



# 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.*

## Third Sunday of Lent Year B – 7 March 2021



### REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

The Temple in Jerusalem was (and still is) a powerful symbol of holiness and a symbol of the connection and relationship between God and the Hebrew people. It is often assumed that Jesus' anger was directed at the traders and moneychangers because their business had infringed on and desecrated the temple precinct. But the reality is a bit more complicated. The Temple was the holiest site for sacrifice to God. The tradition dictated that sacrifice made by a priest on the altar was the highest form of worship. The best animal to sacrifice was a healthy, properly formed creature. Rather than walking a lamb all the way from somewhere like Galilee to Jerusalem, the faithful would purchase their sacrifice animal at the Temple itself – thus the presence of the people selling cattle, sheep and doves. However, to further complicate matters, the Temple traders would not accept Roman coins to purchase the sacrificial animals as they bore the image of the deified emperor. Therefore, money changers were required to exchange Roman currency for acceptable coinage – so the money changers were also playing their part in the prayer life of the Temple.

Jesus' outrage is not so much with the traders and the money-changers as with the whole religious practice and hierarchical structure that has developed to a point where the only way a person can pray in a 'valid' way is to purchase an animal and hand it over to a priest who goes behind a screened wall to sacrifice the animal. The only way to seek God's forgiveness and mercy was to 'buy' it at the Temple. *This* was what outraged Jesus. He could not stomach the injustice nor the barriers that had been erected between the people and their God.

Dear Parishioners,

March 2021

I am delighted to advise that the Expression of Interest campaign, launched in November to seek a development partner for our Parish site at St Leonard's, Naremburn, has been very successful, with a number of interested parties making submissions.

Myself, along with my PFC advisors, and Chair of the PMC, have had a number of meetings with our property advisors and Colliers to discern the submissions and interested parties, culminating in face to face presentations of four of the interested parties on 23 February.

As promised, we are now in a position to share with you the detail and discern the next steps with you in selecting the preferred development partner, providing an opportunity to present the outcomes to you for consideration via our next parish consultation forum.

You are invited to attend this parish forum on **Tuesday, 16 March from 7.30pm**, at the St Leonard's Church Hall, Naremburn

For Covid-19 safety purposes, you will need to RSVP either by phone by contacting the Parish Office 9958 8846 or by registering via <https://www.trybooking.com/BPKOF>

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

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Fr Brian Moloney

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

**Recently Deceased:** Giuseppe La Grasso & Bishop Bede Heather (1st Bishop of Parramatta).

**Anniversaries:** Ante Oreb, Kuzma Ancic, Genaro Oris Snr, Restituto Tahan Langit, Frank Grew, Giuseppe Musso, Margaret Ann Hurrell, Lilian Cheeseman, Norman Thomas Behm.

**Sick:** Jenie Petkovic, Donato Manapat, Dale Davidson & Giulietta Cangelli.



**Happy Birthday Fr Bijul!**  
**May God almighty bless you**  
**with a life full of joy and**  
**happiness**

**Parish Priest**

Rev Fr Brian Moloney PP

**Assistant Priest**

Rev Fr Bijul Mathew

Rev Fr Chima Ofor

**RNSH Chaplain**

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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

**St Philip Neri Primary School**

67 Baringa Rd, Northbridge

Principal: Fiona Bylsma

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**St Thomas' Primary School**

2 Horsley Ave, Willoughby

Principal: Jenny McKeown

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**This weekend, 6 -7 March, LETS** will be holding the first collection for 2021. We are continuing to raise funds for the current ongoing projects for Letefoho. These include the completion of the Boys Boarding House – for Year 12 students and other students who live more than a 2 hours walk from school. Secondly, we are endeavouring to build-up the Tertiary Education Scholarship Fund to support

students who achieve tertiary institution admission, but who do not have individual sponsors. Thirdly, our general support is given to specifically identified Letefoho Parish needs, for example, last year we purchased a photocopier for the school and one for the Parish and the chapel in Eraulo is still to be completed. Thank you all, for your continued wonderful support of the people of Letefoho.

Payment methods include:

- 1) BPoint payment option on the LNSP Website, in Donations and Payments, under the LETS Billcode from the dropdown menu. (<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/lnshoreparish>)
- 2) Electronic transfer to LNSP account - BSB: 062 784 Account #: 13928001. Please reference your payment with "Your SURNAME LETS";
- 3) Cash or cheque to the Parish Office marked for LETS – Student Sponsorship with your SURNAME.

