



# 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, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this Country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.*

## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – 25 October 2020



### True Perspectives

Did you notice that Our Lord does not command us to love 'God'? No, we are to love 'the Lord your God', the One who rescued the Jewish people from slavery. The resurrection of Jesus Christ reveals the Lord God as the liberator from the apparent final dominance of death. Loving such a liberator is the natural response. So, 'Love the Lord your God'. Then Our Lord does not command us to love our neighbour! Rather, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' But who is 'yourself'? In the wonderful story-telling of Genesis, we are told that Adam, an earthen statue, had Divine Breath breathed into the nostrils, creating him as a human being. We earthlings are conceived with the Divine Breath at the core of our being.

The challenge for you and for me is to see 'yourself' in that way, and thereafter every human being whose lives we can affect: the neighbour. And in today's global world, the neighbour can be a person in a society geographically or culturally distant.

We could pause for a moment to see the true dimensions of God, self and the other, to more easily fulfil the dual command.

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### A CONCERT OF HOPE AND STRENGTH

Join us for an afternoon of music while we raise funds for our brothers and sisters in Letefoho.

Sunday 29th November 3pm St Leonards Church Naremburn.

Book via the following link <https://www.trybooking.com/BKWDS> or call the Parish Office.

Tickets are \$10, strictly limited to 100 people so book now to avoid disappointment.

## UPDATE FROM THE PARISH MISSIONARY COUNCIL (PMC)

### CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY

In the early part of the year we established our focus for the year to be on community connection, with emphasis on growing the connection between our schools and parish communities. We were preparing for Easter, when COVID forced a pause in our thinking. We are currently working towards Christmas and hope to be able to share opportunities for greater connection and deepening of Faith over the coming weeks. If you have any ideas, would like to participate or have any questions, please contact any member of the PMC or Bev Jones

### SEEKING PMC MEMBERS

If you would like to play an active role in connecting our Parish community, especially growing the connection between the church and our parish schools please get in touch! We are specifically seeking members from St Philip Neri, however, happy for expressions of interest for our other churches – many hands make light work! Please contact the Parish office at [office@lms.org.au](mailto:office@lms.org.au) or (02) 9958 8846 or Bev Jones

**Bev Jones, PMC Chair, 0407 033 773**

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

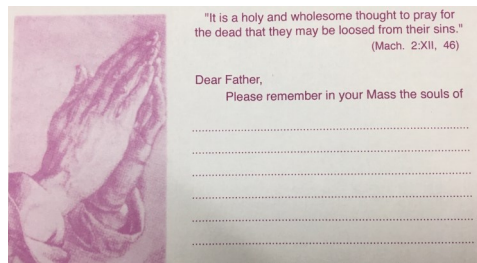
**Recently Deceased:** Michael Dunn, Angela Brimblecombe, Petar Pavisic & Tony Williams.

**Anniversaries:** Eveline Glass, Mary Cecelia Toohey, Eileen Hurrell, Vicko Petkovic & Pauline Keller.

**Deceased:** Benedetto Drago.

**Sick:** Antonella Cornejo & Josie Metcherian.





## NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

The church dedicates the month of November to praying for our deceased loved ones. Both scripture and Tradition remind us to pray for the dead that they may enter heaven. Masses can be offered for those we knew and loved, or for souls that have nobody to pray for them. Please take an offering envelope and write the name of your deceased loved ones on the outside. Place the envelopes in the collection buckets at church and they will be gathered together and placed on the altars at our churches throughout November.

### Parish Priest

Rev Fr Brian Moloney PP

### Assistant Priest

Rev Fr Vincent Musindalo AJ

Rev Fr Philip Thottam MSFS

### RNSH Chaplain

Fr Vincent Trung Nguyen

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### Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri: 9:00am - 3:00pm

### Parish Secretaries

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### Sacramental Co-ordinator

Jessica Bousimon

### Parish Bookkeeper

Dorothy Tomagra

### Director of Liturgical Music

Lisa Lewis

### Catechist Co-ordinator

Aida Moore

### 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:

0418 200 109

### 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

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROL 2020

The Parish community is invited to join the Christmas Carol project.

Christmas is a special time of year for our community and the idea of the Christmas Carol project is to bring the Parish community 'individually together' during COVID. Each person or family involved will be guided by our musical director to record their own version of a Christmas carol. Then all of these recordings will be expertly joined together to create one final Christmas carol for everyone to enjoy in the lead up to Christmas Day.

