



# 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 Easter Year B – 18 April 2021



### GHOSTS, MEALS AND HUMANITY

When Jesus appeared to them, the disciples thought they were seeing a ghost, a sort of projection of a human image on the screen of the world but with no human depth and vitality. In fact, ghosts seem to drain life and warmth from those they encounter.

The disciples became convinced that they were in the presence of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ when he assumed a characteristic way of acting – sharing a companionable meal (of fish).

His bodily presence of *that* sort is now withdrawn from us. But we are now encountered by him in the Mass which has many dimensions, one of which is that of a sacred meal. When we share in the sacramental signs of his Real Presence in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion, he brings us the life and warmth of the Risen Son.

In fact, he shares his very life with us, and because his life is gloriously fully human, we become less ghost-like as he heals those parts of our personality which drain goodness and vitality from the world.

We could take a moment to pray to take greater opportunities to share in the Real Presence of Our Risen Lord under the appearance of bread and wine. This will move us from the illusion of being alive to that vitality which is nourished by his glorified humanity.

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### DATA PROJECTIONISTS AT MASS



The data projection ministry is an essential part of the weekend experience here at Lower North Shore. It brings together the work of the music ministry, proclaimers and clergy and allows fellow parishioners to fully participate in the Mass. We are in need of new members of the data projection ministry.

As the data projectionist you are responsible for the turning on of the laptop and screen and the opening up of the PowerPoint, for a particular Mass. A printed outline of the slides guides you through the parts of the Mass and a remote control means you can sit with family or friends while you click!

Volunteers join a roster where you can volunteer as little as once a month, or more frequently if you have capacity. This role would be a suitable for a student looking for Duke of Edinburgh or Community Service Hours. We are particularly in need at St Philip Neri and St Leonard's Masses. Please contact Katrina in the parish office if you would like to be involved.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

**Recently Deceased:** Mira Krsticevic, Cardinal Edward Cassidy, Pamela Orr, Kevin Rose, Andrew Ippolito & Leonardo Cascio.

**Anniversaries:** Makot Krste Markoviski, Pushpa Kandaswamy, Peter Pavisic, Giuseppe Cascio (1mth) & Iluminada Perez.

**Deceased:** Carmel Fischer & deceased members of the Formby & Quirk families, Anthony Scala, Antoine & Ivete, Emilio & Vita Ciaglia, Ida, Flaviano & Antonio Di Santo, Anna Maria & Franco Macolino and deceased members of the Mc Guire.

**Sick:** Lee Kwang Jae, John Jamieson & Carmelina Jimenez.





### Parish Priest

Rev Fr Brian Moloney PP

### Assistant Priest

Rev Fr Biju Mathew

Rev Fr Chima Ofor

### RNSH Chaplain

Rev Fr Peter Dowd

### Deacon

Rev Dr. Anthony Gooley

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Jessica Bousimon

### Director of Liturgical Music

Lisa Lewis

### Catechist Co-ordinator

Aida Moore

### 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

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### St Thomas' Primary School

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Principal: Jenny McKeown

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## LATEST FROM LETEFOHO APRIL 17-18

Thank you all for your generous donations towards the LETS collection as well as the St Leonards Good Friday morning collection. As usual you have been most generous and supportive of the work done through LETS.

No doubt you will be aware that Timor Leste is experiencing a period of emergency, resulting from catastrophic flooding caused by Tropical Cyclone Seroja over Easter. At least 30 people died and more than 6,000 homes were destroyed. Already struggling with food shortages and loss of jobs, as a result of a surge of COVID19 cases and subsequent lockdowns, the floods have caused even greater loss and poverty. The COVID case numbers are increasing and at a high risk of increasing further, due to the large number of people left homeless now sheltering in refugees.