**BARTELS FAMILY GROUP**

Dinner Sunday 14 March 6pm Attimo

Italian Restaurant Sailors Bay Rd BYO

Reply by 11 March Kerrie 9958 8837



**RCIA (Rite of Christian**

**Initiation of Adults) Meets**

Wednesday 6:45pm at the

Parish Office, if you or

someone you know wants to

know more about becoming a Catholic,  
contact the Parish Office.

**LAUNCHING ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**  
**8 MARCH 2021**



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**CALLING VOLUNTEERS FOR AN EASTER LETTERBOX DROP**

Easter is a time of togetherness and this Easter the Parish has created a bookmark designed to bring our local community together. The bookmark includes a special Easter message and mass details for Easter. We are looking for volunteers to help distribute the bookmarks to households in our local area. Distribution to households will be at the end of March and if you are interested in volunteering please email your contact details to [PMC@lms.org.au](mailto:PMC@lms.org.au) to register.

**THE DAY OF THE UNBORN – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

As Catholics we need to stand up for the life of unborn children. We recognise that abortion is a tragedy for both the child and the parent. On Sunday 21st March parishioners will have the opportunity to participate in a procession to mark the Day of the Unborn Child in a peaceful and prayerful procession through the streets of Sydney from St Mary's Cathedral. Join us and others from across Sydney at the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral at 12.00 noon as we prepare to process through the streets of Sydney. The procession is aligned to the Feast of the Annunciation which commemorates the day in history where Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ became Incarnate. On this day "the Word became flesh and dwelt amongst us." What better day than this to remember the plight of the unborn child in the modern world. For people who have been affected by an abortion experience, Rachel's Vineyard offer retreats and other resources/ assistance which bring spiritual and emotional healing - [Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Sydney: Retreat Information \(rachelsaus.blogspot.com\)](http://Rachel'sVineyardMinistriesSydney:RetreatInformation(rachelsaus.blogspot.com)) - 0400 092 555 or email [info@rachelsvineyard.org.au](mailto:info@rachelsvineyard.org.au)

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Cf. Ps 24:15-16**

My eyes are always on the Lord,  
for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
for I am alone and poor.

## FIRST READING

**Ex 20:1-17**

A reading from the book of Exodus  
*The Law was given through Moses.*  
God spoke all these words. He said, 'I  
am the Lord your God who brought you  
out of the land of Egypt, out of the  
house of slavery.  
'You shall have no gods except me.  
'You shall not make yourself a carved  
image or any likeness of anything in  
heaven or on earth beneath or in the  
waters under the earth; you shall not  
bow down to them or serve them. For I,  
the Lord your God, am a jealous God  
and I punish the father's fault in the  
sons, the grandsons, and the great-  
grandsons of those who hate me; but I  
show kindness to thousands of those  
who love me and keep my  
commandments.  
'You shall not utter the name of the  
Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord  
will not leave unpunished the man who  
utters his name to misuse it.  
'Remember the sabbath day and keep it  
holy. For six days you shall labour and  
do all your work, but the seventh day is  
a sabbath for the Lord your God. You  
shall do no work on that day, neither  
you nor your son nor your daughter nor  
your servants, men or women, not your  
animals nor the stranger who lives with  
you. For in six days the Lord made the  
heavens and the earth and the sea and  
all that these hold, but on the seventh  
day he rested; that is why the Lord has  
blessed the sabbath day and made it  
sacred.  
'Honour your father and your mother  
so that you may have a long life in the  
land that the Lord your God has given  
to you.  
'You shall not kill.  
'You shall not commit adultery.  
'You shall not steal.  
'You shall not bear false witness against  
your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's  
house. You shall not covet your  
neighbour's wife, or his servant, man  
or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or  
anything that is his.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68**

**(R.) Lord, you have the words of  
everlasting life.**

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord  
is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the  
simple. **(R.)**

The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart. The command  
of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the  
eyes. **(R.)**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for  
ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. **(R.)**

They are more to be desired than gold,  
than the purest of gold and sweeter  
are they than honey, than honey from  
the comb. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

**1 Cor 1:22-25**

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

*We are preaching a crucified Christ, a  
scandal to many, but to those who have  
been called, the wisdom of God.*

While the Jews demand miracles and  
the Greeks look for wisdom, here are  
we preaching a crucified Christ; to the  
Jews an obstacle that they cannot get  
over, to the pagans madness, but to  
those who have been called, whether  
they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who  
is the power and the wisdom of God.  
For God's foolishness is wiser than  
human wisdom, and God's weakness is  
stronger than human strength.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Jn 3:16**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king  
of endless glory!  
God loved the world so much, he  
gave us his only Son, that all who  
believe in him might have eternal life.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king  
of endless glory!

