



St Leonard's Naremburn, St Philip Neri Northbridge , St Thomas' Willoughby
Twinned with the Parish of Letefoho, Timor Leste

MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD YEAR A - 1 JANUARY 2023



BLESSED NEW YEAR from Fr Jose

Have a happy, safe & blessed New Year. **Fr Jose Philip OSH**

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Entrance Antiphon

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King,
who rules heaven and earth for ever. The Gloria in excelsis
Glory to God in the highest

First Reading

Nm 6:22-27

A reading from the book of Numbers.

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3. 5. 6. 8. R. v.2

(R.) May God bless us in his mercy.

1. God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)

2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples.

you guide the nations on earth. (R.)

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

Second Reading

Gal 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

Gospel Acclamation

Heb 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 2:16-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby

lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told. When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.



Fr Chima's Farewell
Mass and morning tea

When- Sunday 19th February

Where- St Thomas' Church

Time- 9.30am

Feast & Memorial Days This Week

Monday- St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen

Tuesday - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Saturday- St Raymond of Penyafort

HEALING MASS
Including Anointing of The Sick & Novena to the Sacred Heart
January
St Thomas' 9am -Friday 6th
St Leonard's 9am- Saturday 21st

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Recently Deceased: David and Jamie Bugeja

Anniversaries: Ian Smith, Leonora Lee Gemmell, Richard King and Ojdana Curac.





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Liturgically, the Octave of Christmas commemorates: the Solemnity of the Mother of God; the day designated for prayers for global peace; and the beginning of the New Year. Though the shepherds gain insight into the presence of God by seeing this holy family, it is Mary who holds all these things in her heart. She is the one who ponders the significance of these mysterious events. Mary becomes for Christians an inspiration of contemplation and reflection. She inspires us to consider deeply the significance of events, lest we go blandly through life without meaning or direction. She inspires us to fidelity to the practices of our faith, practices which are the disciplines of soul that lead the community to a clearer focus on God's presence in human affairs.

The theme of peace appears today on many levels. Its meaning, 'fullness of life', bursts forth in every one of the readings. The ancient prayer or blessing of peace is an appropriate start for the New Year. It resonates well with the angels' wish for people of good will. Peace is also our inheritance in Christ. As adopted children of God, we have been given the freedom to live in a godly manner, calling God our *Abba*. Right relationships in the covenant activity of God are the pathways of peace. The beginning of a New Year is a good time to reach out to others and to pray for God's blessing of peace for each dimension of human encounter.



Cuppa N' Conversation

We gather in the Blue Room of the Parish Hall
every Wednesday
between 9.30am and
11.00am. All welcome. *Marie Harris*
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Part 2 from Letefoho

Below are the tertiary students and a letter from the students attending the Jesuit Teachers' College.



"Greetings to the LETS FAMILY

With Grateful Heart, we are students Soldiers of NOSCAR (Our Lady of Mt Carmel High School) who study at the Institute Sao Joao de Brito (ISJB). We want to give academic greetings and best regards to the LETS Family and Parishioners of LNSP. We want to give deep love and hugs to you, we admire all about your services and that you haven't tired to support us. With your compassion be a grace and bringing us close to God and discover God's love of you to support us. We continue to pray for you to God, to give you a lot of graces and blessings that you need in your life and your services. Thank you so much. From the member of student soldiers of NOSCAR at Institute Sao Joao de Brito." *Written by their coordinator, Geovanio C Maia Dias*

Thank you for your continued, wonderful support!

May the blessings of Our Lord be with you all for Christmas and New Year

We would love to have new people join us in our work. Please make contact with us if you are interested in joining LETS: Lorna at admin@lets.net.au or Georgina at gcm.lough@gmail.com **LETS Committee** - LETS.net.au

MASS/ SERVICE/ SCHEDULE	ST THOMAS' WILLOUGHBY	ST LEONARD'S NAREMBURN	ST PHILIP NERI NORTHBRIDGE
Sunday Masses	6pm Vigil Saturday 8am & 9:30am Sunday	10:30am & 6pm Sunday	5pm Vigil Saturday & 9am Sunday
Weekday Masses	9am Mon to Sat	9am Tue -Thu - Sat	9:15am Mon - Wed - Fri
Royal North Shore Hospital Chapel	Weekday Mass Thursday & Friday 1pm	Weekend Mass 4pm Sunday	
Reconciliation	Saturday 5:15pm - 5:45pm	Saturday 9:30am - 9:45am	Saturday 4:45pm
Youth Mass		1 st & 3 rd Sunday of the month at 6pm	
Children's Liturgy	During 9:30am Mass Each Sunday in school term.		9am Sunday dates to be advised for 2023
Community Masses		Italian Mass- 1st Friday 7pm PNGCCAA 1 st Saturday 7pm	
Healing Mass/ Anointing Novena to the Sacred Heart	9am Mass 1 st Friday	9am Mass 3rd Saturday	
Adoration	Tuesday after 9am Mass ALL YEAR		
Baptisms	11:00am 2nd & 4th Sundays	12pm 4th Sunday	12pm 3rd Sunday
Baptism Prep Parish Office	2nd Tuesday of the month 11am 3rd Tuesday of the month 7pm		
Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group CCCR	St Thomas' Parish Hall 7:15pm Tuesday Evenings Enquiries 0419 977 531		
Legion of Mary	Meets every Friday in the 'Blue Room' at the Parish Hall 9:45am All Welcome		

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Having recently visited Letefoho... here is the latest update!

Firstly, I was constantly overwhelmed by the gratitude of the students we sponsor, their parents and other members of the Letefoho Parish, I had the pleasure to meet. The head of the Letefoho Parish Council sincerely thanked not just me, but the members of LETS and all the Parishioners of LNSP for their continuing love and generosity towards the people of Letefoho.

He warmly invited you to a special ceremony in August 2023, to close the visit of the Youth Cross (Crux Joven) to Letefoho. We also hope to include the official opening of the Eraulo church at that time.

During 2022, Our Lady of Mt Carmel Senior High School (years 10,11,12) boasted an enrolment of 301 students - the highest number of students since 2014, with LETS sponsoring a total of 88 students. Each year since 2016, the Year 12 students give back to the school at the end of their final year. This year's class are contributing to the financing (through fundraising) and building of a covered outdoor area. They raised funds by selling cooked meals to other students. The boys boarding house additions are finished, but rain has damaged parts of the original building, so further work is needed.

In



discussions with the school board, we explored future projects for the Letefoho community and steps toward self-sufficiency. Pork is becoming a very popular protein source so the Parish is looking into starting a piggery which will eventually involve the whole community as a income source.

Our sponsored students are doing very well and working so hard to achieve good results. To the left you will see most of are the school students.

(Reminder letters for all 2023 fees will be sent soon).

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WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON 2023



REGISTRATION UPDATE

- The excitement is certainly building as we continue to plan and prepare for WYD23 to Lisbon next year!
- Places for Over 18's on the full pilgrimage have reached capacity.
- We have a number of spaces on the Direct Pilgrimage 29 July to 11 August
- It's not too late to let us know that you'd like to journey with us on the Direct pilgrimage.
- Register to secure your place: <https://bit.ly/wyd2023bbc>