



Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore

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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.

Sunday of the Resurrection Year B – 4th April 2021



Dawn has Broken – The Son is Risen

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy.

This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon-fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.'

The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.

Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia!

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Recently Deceased: Bob Walsh, Andrew Ippolito, Noel Pointu & Lina Liu.

Anniversaries: Wilma Selvakumaraswamy (1yr), Bob Ljubic, Jerry Glebatsas
Carmelina Scicluna, Frank Attard, Nancy Camilla Behm & Galileo Oris.

Deceased: Fr Basil Rosen, Anthony Scala, Sr Leonie McGuire RSJ,
Gerard & Enid Mc Guire, Terry and John McGuire
& deceased members of the Metchurian family.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Lk 24:34; cf. Rv 1:6

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.
To him be glory and power
for all the ages of eternity, alleluia,
alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

HAPPY EASTER & THANK YOU

Wishing you and all your loved ones a happy and blessed Easter. A big thank you to all our volunteers who have helped make our Easter Liturgies possible. Special thanks to the music ministry lead by Lisa who make our Easter celebrations so uplifting.

Fr Brian

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.

(R.)

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

SECOND READING

Col 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

SEQUENCE

The sequence is said or sung on this day. On the weekdays of the Octave of Easter, its use is optional.

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;

shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;

let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.





Most Rev Anthony Randazzo

Bishop of Broken Bay

Easter Message 2021

For Catholics all around Australia, Easter 2021 is a special time. There is no more important celebration than the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the community of the Church is looking forward to gathering together to celebrate Holy Week and the Easter Triduum.

This time last year our churches were closed as the pandemic began to change our lives. Our parish communities adapted to connect in different ways. Masses were live streamed, families prayed at home together and Catholics marked Palm Sunday at home by placing palms on their front doors.

Our parish communities on the Northern Beaches also faced the closure of churches at Christmas, and the locking down of the Peninsula into the New Year.

After such an incredible time, with change forced upon us on so many levels, many hope that our lives will quickly return to normal. Or rather we might adapt to what is being called 'the new normal'.

My sisters and brothers, what does this actually mean?

We've shown that as a people of God and as a community, we can adapt to change. Change is not always welcomed but comes nonetheless, with the passage of time and the different seasons of life.

In the whirlwind of change we carry with us this enduring fact, given to us by St Paul in the letter to the Hebrews - "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever."

This does not mean the person of Jesus Christ is a static, undynamic character, an historical figure only for our observation. Jesus is unchanging in his identity as the Son of God, unchanging in his immense love for each of us, unchanging in his passion to see the Good News of his Gospel brought to every woman and man. Jesus is the unchanging God for an ever-changing world.

The question for us is, where are we in relation to Jesus Christ? How much are we invited to change in order to encounter the never-ending love of God?

To ask these questions and to be prepared for the answer will change our lives. We cannot go on as 'normal' if we truly seek to discover and live these answers.

For people of faith and for all those who are searching, we might ask:

What does it mean to believe **what Jesus said?**

What does it mean to believe **what he did?**

And what does it mean to believe **who Jesus is?**

The life, death and resurrection of Jesus is present to us in every celebration of the Mass and in a special way is revealed in the Paschal Mystery through the Easter narrative.

Easter is the journey of Christ from death to life, and from darkness to light.

Jesus died for us so that we might not suffer death for our sins but be offered redemption and eternal life with him. Jesus faced the depths of darkness for us so that we could open the shadow part of our lives to his power and allow his light to dispel our darkness.

This is an invitation to change. When we change we grow, and our concern must be that we are always growing more and more into the likeness of Jesus Christ.

It is one thing to celebrate the Easter liturgies, it is another to contemplate the moment of embrace, encounter and heavenly life that the Risen Lord reveals to us through his Resurrected Body. For some, this might be a return to Jesus as the centre of our lives as it was when we first encountered him. For others it might be the very first time we have personally encountered Jesus in his human and divine presence.

This Easter, let us contemplate the life-changing reality of Jesus Christ, with us yesterday, today, and forever, who draws us into relationship with him in a way that is life-giving and new. Let us surrender our lives to Jesus and allow our imagination and our hearts to be captured by that sacred and intimate encounter.

This Easter, let our 'new normal' be determined by our meeting with Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit given to us.

May the blessing of the Risen Lord be with you and your loved ones and remain with you forever.

[Watch Bishop Anthony's Easter Message here: https://youtu.be/pe2EtH5As_o](https://youtu.be/pe2EtH5As_o)

Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer & Worship Service

The Feast of Divine Mercy is celebrated on the Sunday following Easter Sunday expressing the association between the two feasts. Easter marks the salvation won by Jesus' atoning sacrifice on the cross and His victory over death. The Feast of Divine Mercy celebrates God's loving forgiveness.

