



# 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 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

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## St Philip Neri Primary School

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9958 7136

## St Thomas' Primary School

2 Horsley Ave, Willoughby  
Principal: Jenny McKeown  
9958 7308

## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Year A – 9th February 2020



Dear Parishioners,

Salt has had quite a history in our world. At one stage it was so precious that it was paid to soldiers rather than using money.

Today we are strongly encouraged to reduce our salt intake as it hardens the arteries.

In our Gospel today we are reminded that salt brings out the flavour in food and that as Christians we are called to be *salt of the earth*. To bring out the good in others, to make a positive contribution in our society by our living out our faith. Quite a challenge for us all.

Fr Brian

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

**We** live in a world where appearances frequently matter more than they should.

Contrary to this predominating tendency, Jesus teaches us that what we do flows from who and what we are. We can enlighten the world with the message of the gospel, because our lives have been transformed by that gospel and now we ourselves are light for others. We can serve others in various ways, only because we have been saved by God's grace and now we are agents of that grace in the lives of others. Our own renewal becomes the means through which God renews the world.

This may sound grandiose, but it isn't. It is the truth about the way God works. Extraordinary things are accomplished through ordinary people. Jesus grew up as the son of a carpenter; some of the apostles were fishermen; Paul was a tentmaker; we are clerks and teachers, bus drivers and doctors, bank tellers and engineers. Like Paul we come to ministry in weakness and fear and much trembling. It is the Spirit and power of God that work the wonders, and God works them through mundane elements of life such as light and salt.

As children, many of us learned the corporal and the spiritual works of mercy. We learned that we can practise them in every walk of life. Today's readings remind us of this. We may not be asked to perform extraordinary feats, but all disciples of Jesus are called upon to do the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way.

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## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Denis Callahan, Winifred Colman & Jim Gillespie.

**Anniversaries:** Robert Chen Chow, Alice Attard (12th), & Harry Colley.

**Sick:** Danica Yelenic & Kevin Braiding.



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Ps 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made  
us, for he is the Lord our God.

**FIRST READING** Is 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
*Your light will shine like the dawn.*  
Thus says the Lord:  
Share your bread with the hungry,  
and shelter the homeless poor,  
clothe the man you see to be naked  
and turn not from your own kin.  
Then will your light shine like the dawn  
and your wound be quickly healed over.  
Your integrity will go before you  
and the glory of the Lord behind you.  
Cry, and the Lord will answer;  
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'  
If you do away with the yoke,  
the clenched fist, the wicked word,  
if you give your bread to the hungry,  
and relief to the oppressed,  
your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your shadows become like noon.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4

**(R.)** A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. **(R.)**

The just man will never waver:  
he will be remembered for ever.  
He has no fear of evil news;  
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.  
**(R.)**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;  
open-handed, he gives to the poor;  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
His head will be raised in glory. **(R.)**

**BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND**

St Thomas' Church

Harley Pearce

St Philip Neri

Airlie Capozzi

Welcome!

**SECOND READING** 1 Cor 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians  
*I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.*  
When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Jn 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life.  
Alleluia!

Unscramble and decipher these tiles to reveal one of Jesus' sayings from this week's Gospel.



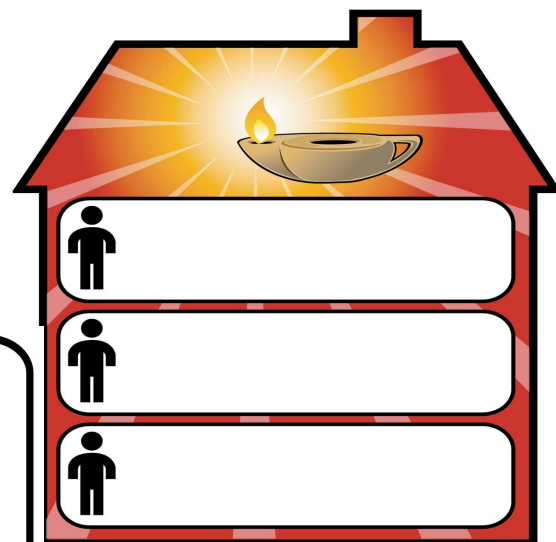
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**WEEKDAY READINGS**

**10 Mon** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56  
**11 Tue** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13  
**12 Wed** 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23  
**13 Thu** 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30  
**14 Fri** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37  
**15 Sat** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10

**GOSPEL** Mt 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
*You are the light of the world.*  
Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.  
'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'



Write down a way you can let your light shine for each person in this house?

**CORONAVIRUS**

Due to the current health concern caused by the coronavirus  
Communion will not be offered under both species at any Masses until further notice.

**GOSPEL SHARERS**

The gospel sharing group will commence meetings from the 20th February 4pm at the Parish Office.  
All welcome!

# Latest News...

## LATEST FROM LETEFOHO



Congratulations to the 2019 Year 12 students of Our Lady of Mt Carmel High School!