Despite roads being destroyed, the people of Letefoho have not been severely affected. If you would like to donate to charities LETS has close relationships with, which are working to bring drinking water, food and clothing to those currently in great need in Timor Leste, please see the details below for 1) East Timor Sunrise(ETS), which is collecting funds for the Canossan sisters in Dili Food Relief Fund and the St Bakhita Centres of Eraulo and Palaka, which is distributing clothing and water. "All donations over \$2.00 to ETS Inc. are tax deductible. Name of Account – **East Timor Sunrise Incorporated** Bendigo Bank BSB – 633-000; Account – 135 387 520 Please include in the description on your bank transfer either FR for Food Relief or BC for the Bakhita Centre then your Surname and Initial. e.g., FRSmithJ Please email the secretary at easttimorsunrise@gmail.com once you have made a donation & include your name, amount, date of bank transfer and email, to ensure a receipt is issued to the correct donor." 2) East Timor Emergency Fund <https://bettertimor.org>

***Please keep the people of Timor Leste in your prayers.***

## LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS IN A COVID WORLD: RENEWAL NOT RESTORATION"

On Monday May 17, 2021 the ACU Centre for Liturgy is proud to present an online public lecture by Monsignor Professor Kevin W Irwin on "**Liturgy and Sacraments in a COVID World: Renewal not Restoration**".

In the lecture Msgr Kevin Irwin will highlight a positive path forward through the challenge of problematic liturgical practices that have been uncovered during the pandemic, where parishes have used technology to connect to their communities. While some successful innovations have emerged during this period, further work is still needed in many places to implement Vatican II's liturgical reforms fully.

Monsignor Irwin held the Walter J. Schmitz Chair of Liturgical Studies (2000-2015) at Catholic University of America where he is currently an Ordinary Research Professor and where he has previously served as Dean of the School of Theology and Religious Studies (2005-2011). He is the author of over twenty books and seventy journal articles. The public lecture will run from 10am-11:30am AEST via Zoom and you will find more information about it on the attached flyer. All those who would like to register can do so [here](#)

## RETURNING OF PYX

Can we ask those who've borrowed a Pyx to take communion to a neighbour or family member, to please return it to the church or drop it into the parish office.

## WASHING OF ALTAR CLOTHS

Thank you to Rosa for taking care of the washing of the small Altar linens from Mass each week. We wish her all the best with the arrival of baby number two!

We are now in need of someone to take on the washing of the small towels and cloths from Mass at St Thomas' each week. If you're able to help please call the Parish office.

Dianne Cripps from our Music Ministry will be performing her Southern Comfort Show at Street Market Asian Tapas on April 22.

116 Willoughby Rd, Crows Nest from 7:30pm. 3 course Asian Fusion-Tapas and two live sets. Various ticket options available. Book with Alan on 8540 5535 or online [https://www.stickytickets.com.au/lznzz/southern comfort with dianne cripps.aspx](https://www.stickytickets.com.au/lznzz/southern%20comfort%20with%20dianne%20cripps.aspx)

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

## FIRST READING

Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
*You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.*

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

**(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.**

When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **(R.)**

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **(R.)**

'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **(R.)**

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **(R.)**

## Baptism this Weekend

**Estelle Grace Aquilina**



**Welcome!**

## SECOND READING

1 Jn 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John

*Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.*

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Lk 24:35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.*

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR BRIAN!

**On Thursday Fr Brian celebrated his birthday. We pray that the Lord continues to guide him and care for him all the days of his life!**

## CLOSING TIMES ST THOMAS'

Please note winter closing times for St Thomas' church is 3pm Monday to Friday.

## WEEK DAY READINGS

**Mon 19** Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

**Tue 20** Acts 7:51- 81; Jn 6:30-35

**Wed 21** Acts 8: 1-8:1; Jn 6:30-35

**Thur 22** Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

**Fri 23** Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

**Sat 24** Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6: 60-69

A longer version of the bulletin is available on the parish website

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/lower-north-shore/news-events/parish-bulletins>



WEEKEND MASSES	CHURCH	CLERGY 24 & 25 April
Sat 5:00pm	St Philip Neri	Fr Chima
Sat 6:00pm	St Thomas'	Fr Brian
Sun 8:00am	St Thomas'	Fr Brian
Sun 9:00am	St Philip Neri	Fr Chima
Sun 9:30am	St Thomas'	Fr Brian
Sun 10:30am	St Leonard's	Fr Bijou
Sun 6:00pm	St Leonard's	Fr Bijou
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	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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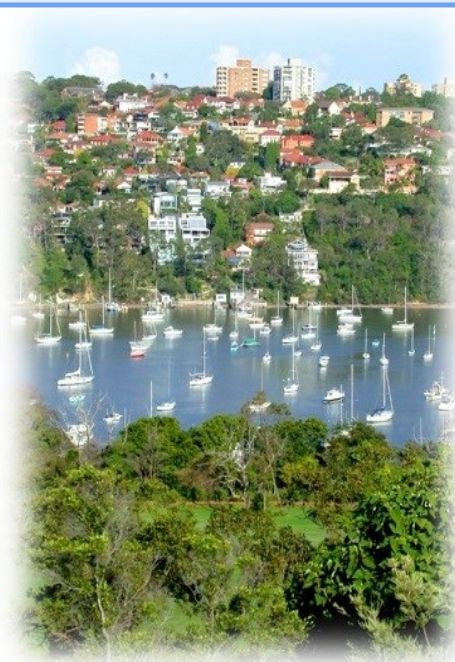
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## INTERNATIONAL REFORM ADVOCATE JOAN CHITTISTER TO ADDRESS AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

