
a path of yellow moonlight
to bring you safely home.

May the nourishment of the
earth be yours,
may the clarity of light be
yours,
may the fluency of the ocean
be yours,
may the protection of the
ancestors be yours.

And so may a slow
wind work these words
of love around you,
an invisible cloak
to mind your life.



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.

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 by 24th January 2020.

WEEKEND MASSES	CHURCH	CLERGY 11 & 12 Jan
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
 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

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 10th January 7:30pm
 45 Park Road, Naremburn
 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

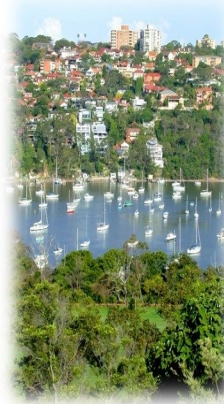
RECONCILIATION
St Leonard's Church
 Sat: 9:30am - 9:45am
St Thomas' Church
 Sat: 5:15pm - 5:45pm
St Philip Neri Church
 Sat: 4:45pm

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