## GOSPEL

**Jn 2:13-25**

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John  
*Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I  
will raise it up.*  
Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus  
went up to Jerusalem, and in the  
Temple he found people selling cattle  
and sheep and pigeons, and the  
money changers sitting at their  
counters there. Making a whip out of  
some cord, he drove them all out of  
the Temple, cattle and sheep as well,  
scattered the money changers' coins,  
knocked their tables over and said to  
the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of  
here and stop turning my Father's  
house into a market.' Then his  
disciples remembered the words of  
scripture: Zeal for your house will  
devour me. The Jews intervened and  
said, 'What sign can you show us to  
justify what you have done?' Jesus  
answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary,  
and in three days I will raise it up.'  
The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-  
six years to build this sanctuary: are  
you going to raise it up in three days?'  
But he was speaking of the sanctuary  
that was his body, and when Jesus  
rose from the dead, his disciples  
remembered that he had said this,  
and they believed the scripture and  
the words he had said.  
During his stay in Jerusalem for the  
Passover many believed in his name  
when they saw the signs that he gave,  
but Jesus knew them all and did not  
trust himself to them; he never  
needed evidence about any man; he

## WEEK DAY READINGS

**Mon** 2 Kg 5:1-15; Lk 4:24-30

**Tue** Dan 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

**Wed** Deut 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5: 17-19

**Thur** Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

**Fri** Hosea 14:2-10; Mk 12: 28-34

**Sat** Hosea 5: 15-6: 6; Lk 18:9-14

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Tuesday 7pm** St Leonards

**Fridays 9:15am** St Philip Neri

**Fridays 7pm** St Thomas'



WEEKEND MASSES	CHURCH	CLERGY 13 & 14 March
Sat 5:00pm	St Philip Neri	Fr Biju
Sat 6:00pm	St Thomas'	Fr Brian
Sun 8:00am	St Thomas'	Fr Chima
Sun 9:00am	St Philip Neri	Fr Brian
Sun 9:30am	St Thomas'	Fr Chima
Sun 10:30am	St Leonard's	Fr Brian
Sun 6:00pm	St Leonard's	Fr Biju
Sun 4:00pm	RNSH	Fr Peter

### 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

Takes place 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month 11am & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7pm Parish Office. 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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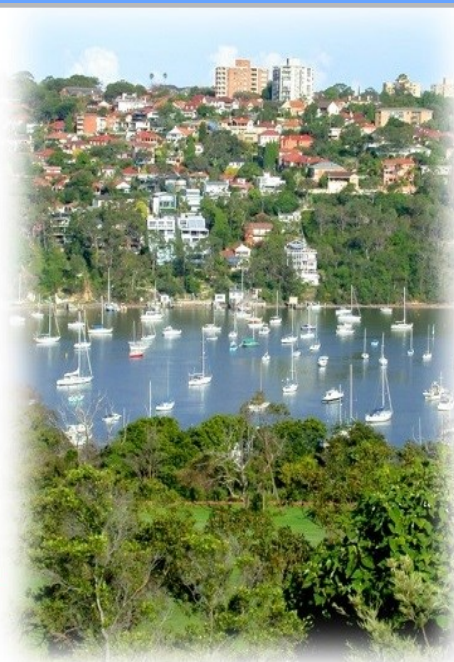
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## **RAISING THE VOICES OF AUSTRALIAN WOMEN PREACHING THE GOSPEL**

A new podcast *Australian Women Preach* will feature 30 Australian Christian women preaching the Gospel. An initiative of Women and the Australian Church (WATAC) and the Grail in Australia, the podcast will highlight and share the voices of women breaking open the Word of God in ways that are meaningful to people today.

*Australian Women Preach* will launch on International Women's Day, 8 March 2021 and run the 30 weeks leading into the Australian Catholic Church's historic Plenary Council in October. The podcast will feature diverse Australian women from across different Christian denominations. Each Monday an episode will be released with preaching on the following Sunday's Gospel.

