



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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent Year B – 14 March 2021



God's Works of Art

How does God picture us? St Paul reveals one of God's favourite ways of regarding us.

'We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus, to live the good life as from the beginning He had intended us to live it.' Just as an artist respects the medium he or she is working in, whether it be oils or crayon, so too God respects us as human beings with free will. Which is why His works of art don't always look the way He intended!

Now, if one has a work of art in the house, a picture or print that means a lot to you, or perhaps the first sketch by a child, do you put it in the darkest corner of the room? Or do you allow just enough light to fall on it so as to reveal how terrific it is, why it gives you pleasure? Of course, the latter.

Now, if you and I are God's work of art, God wants exactly the same. He wants us to be revealed in the light. What sort of light? Christ our Light. Of course, it might be necessary for the Light to dispel some darkness, some shadow dimension of our lives. In this regard Christ is a healing Light, but this is so that he might illuminate us in a way which more clearly reveals the love which the Divine Artist has for His creation.

We might take a moment to pray for the courage to expose ourselves to Christ's healing light this Lent to be more beautifully illuminated at Easter.

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: Katie Perich, Roslyn Margaret Coffey, James Harte, Marcello Sirna, Eileen Mason, Giuseppe La Grasso, Ken & Carmel Mc Caffery, Carmel Fisher & Fr Mick O'Callaghan.

Anniversaries: Ante Oreb, Giuseppe Terri, Jose Dominigo Silva Gonzalez, Petar Pavisic & John Clyde Heuston.

Deceased: Joe Andrad, Peter Damian Bourke, John Martin Bourke.

Sick: Donata Manapat.





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Rev Fr Brian Moloney PP

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Rev Fr Chima Ofor

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Naremburn

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224 Sailors Bay Rd

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St Thomas' Church

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St Thomas' Primary School

2 Horsley Ave, Willoughby

Principal: Jenny McKeown

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LET'S 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.



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Meets Wednesday 6:45pm at the Parish Office.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Tuesday 7pm St Leonards

Fridays 9:15am St Philip Neri

Fridays 7pm St Thomas'

PROJECT COMPASSION



Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet at home and was often sick due to the practice of

open defecation. Through Caritas Australia's support, Arsad and his community improved hygiene and sanitation, and funded their own toilets.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help improve health and wellbeing of communities in Indonesia so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a

better future for all. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

THE DAY OF THE UNBORN – Sunday 21st 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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Is 66:10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

FIRST READING

2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23

A reading from the second book of Chronicles

The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."' "

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 136. R. v.6

(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung our harps. (R.)

For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' (R.)

O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! (R.)

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! (R.)

SECOND READING

Eph 2:4-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Baptism this Weekend

**Ella & Jaxon Knezevic
& Edward Johnson**



Welcome!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 3:16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Jn 3:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,

so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost

but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world

not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned;

but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced:

that though the light has come into the world

men have shown they prefer darkness to the light

because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong

hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed;

but the man who lives by the truth

comes out into the light,

so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

WEEKEND MASSES	CHURCH	CLERGY 20 & 21 March
Sat 5:00pm	St Philip Neri	Fr Chima
Sat 6:00pm	St Thomas'	Fr Biju
Sun 8:00am	St Thomas'	Fr Brian
Sun 9:00am	St Philip Neri	Fr Chima
Sun 9:30am	St Thomas'	Fr Biju
Sun 10:30am	St Leonard's	Fr Brian
Sun 6:00pm	St Leonard's	Fr Brian
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

**Happy Birthday
Alex Monaco 77
years young &
Colleen. May God
Bless you and
keep you all the
days of your lives!**

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 2nd Tuesday of each month 11am & 3rd 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

4th Sunday of the month

St Philip Neri Church: 12:00noon

2nd Sunday of the month

St Thomas' Church: 10:45am

2nd & 4th Sundays of the month

ADORATION

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

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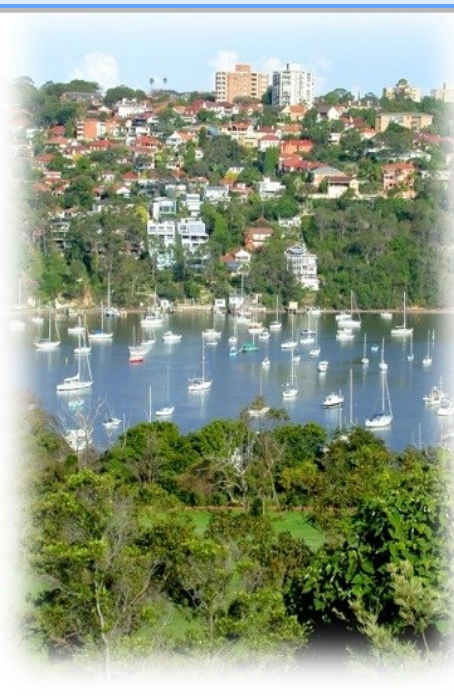
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