Join us for the celebration of the feast of Mercy at Our Lady of Dolours Church, corner Archer and Kirk Streets, Chatswood on Divine Mercy Sunday, 11 April.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 2.00 pm with the praying and singing of the Chaplet, blessing of Divine Mercy images etc. Benediction at around 4 pm. Reconciliation is available from 2.00 – 4.00 pm.



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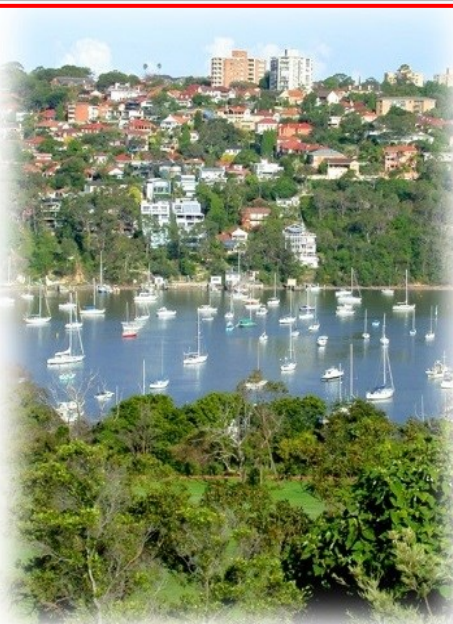
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Dear Parishioners,

27 March 2021

Thank you again for your ongoing interest in the development of St Leonard's, Naremburn. My sincere thanks as well to those of you who were able to attend the recent parish consultation forum. The main purpose of the forum was to discuss with you the results of the EOI campaign and the recommended development partner identified and associated design concepts as a result and to seek your feedback prior to entering into any arrangement with the preferred developer. It was very helpful to gather together and to hear from you. What was especially pleasing about the evening was the positive support and endorsement I received from you as a result of those discussions. It is a very exciting result and outcome for the parish.

With that support obtained and on the recommendation of the Parish Finance Council, with Pastoral Mission Council input, I am delighted to advise and share with everyone that **Metro Property Development** is the recommended development partner selected.

The calibre and quality of all parties interested in our site was very high and we are most appreciative of the time and very genuine effort each of them took in preparing their submissions and in presenting their proposals to us.

Ultimately, having regard to a mix of evaluation factors, Metro was selected as the preferred development partner. It was determined that Metro possess the track record, local experience, financial strength and development and construction capabilities to successfully deliver both the parish and development assets required. Metro's design concept responds to our parish needs identified and is low-scale, low-impact and complements the character of our beloved St Leonard's Church.

Metro has recently successfully completed a similar townhouse development approximately 200m south of the Parish site on Willoughby Road, known as "The Nines".

The Metro Scheme involves the development of:

A new Parish Hall (to accommodate c. 200 people standing) with ancillary kitchen and bathroom amenities. The hall itself will be located on the ground floor whilst the amenities will be located on the mezzanine level. A viewing platform/balcony will be constructed for persons situated on the mezzanine level to view the events occurring below. The Parish Hall will be constructed in a contemporary glazed-style. The Hall is proposed to be built to the north of the Church and will have a shared plaza allowing for both the Church and Parish Hall activities to spill out into the plaza.

A delicate enclosed glazed link will be constructed to connect the existing Church with the new Parish Hall.

A new 3 or 4-bedroom Presbytery will be constructed as a large style apartment located above the Parish Hall and will have easy access and visibility to the church and plaza. The Presbytery will have basement carparking with private access to the apartment by way of an internal lift.

The existing Presbytery will be adaptively reused into 4x generously sized apartments with building extensions added to the current structure and **10x on-grade car spaces** are proposed to service the apartments.

16 x 3-storey townhouses with internal lifts and basement car parking (3 car spaces per townhouse) are proposed to be constructed as the Development Assets. The proposed townhouses will be appropriate to the streetscape and the low-density residential surrounds. They will be built with high-spec finishes.

57x vehicle basement carpark. The car park will service the development assets (32 x spaces) as well as the Priest and Parishioners (25 x spaces).

It is envisaged the construction period will be 16 months from the time of commencement. The Church will remain in operation throughout construction and the development will not impact on Parish activities into the future.

I remain most grateful to members of my Parish Finance Committee and Parish Mission Council in providing me guidance and advice as well as to all of you for your shared interest, enthusiasm and strong desire to sustain our wonderful Parish well into the future.

I look forward to sharing with you more details regarding the design concept, DA preparation and construction program in the coming months ahead.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Fr Brian Moloney



Option Two - Version Two

Ground Floor Plan