Carol recordings will take place in 15 minute windows at St Philip Neri Church on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October between 11am and 2pm.

If you would like to be involved simply book a time slot at Try Booking

<https://www.trybooking.com/BMHTR>

For further information please contact the Parish Office.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God. Amen.

## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.

## MASS BOOKING DURING COVID

Follow the Trybooking link to book next weekends Mass;

<https://www.trybooking.com/BMEKJ>

## Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

## First Reading

Ex 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus  
*If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.*  
The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

**(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.**

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**

## MARKS GOSPEL

If you would like to join a small group reading and studying Mark's gospel, on Zoom on Monday nights, contact Tricia Gemmell at [pgemmell@tpg.com.au](mailto:pgemmell@tpg.com.au).

## Second Reading

1 Thes 1:5-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians  
*You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.*  
You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

## Gospel Acclamation

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mt 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
*You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.*  
When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

**Happy Birthday Fr Vincent!**

*Happy Birthday*  
*Heri kwa siku yako ya kuzaliwa*

## Baptism this Weekend

Saxon & Savannah Stanley  
Hamish Rivett,



## NAREMBURN DEVELOPMENT

A letter from Fr Brian outlining the process so far and next steps are available at the back of the church or in the online version of the bulletin.

[www.bbcatholic.org.au/lns](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/lns)

## ALL SOULS DAY MASSES

**2nd November**

9.00am STT (Fr Brian)

**9.15am SPN (Fr Trung)**

9.00am STL (Fr Philip)

**7.00pm STT (Fr Vincent)**

## WEEK DAY READINGS

**26 Mon** Eph 4:32—5:8/Lk 13:10-17

**27 Tue** Eph 5:21-33/Lk 13:18-21

**28 Wed** Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16

**29 Thu** Eph 6:10-20/Lk 13:31-35

**30 Fri** Phil 1:1-11/Lk 14:1-6

**31 Sat** Phil 1:18b-26/Lk 14:1, 7-11

WEEKEND MASSES	CHURCH	CLERGY 31 Oct & 1 Nov
Sat 5:00pm	St Philip Neri	Fr Philip
Sat 6:00pm	St Thomas'	Fr Brian
Sun 8:00am	St Thomas'	Fr Brian
Sun 9:00am	St Philip Neri	Fr Vincent
Sun 9:30am	St Thomas'	Fr Brian
Sun 10:30am	St Leonard's	Fr Trung
Sun 6:00pm	St Leonard's	Fr Vincent
Sun 4:00pm	RNSH	Fr Trung

### 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

- Please remember to sanitise hands on your way into Mass.
- Sit 1.5m away from others.
- Follow the distance stickers on pews and for communion.

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

### 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.

### MEMORIAL PLAQUES AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH

If you would like to purchase a memorial plaque for a loved one, please contact the Parish Office.

### 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

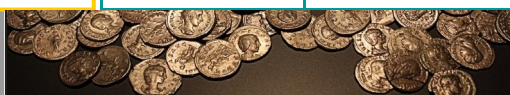
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month

### ADORATION

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

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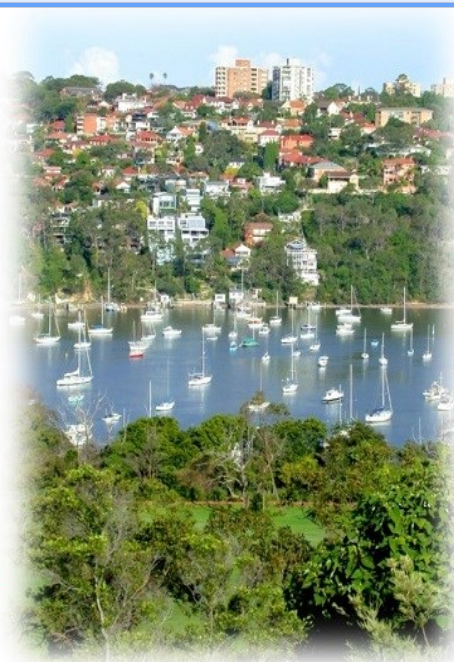
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Dear Parishioners,

I am pleased to be writing to you with an update regarding the potential development of the Parish site at St Leonard's, Naremburn.

With our parish consultation undertaken and forums held throughout 2019, culminating in the consensus to proceed with testing the market via an Expression of Interest (EOI) campaign in early 2021, we were met with the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic. As a result the Parish Finance Committee felt we should hold off until more was known about the impact on the property market. With that, we put the matter on hold.

