



# 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.*

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD YEAR A - 8th JANUARY 2023



### Come Let Us Adore Him

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of our Lord, the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi, the great revelation to the world. Last Sunday we heard in the Gospel that Jesus was visited by the shepherds, they went to Joseph and Mary to see baby Jesus in the manger where they worshiped and adored Him. They offered the only gifts they had; love and tears of joy! And perhaps some sheep too. Today we hear that the Magi visited Jesus in the manger as well, and there they offered the very best of Frankincense, Myrrh and Gold worshiping God.

When we look at these two visitations we see the humble shepherds who looked after the sheep, sleeping in the fields to protect and guard their flocks, most of their time was spent tending to the sheep in the fields. Shepherds were considered to be of a lower class in that society. However, they were called by God to visit Baby Jesus by the Angel Gabriel that appeared to them professing to them "that there is a Saviour born for them", in turn they were happy to go and visit Him and adore Him.

We now see the Wise Men and kings who received revelation from God whom were promised a saviour. The sign of a shining star in the sky which lead the Magi to Bethlehem where they worshiped Jesus. When we look at the contrast between these two different witnesses to Baby Jesus, we see God's Love for all of humanity, we see that Jesus is born for everyone no matter what our standing is in society, whether you live in poor conditions or a palace, Jesus is the Saviour for all humanity. What does this example of the Shepherds and Magi tell us? We need to go to Jesus our saviour and show our love for Him by worshiping and adoring Him. That's what the epiphany tells us.

As we celebrate this Feast of the Epiphany let us think like the Magi who took effort in traveling through cold nights to see the saviour, inspired by God not even knowing where Jesus was. I am sure that you are coming to Mass to see the same Saviour in the Eucharist, let us take effort to visit Him more often with the gold of our love, the myrrh of our humility and the frankincense of our adoration.

Every Eucharist we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we enter the pilgrims Journey from Bethlehem to Calvary, the whole of Jesus's life is celebrate in the Eucharist. We have faith to come and adore Him to proclaim He is our Saviour. Let us offer what we have, from the heart, in response to what that Child has given to us - Himself.

**Fr Jose Philip OSH**



*Join us for a World Youth Day BBQ Fundraiser!*

**We will be cooking up a storm on Sunday 15th January after the 6pm Mass at St Leonard's. Stop by for a sausage sizzle and meet the pilgrims!**  
**Donations towards our pilgrimage are warmly appreciated.**  
**For more information, please contact Adeline Kassis via the Parish Office.**

# Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord

## Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Mal 3:1; 1 Chr 29:12

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

The Gloria in excelsis is said.

## First Reading

Is 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) **Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. (R.)

2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R.)

3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. (R.)

4. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

## Second Reading

Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

## Gospel Acclamation

Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mt 2:1-12

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole

of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

## Communion Antiphon

Cf. Mt 2:2

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

## Feast & Memorial Days This Week

### Monday- The Baptism of the Lord



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

**Recently Deceased:** Boso Kevric and Phornie Soteris, David and Jamie Bugeja

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

**The Sick:** Franny Fisher





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*During Lent you are warmly invited to pause and reflect on The Beatitudes. These 'sayings of Jesus' provide us with a portrait of how to deepen our call to discipleship. These reflections offer time to gently deepen your spirituality in a comfortable and quiet setting where listening, open sharing and quiet reflection can take place.*

**When:** Wednesday mornings March 1, 8, 15 & 22

**Where:** St Thomas' Parish Hall

182 High St, Willoughby

**Time:** 9.45am - 11.15am

Sign-up Sheets will be placed in all Church Foyers from January 21st or alternatively **Please ring**  
Facilitator:



Parish Office 9958.8846

Leonie Puckeridge



### 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  
0417 077 020

### WILLOUGHBY ANTIOCH 40 YEARS

Willoughby Antioch 40 years Reunion. Spread the word.

**When:** 21<sup>st</sup> January 2023

**Where:** St Thomas' Willoughby.  
Info: [willoughbyantioch@gmail.com](mailto:willoughbyantioch@gmail.com)

### Fr Chima's Farewell Mass and morning tea



**When-** Sunday 19th February

**Where-** St Thomas' Church

**Time-** 9.30am

### HEALING MASS

Including Anointing of The Sick & Novena to the Sacred Heart

**January**

St Leonard's 9am - Saturday 21st

### Parish Discernment Discussions

**Facilitated by Deacon Peter McCulloch**

**Session 1 - SPN Hall 3pm on Sunday 26th February**

**Session 2 - STT Hall 7pm on Tuesday 7th March**

**Session 3 - STL Hall 7pm on Wednesday 15th March**

The meetings are intended to determine a community response to the mission of our parish through inter-Parish cooperation allowing parishioners to share and give their feedback on what is working well within our parish, where we are going and what dreams and goals we might have for our community. It is our hope that a new Parish Missionary Council will spring forth from these discussions. If you are unable to attend on one of the times proposed you are most welcome to submit your interest Via email to Fr Jose at:

[jose.philip@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:jose.philip@bbcatholic.org.au)



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

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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>