



# 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.*

27th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B – 3 October 2021



## Counter-cultural on Marriage

One of the differences between human beings is that between male and female. These distinctive ways of being human are surprisingly able to be integrated into a unity. In today's gospel, Our Lord is saying that when a man and a woman cleave to each other in faithful commitment, that is 'a Paradise moment' as they are incorporated into a new unity which paradoxically enhances the difference.

Same sex partners can, of course, bring many virtues and loving dimensions to their relationship: enduring friendship, care in troubled times, joy. But they cannot embody the celebration of difference in the way a heterosexual couple do in their new unity. That latter deserves its own title: *Marriage*.

Marriage is not a creation of the Church, but the Church celebrates this 'Paradise' unity by way of Sacrament. What happens when that unity is fractured? Our Lord teaches: '... what God has united, man must not divide'. This was counter cultural in the Jewish and Roman societies of his day, as it is in the Australia of today.

But we all know of instances where the sad trauma of this dividing has occurred. Is the Church sufficiently a place where an injured party can find the healing presence of God? Can we have pastoral practices which give the 'medicine of immortality' to a wounded party within the communion of the Church?

We could pause a moment to pray for the Church to be a minister of grace to help hold men and women together in the gender-enhancing unity of marriage, and to be a minister of mercy when that unity is fractured.

## LNS SUNDAY SOCIAL



Grab a cuppa and join us  
after Mass to say hi to  
new and familiar faces.  
We have missed YOU!

Mass on our Facebook page at 9.15am and a cuppa at  
10am on zoom! Zoom link is at the top of this post.

## EASING RESTRICTIONS

Please visit the parish website to read Bishop Anthony's letter for our roadmap out of the current restrictions.

From Monday the 11th St Thomas' will be open each week day from 10am to 11am for private individual prayer for those who are double vaccinated. A member of staff will be present, helping parishioners check in. This is to keep us compliant with current health orders. Once we hit 80% the churches will be exempt and we will reopen for Mass.



Mass from our parish will be live streamed daily at 9:15 am on the parish FACEBOOK page <https://www.facebook.com/LNSPARISH/>

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

**Recently Deceased:** Tom Kamper

**Anniversaries:**

**Deceased:** Fr Basil Rosen & Antonino Testa.

**Sick:** Tony Harris.



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Cf. Est 4:17**

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

## FIRST READING

**Gen 2:18-24**

A reading from the book of Genesis

*They were two in one flesh.*

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 127. R. v.5**

**(R.) May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **(R.)**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem

all the days of your life!

May you see your children's children.

On Israel, peace! **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

**Heb 2:9-11**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin.*

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**cf. 1 Jn 4:12**

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another,

God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus,*

*I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.*

*I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.*

*Never permit me to be separated from You.*

*Amen.*

## GOSPEL

**Mk 10:2-16**

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

*What God has joined together, no one must divide.*

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

## JOIN US FOR A CUPPA AFTER MASS

**Straight after the 9:15 live stream Mass on Sunday, join fellow parishioners for a ZOOM cup of tea and some conversation just click on the invitation below.**

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/97420675102?](https://zoom.us/j/97420675102?pwd=SVptU2hqVEVWZ1NJbVRqMWwvYnhKZz09)

[pwd=SVptU2hqVEVWZ1NJbVRqMWwvYnhKZz09](https://zoom.us/j/97420675102?pwd=SVptU2hqVEVWZ1NJbVRqMWwvYnhKZz09)



### Parish Priest

Rev Fr Brian Moloney PP

### Assistant Priest

Rev Fr Biju Mathew

Rev Fr Chima Ofor

### RNSH Chaplain

Rev Fr Peter Dowd

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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

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### St Thomas' Primary School

2 Horsley Ave, Willoughby

Principal: Jenny McKeown

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### Watch the Plenary Council Assembly Online

The First General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia opens with Mass at 2:00pm AEDT from St Mary's Cathedral in Perth on Sunday, 3 October. Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, President of Plenary Council.