The initial episode features Jacqui Remond, co-founder of the Global Catholic Climate Movement, and Joint Co-ordinator of the Vatican's COVID-19 Commission for the Ecology Taskforce. Other early episodes will feature the preaching of Cristina Lledo Gomez, Patty Fawcner SGS, Melinda Jolly and Tau'alofa Anga'aelangi.

WATAC Chair Andrea Dean said the podcast grew out of a desire to share the gifts and wisdom of women who felt a deep calling to preach but did not always have those opportunities. "We know women bring a unique perspective to the Gospel that is both theologically rich and grounded in their own life experiences," said Andrea. "It is our hope to elevate those voices, and in doing so to renew the Church in Australia by modelling the Church we want to be: inclusive, diverse and welcoming."

Later this year, the Catholic Church in Australia will hold its Fifth Plenary Council. One of the topics the Australian Bishops have earmarked for discussion is how the Church might draw on the gifts and talents of all the people of God, including women. "We hope the podcast will contribute to the Plenary process and have a prophetic impact on creating greater opportunities for women's voices to be heard in the Catholic Church," said Andrea.

Patricia Gemmell, a member of the Grail in Australia's National Leadership Team, who is one of the 30 women on the podcast, said many women felt a deep sense of calling to preach. "St Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 12 that in building up the Body of Christ, we are all called to discern our particular gifts and to use them for the good of all," Patricia said. "Let us hear the voices of those God has gifted to preach, women included. It is our hope that we might hear anew God's message of love and peace for the world."

website: <https://australianwomenpreach.com.au>

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## **REMEMBERING HOLY SATURDAY**

*This retreat will be made available during the Holy Week. It explores the mystery of Holy Saturday, on what it means to live in "in-between" times, liminal times. There will be video talk everyday starting from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. This retreat will be given by an oblate of Jamberoo Abbey, Rev Catherine Eaton.*

For more information, go to our website:

<https://www.jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats/holy-week-retreat/>

With our gratitude and prayers for your parish,

Benedictine Nuns of Jamberoo Abbey

## Parish Secretary, Pymble Catholic Parish – Part Time

Pymble Catholic Parish is seeking to recruit a part time Parish Secretary (32 hours per week). This key role provides support in general administration, parish financial and bookkeeping processes, visitor and telephone reception, communications, records and archives maintenance, meeting and event organisation, and compliance requirements. The ideal candidate will have excellent people and office administration skills; excellent Microsoft Office and MYOB skills, and database experience. You'll also have a good understanding of, and commitment to, Catholic values and teachings. Previous experience in a similar position would be essential.

For the full position description, see the [Parish website](#).

If you are interested in applying for this position, please send a current CV and cover letter outlining your previous experience and suitability for the role to [info@pymblecatholicparish.org.au](mailto:info@pymblecatholicparish.org.au). Applications close: Tuesday, 9 March 2021.

*The successful applicant must have the right to work in Australia and will be required to undertake a National Police History Check and Working With Children Check.*

## Parish Secretary, Frenchs Forest Catholic Parish – Full Time

Frenchs Forest Catholic Parish is seeking to recruit a full time Parish Secretary. This key role provides support in visitor and telephone reception, communications, records and archives maintenance, general administration, financial processes, meeting and event organisation, and compliance requirements.

The ideal candidate will have excellent people and office administration skills; excellent Microsoft Office skills and database experience. You'll also have a good understanding of, and commitment to, Catholic values and teachings. Previous experience in a similar position would be well regarded.

For further details, see the Diocesan website: [www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant) Applications close: Monday, 8 March.

*The successful applicant must have the right to work in Australia and will be required to undertake a National Police History Check and Working With Children Check.*

## Tribunal of the Catholic Church

Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage.

The Broken Bay Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process.

For further information, please phone the Tribunal Office on **9307 8309** or email [tribunal@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:tribunal@bbcatholic.org.au)



### FR MICHAEL KELLY SJ REFLECTIONS ON THE DAILY READINGS

Being God's presence in the world is then invitation God makes to us all at our baptism. Today as we move closer towards the celebration of the life giving death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter, we are reminded of just what journey we are on - to the death and resurrection of Jesus and anticipating our own. To listen to the entire reflection, go to <https://ucanews.simplecast.com/episodes>