As a recap of where things were left at the end of 2019 - parishioners throughout our consultation process expressed a clear desire to protect and enhance the curtilage of our heritage listed St Leonard's Church, along with the need to continue to maintain it and ensure as the result of any potential development that newly developed Parish hall and facilities would be provided along with adequate car parking and additional income to sustain the parish well into the future. Additionally, there was also a desire to retain CatholicCare services on the site (if possible). Most importantly, there was also a strong desire to ensure that our mission and faith formation remain at the forefront of our ongoing discernment at all times, driving our decision making process.

Having undertaken some preliminary due diligence and our parish discernment, we determined to proceed with engaging the services of Charter Keck Cramer, property consultants, to represent the Parish in engaging the market through an EOI Campaign, with the appointment of a real estate agent, to determine development interest in the site and design concepts for consideration.

You would also recall as part of reaching this decision, we would go to the market with two development scenarios in mind, retaining CatholicCare on site as a development option, and one without. The results of which will provide the basis of future discussions with CatholicCare and the optimal outcome for both parties.

The purpose of conducting an EOI campaign and engaging the market will assist in:

Ultimately confirming our preliminary findings by understanding the value, opportunity and challenges

Determining real interest in the site by identifying potential development partners

Discerning with you, parishioners, the potential interest

Identifying design concepts for the our further consideration together as a parish

Assisting in navigating any commercial agreement as a result of the above.

In late August we recommenced consideration of the timing of the launch of the EOI campaign and as a result determined that we would proceed in this second half of the calendar year (November 2020). The factors the PFC took into account were that the COVID-19 case numbers have stabilised in NSW and as a result, sentiment and confidence has improved significantly with developers and investors in NSW actively looking at opportunities. Of further appeal to developers is that our proposed project at Naremburn differs from traditional development site sales insofar as the development partner would not be required to invest in the site outright upfront, with a view to activating the project/commencing construction within the medium term of the next 3 to 5 years.

Against this background, and in order to have a potential development partner identified prior to Christmas, I am delighted to advise the the EOI campaign will **commence from 2 November**.

We have also discerned proposals from real estate agents and I am also pleased to advise that Colliers have been appointed to represent the parish.

The EOI campaign will run from 2 November to 2 December.

The EOIs received will then be evaluated with a view to shortlisting possible development partners, with the hope of having a preferred developer identified by Christmas. This will then provide an opportunity to present the outcomes to you for consideration in early 2021 via a parish consultation forum.

I look forward to this next exciting step and sharing the results with you.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Fr Brian Moloney

## PRAYERS FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS

*God we ask that our students feel your closeness during their exam period. Give them calm hearts and quiet confidence in the knowledge that you hold them in the palm of your hand. Bless them with keen understanding and retentive memory. Give them the ability to grasp things correctly, be exact in their explanations and an ability to express themselves clearly. Point out clearly the beginning, direct their progress and help them in the completion of each of their responses. Holy Spirit send them your gifts of wisdom and knowledge. Amen*

## MARKS GOSPEL

If you would like to join a small group reading and studying Mark's gospel, on Zoom on Monday nights, contact Tricia Gemmell at [pgemmell@tpg.com.au](mailto:pgemmell@tpg.com.au). The group will be meeting via Zoom on Monday's at 7:30pm, with an introduction to the gospel and a look at Chapter 1.



## Congratulations Deacon Aldrin Valdehueza

Deacon Aldrin Valdehueza was ordained to the Diaconate last Wednesday night, 14 October, at Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood, by Bishop Anthony Randazzo. Congratulations Aldrin!

Sam French is the third part of the Trilogy of Ordinations (according to Bishop Anthony!), with his Ordination to the Diaconate taking place on Thursday 22 October at 7.30pm at St Agatha's, Pennant Hills. Again, the event is invitation-only because of COVID-19 restrictions, but everyone is welcome to watch the Mass on live stream on St Agatha's YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/7fQtu314t8o> Please keep Sam in your prayers this week.

The World Community for Christian Meditation (NSW) presents:

## 'Free Introduction to Meditation via Zoom'

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- The tradition of meditation
- What is meditation and How to meditate
- Benefits and Fruits of Meditation
- Reflection time, Q & A
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**SESSION 1: WHEN: Thu 3<sup>rd</sup> December 12:30pm to 2:30pm**

**SESSION 2: WHEN: Fri 15<sup>th</sup> January 12:30pm to 2:30pm**

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