



Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore

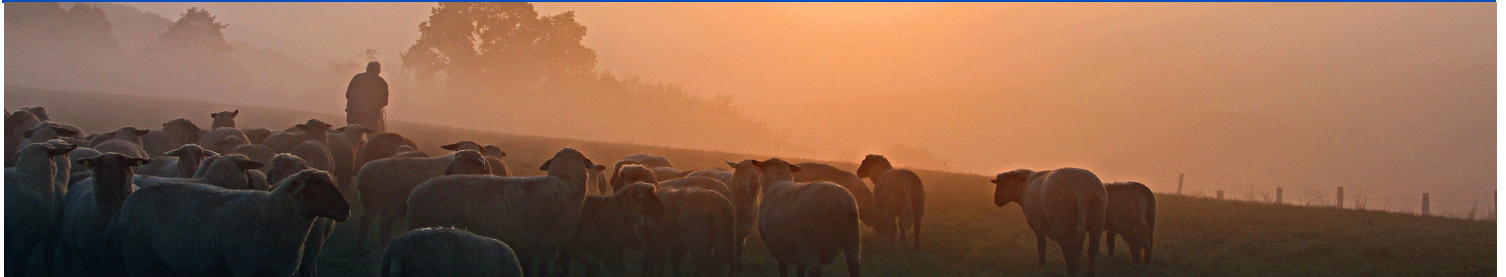
Serving the communities of

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 Easter Year B – 25 April 2021



THE VOICE

In the regions where Jesus was an itinerant preacher, three or four flocks could be kept in a communal sheepfold for safety. In the morning, the shepherds would come and, as each called out, the sheep attuned to the sound of his voice would follow to life-giving pasture.

We are surrounded by hundreds of voices clamouring for our attention. We are bombarded by messages, social media incessantly chattering. Jesus invites us to get attuned to *his* voice, listening for the distinctive sound of it so that, even if it is faintly heard in a cacophony, we immediately turn toward it so that we can follow it in a life-giving direction.

How do we get attuned to that voice? By reading the gospels. A Chinese student once told me that the Chinese character for gospel is 'happy sounds'. I like the plural. Jesus' gospel voice is not a monotone but a polyphony sounding in different ways in different situations.

As disciples, we have to get onto the same wavelength as that voice so that we can echo it in our own lives. We become reverberations of Christ's voice in many different situations, helping him to lead others to life-giving pastures.

We could take a moment to pray for better listening so that we might recognise the gospel voice of Jesus Christ, especially at the moment of death. Then we may hear the one voice we need and long for: 'Today you will be with me in paradise.'

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ST JOSEPH HOUSE

The property owned by the Parish at 190 high St Willoughby is to be leased to the Diocese and is now going to be known as Joseph House. The house will be used as a place of discernment for young men contemplating the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood in our Diocese.

These men will live in community while still working or attending tertiary studies. Bishop Anthony will formally bless Joseph House on the Feast of St Joseph the Worker on 1st May.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS - GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

2021 marks the 58th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, which is held on Sunday 25 April.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations is an opportunity to celebrate vocations to ordained ministry and religious life in all its forms. While it is a chance to appreciate all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate). Please pray for the 8 seminarians in Broken Bay and the three men that are preparing for Ordination to the Priesthood. Please pray, on this Vocations Sunday, that the Lord will bless the Diocese of Broken Bay with more vocations.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Recently Deceased: Mary Haylen, Kitty Collins, Beth Manning, Mara Cetinic & Fr Michael McCarthy.

Anniversaries: Patricia Hodges, Luigi Fontana, Benedetto Drago, & Selvam Selvakumaraswamy.

Sick: Clifford Sun.





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Rev Fr Biju Mathew

Rev Fr Chima Ofor

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CHARITABLE WORKS FUND – MAY APPEAL – 8/9 MAY 2021

Many thousands of young people and families in our community receive help from the charities that CWF supports. They can arise with new strength. We give thanks to God for the blessing these pastoral works offer to those in hospital, at school, across neighbourhoods and local parishes of Broken Bay. Please give generously to the final CWF appeal of the Financial Year 2020/21. Donations are 100% tax deductible and support five charities:



CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST THOMAS'

We are thrilled to announce the return of children's liturgy at St Thomas' beginning in May 2021 after the long hiatus of Covid-19. The team at St Thomas' are looking for a couple of extra volunteers to join the roster as little as once a term. This is a great way to get yourself and your child immersed in the parish community. If you're able to help please call the parish office, 9958 8846 or E: parish@lins.org.au

CATECHIST NEWS

After five years of dedicated Catechist Ministry, our wonderful teacher Peter Eliassen is leaving us to continue God's work in Dee Why Parish.

Peter has been a Catechist at Northbridge Public School and Willoughby Girls High.

We wish him all the best in his future plans and thank him so much for sharing his faith in our Parish Community.

Term 2 Start

We had a great start of the Term in our three Public Schools. The lessons are about Jesus appearance to the disciples after the Resurrection. Children are learning and reflecting about their Faith and Trust in God.

Aida Moore Catechist Coordinator



Sunday 2 May 2021, 9am to 10.30am: You are invited to a webinar, a virtual **CONVOCATION OF CATHOLICS, on the Future of Catholicism in Australia in this year of the Plenary Council or receive a recording later.**

Sr. Joan Chittister will address the Convocation on renewal directions, priorities, hopes and aspirations. Archbishop Mark Coleridge as President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is supporting the Convocation with a greeting.

The Convocations will be public and free. Participants can register to attend from home via their computer, individually or with a group. A link and instructions will be sent to all registrants.

