



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

St Philip Neri Church

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St Thomas' Church

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Baptism of the Lord Year A – 12th January 2020



When Jesus approaches John for baptism, John recognises him as the Messiah that John has been preaching about, the one for whom he was preparing the way. Recognising the significance of the moment, John tries to reverse roles and force Jesus into a superior role to himself. But Jesus says let's just do it like this for now and 'do all that righteousness demands'. In the gospel of Matthew, whenever Jesus speaks about fulfilling the demands of righteousness or doing what is righteous, he is speaking about carrying out the will of God; acting in accordance with the covenant relationship between God and the people.

It would have been easy for Jesus to accept John's offer to exchange places. In many ways perhaps he would have liked to do so as a way of acknowledging the great work John had done. But part of the demands of righteousness that Jesus needed to fulfil was to be the sort of Messiah that did not sit within normal expectations. Part of his fulfilment of God's will was to be a servant Messiah rather than a powerful, avenging Messiah for which many of the people hoped and prayed.

To have exchanged places with John would have been to say, here I am, I am greater than John and I am here to show you all the way. Rather, by submitting to John's baptism he does indeed show the way – the way of humility and gentleness. We are assured of the rightness of Jesus' actions immediately because, upon his rising from the water, the voice of God affirms favour and approval upon Jesus. In the first test of his will, Jesus has acted in accordance with the will of God.

Reflection by Greg Sunter

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Recently Deceased: Jim Gillespie & Rocco Di Ciano.

Anniversaries: Orsola Orsini (1st Anniversary) Leonardo Barbagallo, Rosa & Giovanni Squadrito.

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



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Mt 3:16-17

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

FIRST READING Is 42:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights.

I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court. **(R.)**

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **(R.)**

The God of glory thunders.

In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'

The Lord sat enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits as king for ever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING Acts 10:34-38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION See Mk 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 3:13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus was baptised, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God came upon him.

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Giuseppe & Giuseppa Profera



Congratulations!
St Leonard's

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

St Thomas' Church

Margot Young

Welcome!

**MARRIAGES THIS WEEK**

Robbie Salvaggio & Edward Agg



Congratulations!
St Leonard's

WEEKDAY READINGS

13 Mon 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

14 Tue 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

15 Wed 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/
Mk 1:29-39

16 Thu 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

17 Fri 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

18 Sat 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/
Mk 2:13-17

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...

A CALL TO PRAY FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE BUSHFIRES

Tuesday, 14th January, 7.30 – 8.15pm

Prayer Service - St Philip Neri Church

Overwhelming Images of devastation and suffering that we see bring us to despair. In the midst of this bushfire God calls all of us to be Good Samaritans, to give what we can and do what is possible to help.

Next Tuesday is an opportunity to pray for the needs of the victims now and for the ongoing restoration of their lives. Our three communities are invited to gather for a Prayer Service – this is something we can do. We will also be joined by some members of our neighbouring Christian churches.

If you are unable to attend and would like a special intention to be mentioned, please send the prayer to the Parish Office, (email or phone).

Just 40 minutes or so of prayer and song to show solidarity with those victims. Refreshments in the Hall will follow.

For any queries, please contact Parish Office office@lms.org.au.

PRAYER FOR RAIN TO END THE BUSH FIRES AND DROUGHT

Eternal God,

In wisdom and love you created our earth
to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now in faith, hope and love,
asking you to look with favour on our land,
ravaged by bush fires and drought.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart
to all who are affected by the bush fires and the drought;
and be with those who support them.

In your loving providence, send us abundant rain
and restore our parched earth.

Renew your faithful people; renew the face of the earth.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*Our Lady, Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia,
Pray for us.*

CAN YOU HELP?



Our wonderful volunteer Margaret has been taking care of the Altar linen at St Thomas' for some time now. She is part of a team who keep the Church looking beautiful and ready for our Masses. Thank you Margaret for all your work! Margaret needs to step down from this important role and so we are looking for

someone who might have some time to collect and wash the small linen on a weekly basis. If you can help, please phone or email the parish office on 9958 8846 or office@lms.org.au

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.

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!**

Draw Jesus being baptized in the river by John the Baptist.



WEEKEND MASSES	CHURCH	CLERGY 18 & 19 Jan
Sat 5:00pm	St Philip Neri	Fr Joey
Sat 6:00pm	St Thomas'	Fr Brian
Sun 8:00am	St Thomas'	Fr Brian
Sun 9:00am	St Philip Neri	Fr Geoff
Sun 9:30am	St Thomas'	Fr Brian
Sun 10:30am	St Leonard's	Fr Joey
Sun 6:00pm	St Leonard's	Fr Joey
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 17th January 7:30pm
 1/19 Clanwilliam 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


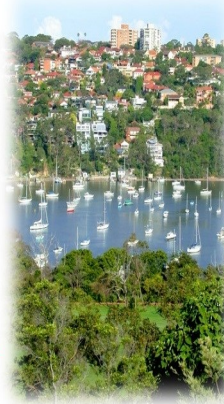
RECONCILIATION
St Leonard's Church
 Sat: 9:30am - 9:45am
St Thomas' Church
 Sat: 5:15pm - 5:45pm
St Philip Neri Church
 Sat: 4:45pm

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