Sister Joan Chittister, one of the Catholic world's most influential religious and social leaders, will address a national Convocation of Catholics at 9:00am EST on Sunday 2 May via Zoom from the USA.

*A vision for Catholicism: Renewal directions, priorities, hopes and aspirations*, will speak to the deep desires among Australian Catholics for fresh vision and a new direction.

Sr Joan has for 50 years advocated on behalf of peace, human rights, women's issues, and church renewal. She has a history of speaking truth to power often challenging the Church in relation to renewal.

As keynote speaker at the first of three convocations hosted by the Australian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform (ACCCR), Sr Joan will be reaching a large national audience.

ACCCR Co-Convener Andrea Dean said: 'Most Australian Catholics are alienated from their Church, unable to comprehend that their leaders protected clerics who were sexually abusing children.

'Too many bishops are distant from their people and fail to learn from everyday Catholics trying to live a good Christian life.

'The Chittister Convocation will inspire Catholics who are insisting that the Catholic Church, through the Plenary Council process, respond to this pain and address greater inclusion for all, especially women and minority groups.'

'The Plenary Council is an opportunity for much-needed change to the Catholic Church's leadership. The Australian bishops must listen to the people of the Church and open their mind to the cultural and structural changes urgently needed to rescue the church from irrelevance.

'I strongly urge lay Catholics to participate in the Convocations.'

The President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge supports the Convocation and will give an official greeting to the participants. He acknowledged in a recent interview that reform is needed in the Church because 'the current mode of leadership is unsustainable'.

The Convocation will be convened by the Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform (ACCCR), a collaboration of 19 member groups across Australia demanding Church reform.

Registration is free and open to all at [accr.com.au](https://accr.com.au)

### PLEASE DISTRIBUTE WIDELY TO YOUR NETWORKS

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## OCEANIA WEBINAR PARISHES & SCHOOLS: ONE COMMUNITY IN CHRIST

Tuesday, 20th April 2021

11am -12.15pm (AEST), 1pm (New Zealand) via Zoom

### OCEANIA WEBINAR - PARISHES AND SCHOOLS: ONE COMMUNITY IN CHRIST

Join with others at this online gathering, where we will be sharing best practice, challenges and initiatives in how parishes and schools collaborate in living out the mission of Jesus Christ.

Date: Tuesday 20 April 2021, 11:00am – 12:15pm

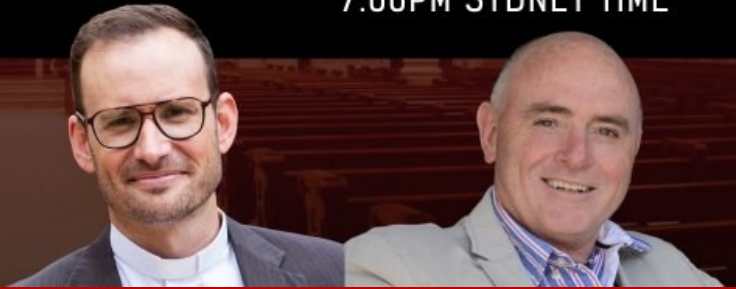
Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/oceaniawebinarapril20>



# INCREASING THE EXPERIENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOUR PARISH



LIVE WEBINAR  
APRIL 21ST, 2021  
7:00PM SYDNEY TIME



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Join in this Australian conversation on increasing the experience of the Holy Spirit in parishes to allow the power of the Spirit to animate our lives and impact our ministries.

Presented by Deacon Peter Pellicaan, Executive Director Evangelisation Brisbane, and Kevin Bailey AM, Regional Coordinator Divine Renovation Australasia.

Wednesday 21 April 2021, 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Register at <https://divinerenovation.org/australasia>



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