Key moments will be live streamed between 3 and 10 October.

They will include daily Masses, morning prayer and sharing of the fruits of discernment.

Watch the live-streamed Mass and access other information on the Plenary Council

website at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

### Don't forget to register! Broken Bay Plenary Council Online Prayer Vigil

The First General Council Assembly starting Sunday 3 October, we are inviting the community of the Church of Broken Bay to a virtual prayer vigil with Bishop Anthony on Saturday 2 October from 7.00-7:30pm.

"Listen to what the spirit is saying" has been the theme of this Plenary Council acknowledging the importance of prayer and God's relationship with His Church. This prayer vigil will call the community to come together as one Church to offer our prayers of support to the Bishop, Members, Delegates, and the whole Assembly gathering.

We encourage you to attend and take part in this special prayer night. To register for the zoom link please visit: [www.bbcatholic.org.au/bayconnect](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/bayconnect)

### Parish Secretary – Catholic Parish of Pittwater (Avalon and Mona Vale)

#### Permanent, full-time role

Could you see yourself as the face of our Pittwater Parish communities, providing a sense of warmth and welcome to visitors? The Pittwater Parish is seeking to recruit a full-time Parish Secretary. This role plays an important part in the Parish team, providing support for Parish communications, administration, financial processes, Parish property, compliance and Diocesan support.

The ideal candidate will have excellent people skills, a comprehensive knowledge of office administration processes and procedures and a sound understanding of Microsoft Office Suite, MYOB, bookkeeping or accounting practices.

An ability to work autonomously while remaining a team player, with a commitment to be accountable for performance, and an ability to work collaboratively across a wide spectrum of stakeholders, supported by a good understanding of, and commitment to, Catholic values and teachings will be crucial to your success.

If you have high developed administration skills coupled with well-developed relational and rapport building skills and this role interests you, please email a brief cover letter and CV to [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au).

For further information, including to request a copy of the position description please contact [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au).

Applications close **Wednesday 13 October 2021**.

The Diocese of Broken Bay is committed to and promotes a culture of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our Diocese has no tolerance to Child Abuse and is committed to ensuring our staff and volunteers understand the joint responsibility to safeguard all those within our community.

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.



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WEEKEND MASSES	CHURCH	CLERGY
Sat 5:00pm	St Philip Neri	
Sat 6:00pm	St Thomas'	
Sun 8:00am	St Thomas'	
Sun 9:00am	St Philip Neri	
Sun 9:30am	St Thomas'	
Sun 10:30am	St Leonard's	
Sun 6:00pm	St Leonard's	
Sun 4:00pm	RNSH	

*Churches remain closed*

#### 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

#### MEMORIAL PLAQUES AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH

If you would like to purchase a memorial plaque for a loved one, please contact the Parish Office.

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.

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

**St Thomas'** Sunday during 9:30am Mass.

**St Philip Neri** 3rd Sunday of Month

#### 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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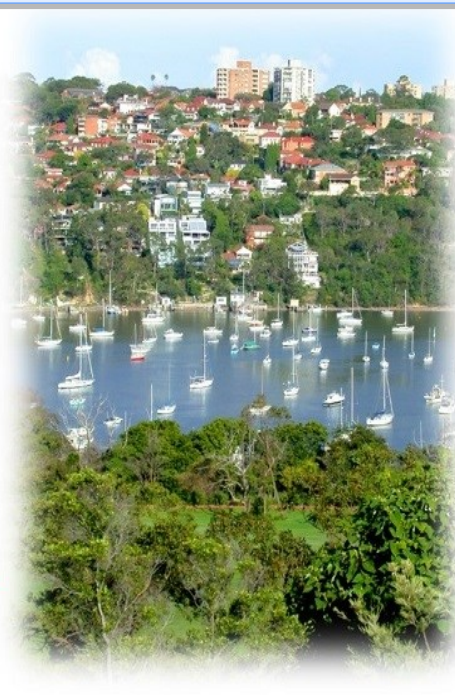
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