



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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St Philip Neri Church

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St Thomas' Church

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – 19th January 2020

Dear Parishioners,

Sometimes children bug their parents with, "are we there yet".

Maybe at this stage of January some of our parents and grandparents are starting to say, "is the school term there yet".

I hope that the children of the parish strive to be kind to their parents, grandparents and siblings and visa-versa for the last week of so of the long school break.

Fr Brian



THE PERFUME OF HOLINESS

What does it mean to be 'holy'? It does not mean 100% morally correct, or separate from the great mass of people: 'Holier than thou!' It means being so close to God that God's holiness rubs off.

We are adopted members of the Holy Family, and something rubs off.

Each one of us has heard at our baptism 'You are my beloved son/daughter'. We have been adopted into God's family and that brings us into close proximity to God.

So, if St Paul were writing to us today, as he did to the Corinthians, this is how it would run: '... to the church of God that is in [your town], made up of those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called holy.'

But, we are not alone. In a multitude of places there are people who have also been baptised and therefore share a certain family resemblance. How is the 'togetherness' held together? By being in communion with the Bishop of Rome, currently Pope Francis.

We might pause for a moment to thank God that we are amongst the baptised who can receive St Paul's greeting: 'Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.'

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VINNIES BUSHFIRE APPEAL

A Special Collection will be held next weekend (**25/26 January**) to raise funds for the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal. Donations can be made in cash on the day or online at www.bushfireappeal.com.au Donations raised will go to people directly impacted by the bushfires. For more information please see the Diocesan website:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/bushfires/resources>

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Recently Deceased: Angus McDonald & Anne Walker (Sister-in-law of Bishop David)

Anniversaries: Nunzia Filippi(1month), Maria Szewczyk(1st),
Angela Ryan(2nd), Orsola Orsini(1st), Antonino Stellino (3rd),
Matteo & Calogero Drago, Rosa & Giovanni Squadrito.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

FIRST READING Is 49:3. 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

(R.) Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **(R.)**

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. **(R.)**

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. **(R.)**

4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord.

SECOND READING 1 Cor 1:1-3

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

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 1:14. 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

COMMUNION SERVICES THIS COMING WEEK

Tuesday 21st 9.00am at both Naremburn & Willoughby will be Communion Services.

All other Masses will be on as normal.

WEEKDAY READINGS

20 Mon 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

21 Tue 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

22 Wed 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51
/Mk 3:1-6

23 Thu 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12

24 Fri 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

25 Sat Conversion of St Paul Apostle
Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22
/Mk 16:15-18

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

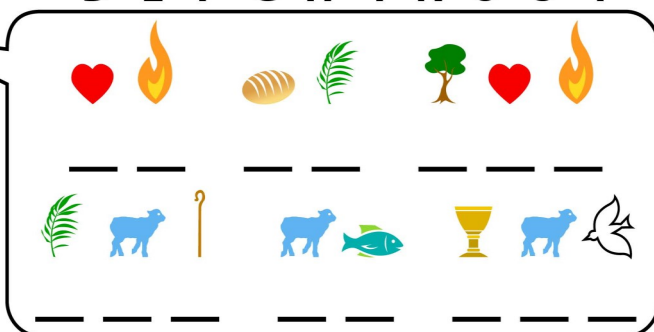
Pope Francis has instituted the Sunday of the Word of God, to be celebrated on the **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time** each year. The inaugural Sunday of the Word of God will therefore take place on **Sunday 26 January, 2020.**

Pope Francis asks us to mark this Sunday with a certain solemnity, and to 'celebrate, study, and disseminate' the word of God, "for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers." (*Aperuit Illis*, 8)

**COMMUNION TO PATHWAYS**

Could you spare some time once a month to take communion to the residents at Pathways Nursing home in Northbridge? Police Check and training can be provided. Please call or email the office if you can help or if you have any questions.

Use the code key to decipher what John the Baptist knew about Jesus



Latest News...

BUSHFIRE PRAYER SERVICE

Thank You. Last Tuesday evening St Philip Neri Church hosted a Liturgy of Prayer and Song for the many affected by our current bushfires. This was really well attended by our three communities and we also welcomed folk from our neighbouring Anglican and Uniting Church communities. As we all prayed, sang and reflected together, it was such a positive experience showing our solidarity with those who have been affected in so many ways. Thank you to those parishioners who came together at short notice to create this very moving prayer service.

The donation basket had gathered \$750 by the end of the night, a very generous response, and this money will be passed to Northbridge Rotary for their Bushfire Relief Fund.

SEMINARIAN SPONSORSHIP NEEDED

We have received word from Letefoho that two young men - aged 21 and 19 years - who finished school in 2019 have been accepted into the seminary in Dili to study for the Priesthood.

They commenced on 7 January and will now start the process of discerning their calling to a vocation in the religious life as Priests - a journey of up to 8-9 years that includes studying theology and philosophy and engaging in pastoral work in Parish communities.

One of the young men, Abilio Soares De Deus, is in need of financial support in order to continue.

Abilio is 19 years of age. He is the 7th of 10 children. His father died in 2013. The family is of very limited means relying on coffee farming and help from two older brothers who work - one as a driver and the other in Dili - but with other children still at school and no father they find it difficult to make ends meet.



Abilio's family is unable to afford seminary fees. The reality is that if he is not sponsored he will be unable to pursue his calling. The 2020 fees are US\$1,380 of which US\$705 was due on 7 January (extended by the seminary for Abilio until 4 February) and US\$225 is payable every 3 months thereafter.

If you are able to sponsor or part-sponsor Abilio or make any contribution towards his seminary fees please let me know.

Obrigadu (Thank you!)

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DEVOTIONS TO HONOUR OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on Sunday the 9 February 2020 (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood), entrance via St. James Avenue, Earlwood, commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass and the Blessing of the Sick at 3:00 p.m. The Principal celebrant will be The Reverend Fr Brian Lucas.

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.**

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Some Resources to help focus on the readings each week throughout the year.



[NRSV Online Bible \[bible.oremus.org\]](http://bible.oremus.org)

[Mass Readings this Week \[universalis.com/australia\]](http://universalis.com/australia)

[Commentary on Sunday Readings \[theemmausseries.com\]](http://theemmausseries.com)

[Commentary on Daily Readings \[livingspace.sacredspace.ie\]](http://livingspace.sacredspace.ie)

[Commentary for Children and Families \[loyolapress.com\]](http://loyolapress.com)

[Weekly Lectio Divina Guide \[carmelites.org.au\]](http://carmelites.org.au)

[Weekly Podcast on the Sunday Readings \[lankyguys.org\]](http://lankyguys.org)

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.***

WEEKEND MASSES	CHURCH	CLERGY 25 & 26 Jan
Sat 5:00pm	St Philip Neri	Fr Brian
Sat 6:00pm	St Thomas'	Fr Joey
Sun 8:00am	St Thomas'	Fr Geoff
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 24th January 7:30pm
 198 Eastern Valley Way, 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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