Register here: <https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/s1698nzm1qsjym3/>

Those unable to attend live due to a Sunday Mass clash or some other commitment can still register as normal and they will be advised in due course of how to access a recording of the event whether they attend the live interactive event or not. (The Sunday morning timing is necessary having regard to Sr Joan's time zone in the USA and time differences across Australia, New Zealand and the world, noting also difficulties during the working week and Saturdays for some families.)

Joan is a truly remarkable person with an extensive international reputation as a Benedictine religious sister with "a Passion for God, a Passion for justice and a Passion for life; she is a beloved and best-selling author, a soul-stirring speaker, and a gifted spiritual guide.

PLENARY COUNCIL NEEDS THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY EUREKA ST

The biggest test for the Plenary Council, now less than six months from its first meeting, is to reconnect with the Catholic community. The elongated nature of the lead up and growing apathy have made that difficult, yet it remains essential. It may be asking too much to expect a church-wide buzz of excitement but there should at least be evidence of some increased momentum. There is a danger that the October event may become an isolated and introverted affair. [Read the full article here](#)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. **(R.)**

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. **(R.)**

CLOSING TIMES ST THOMAS'

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

SECOND READING

1 Jn 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 10:11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:

the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd;

I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd.

The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

Baptism this Weekend

Morgan Park & Henry Harrison



Welcome!

WEEK DAY READINGS

Mon 26 1Pet 5:5-14; Mk 16:15-20

Tue 27 Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wed 28 Acts 12:24-13:5; Jn 12:44-50

Thur 29 Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Fri 30 Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

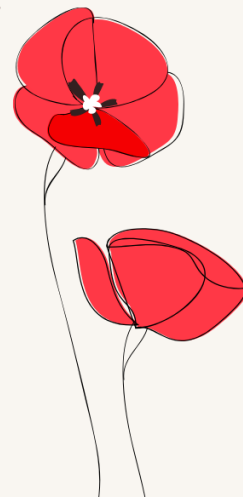
Sat 1 Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14: 7-14

God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks this day for the peace and security we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war.

We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come. That the liberty, truth and justice which they sought to preserve may be seen and known in all the nations upon earth.

This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



WEEKEND MASSES	CHURCH	CLERGY 1 & 2 May
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 Biju
Sun 9:30am	St Thomas'	Fr Brian
Sun 10:30am	St Leonard's	Fr Chima
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

•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.

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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



Last weekend the Clergy gathered to celebrate Fr Brian's Birthday. On Friday Fr Chima celebrated his birthday, we wish him every blessing for the year ahead.

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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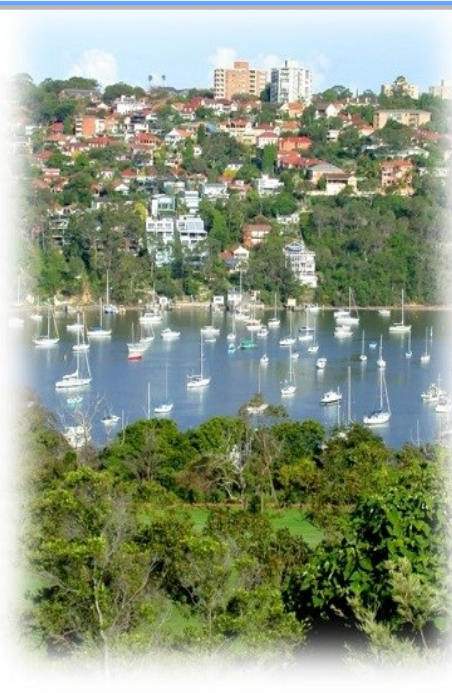
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LATEST FROM LETEFOHO APRIL 17-18

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 refuges. 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.

ONLINE PUBLIC LECTURE - LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS IN A COVID WORLD: RENEWAL NOT RESTORATION

Monsignor Kevin W. Irwin

Australian Catholic University, Centre for Liturgy

Date: Monday 17 May 2021

When: 10.00am – 11.30am

Where: Via Zoom

Registration: by 13 May www.acu.edu.au/PublicLectureCfl

Cost: \$10 or \$5 for student/pensioner concession.

With the chaos that came with the COVID-19 pandemic, the parishes had to quickly think of ways to stay connected and maintain an attachment to the Eucharist through video streaming over the internet. This has its benefits, but to the detriment of what? How can we begin to transition back to a face-to-face encounter with Christ, and what opportunities has this experience created as the danger of the pandemic slowly decreases?

A member of The Catholic University of America Theology Faculty for over thirty years, Msgr Irwin is the author of over twenty books and seventy journal articles. Prominent in his research are liturgical-theological method and the role of creation in liturgy and sacraments. Msgr Irwin's lecture is based off the topic for his most recent book of the same (Paulist Press, 2021).

For more information contact the ACU Centre for Liturgy centreforliturgy@acu.edu.au or call (02) 9701 4751.

menAlive

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU FELT FULLY ALIVE?

Sacred Heart Pymble Parish is running a **menAlive weekend** on **1 and 2 May 2021** which all men over the age of 18 are warmly invited to attend.

Details:

Location: Sacred Heart Pymble Parish School Hall
2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble

Date: Saturday 1 May 2021 8.00am to 9.00pm
Sunday 2 May 2021 8.30am to 1.30pm

Cost: \$50 per person (concessions available)
Includes workshops, morning and afternoon tea, lunch and dinner on Saturday

RSVP date: 25 April, 2021

Buy tickets / register online: www.eventbrite.com.au and search for 'MenAlive Pymble'

OR <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/menalive-pymble-tickets-91898289257>