All students passed their Nacional Examination and several have achieved entrance into their preferred tertiary institution. We wish them

all the best for their future studies!

The 2020 LETS Student Sponsorship for Students is now well underway.

Thank you to all past sponsors who have continued to support their 2019 student or a new student this year. If you supported a student last year who is in Year 11 or 12 this year and would like to continue sponsoring them, please make your payment of \$240 or let me know as soon as possible. We shall release their names for new sponsorship by the 21st February. We shall be seeking sponsorship of new Year 10 students soon.

**Lao ho Maromak!**

*The LETS Committee*

## THINKING ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS!

A Seminary Open Day will be held at on Sunday 23 February 2020 at the Good Shepherd Seminary, 52-58 Abbotsford Road, Homebush starting with morning Prayer at 9.00am and a public Mass at 10:00am. The day will include prayer, conversations with seminarians and priests, talks about the formation required of men training for the priesthood and a guided tour around the Seminary. Brunch will be provided.

## REACH BEYOND: BECOME SIMPLY RICH....

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## GETTING BACK ON MISSION

Getting Back on Mission: Reforming Our Church Together - "... a realistic, hopeful and authentically Catholic roadmap for the forthcoming Australian Plenary Council....." (Frank Brennan SJ, AO)

Getting Back on Mission is forward-looking and founded on trust in the Spirit – it is about hope. The book focuses on Jesus' mission for the Church; it addresses dysfunctional governance involving a lack of accountability and transparency, and the exclusion of the People of God – particularly women. This is a contribution to the Australian Plenary Council 2020/21. Its purpose is twofold: to get the Church back 'on mission'; and to show how that can be achieved 'together'. The reforms proposed are based on sound evidence and analysis. For Catholics concerned for their Church, this roadmap for change is a must-read.

The book is available for \$29.95 (early bird \$25) from Garratt Publishing - Free Call: 1300 650 878 or online <https://www.garrattpublishing.com.au/product/9781925009651/?ut>

## CHILDRENS MINISTRY AT LOWER NORTH SHORE

*Jesus said, 'let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.'* –Matthew 19:14

**Everyone** is invited to come closer and be loved by Jesus and to be nourished to go forth and feed his little lambs, the children.

Become part of a team of Ministers for the Children's Liturgy of the Word at **St Leonard's Church**

No experience required

Sunday 10.30am mass, once a month roster

Contact Rose Aung-Thein at [rose\\_n\\_peace@hotmail.com](mailto:rose_n_peace@hotmail.com)  
0402 486 498

## THE WILLOUGHBY PRAYER GROUP

**Come, Now Is The Time To Worship!**

All welcome to join us on Tuesday Evenings at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall St Thomas 'commencing on the 5th February. We start with Praise and Worship and Bible Reading for one hour and then finish off with Prayer until 9pm. All Welcome.

## NORTHBRIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

Come and meet friends new and old from our local Christian communities. Share great food, drink and conversation to kick off the New Year. Invite along your friends. Families and children most welcome. It will be another fabulous night!

**Date:** Friday February 28th

**Time:** 630pm onwards

**Venue:** Northbridge Golf Club

**Cost: Adults \$48 /head** for canapés and a delicious buffet dinner, including fish, ham and chicken, salads, cake, tea/coffee.

**Children's \$15/head** (12 & under)

All drinks to be purchased at the bar.

**RSVP:** For catering purposes please advise numbers to

**Parish Office 9958 8846**

**Trevor [vellaco@bigpond.com](mailto:vellaco@bigpond.com) 0417 462 017** by Monday 24th February

**Lorna 9958 8789**

**Tickets to be purchased on the night**





WEEKEND MASSES	CHURCH	CLERGY 15 & 16 Feb
Sat 5:00pm	St Philip Neri	Fr Brian
Sat 6:00pm	St Thomas'	Fr Vincent
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 Vincent
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 14th February 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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## A Time to Renew

It's time to start thinking seriously about Lent, which starts on Ash Wednesday on the 26<sup>th</sup> February. Lent is a time for renewal, the perfect time to reflect on our desires for a deeper Christian life. Every year the Diocese of Broken Bay prepares a Lenten program as a means for us to do this, and this year is no exception. What *is* exceptional this year is that we are in the middle of a Plenary Council discernment phase, so the Lenten program each week encourages us to deeply reflect, in silence and with one another, the connections between the Sunday gospel, one of the Plenary Council themes and the way we live our lives.

I would like to encourage you to join a Lenten group this year. From personal experience of being a part of one, for very many years now, I can assure you it is a good thing to do. It builds faith and it builds community.

We are also looking for group leaders to run groups, at a time and place convenient to you. Please do consider this. The more groups we can offer, the more opportunity there is for people to attend. It is not difficult to do, and plenty of support is available.

Please contact the parish office as soon as possible if you are able to do this, so that we can let you know where you can join a Lenten group that suits you.

The Lenten program comes as an e-document, which you can look at here: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/parish-community/plenary-council/our-resources>

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