



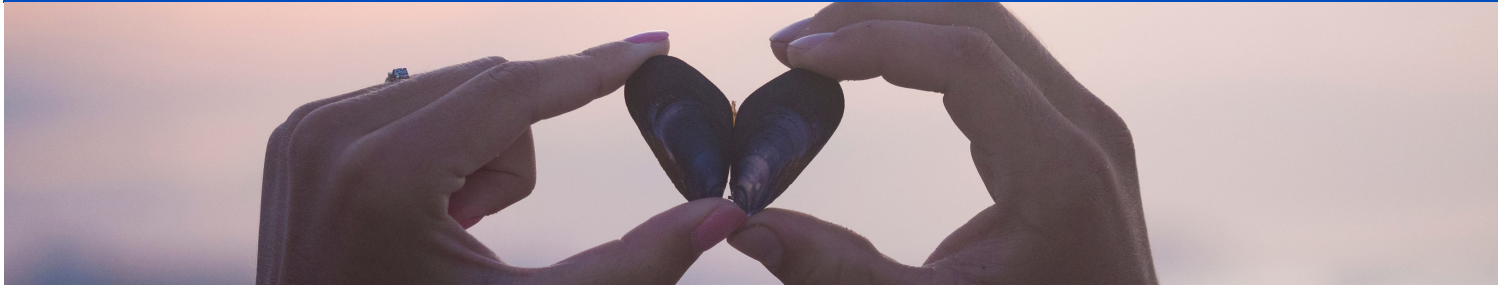
Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore

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.

31st Sunday Ordinary Time Year B – 31 October 2021



The Dual Command

Jesus does not command us to love 'God' in the abstract. Teaching Jew to Jew he says: 'You shall love the Lord your God' – the Lord who had rescued the Jewish people from slavery. So, commanding a love which responds to an initiative of Divine Love.

Why wouldn't one respond 'heart, mind, strength, soul' in gratitude for the gift of life itself, for some particular person or incident, for the beauty and grandeur of nature, for rescue from some situation which seemed to engulf us? And if the Lord God loved you in such a way, why wouldn't you love yourself?

Then you can properly 'Love your neighbour as yourself'. There is nothing sentimental in his teaching from Leviticus 19:18 and the preceding verses. Jesus was pointing to the system of social justice which looked after the poor and which did not exploit workers. It is up to us as global citizens of the 21st century to recognise as 'neighbours' those beyond our borders and to love them in the practical 'Levitical' way.

Fulfilling the Dual Command, we guard against the extremes of religious piety or social activism and become Christian humanists loving God and neighbour.

We might pause a moment to pray in responsive gratitude to the Lord God, and to commit ourselves to loving our neighbour, hoping to hear the words of Jesus Christ: 'You are not far from the Kingdom of God.'

ALL SOULS DAY MASSES

Tuesday 2nd November All Souls Day Masses will be celebrated:

- 9am St Thomas'
- 6pm St Thomas'
- 9am St Leonard's
- 9:15am St Philip Neri

WELCOME BACK

We are looking forward to welcoming many of you back to Mass this weekend. Some people will choose not to return just yet, so remember Mass on Demand is still available and the dispensation from Bishop Anthony regarding Sunday's obligation is still in place. It's important to remember to wear your mask when inside the church. The only way to sign in to our churches is using the QR codes displayed. Please download the services NSW app or ask a friend or family member to sign you in on their phone. Recording your details on paper no longer meets the requirements for contact tracing. Please look out for one another and help us keep our community safe in the weeks to come.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Recently Deceased: Andrew Lee, Sang– Yon Jeon, Steven Vrandich, Chandra Shekar, Dr Greg Kesby,
Recently deceased members of the Sisters of St Joseph & Thomas Alwyn Bonke.

Anniversaries: Ante Zaknic, Smiljana Milina, Deceased members of the Donjerkovic & Andrijic families,
Eileen Elizabeth Hurrell, Jean Veronica Stinson Petar Pavisic & Gwendolyne Moore.

Sick: Clifford Sun, Tony Harris, Jenny Petkovic & Imelda Dickeson.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 37:22-23

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

FIRST READING

Dt 6:2-6

A reading from the book of
Deuteronomy

*Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your
God with all your heart.*

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear
the Lord your God all the days of your
life and if you keep all his laws and
commandments which I lay on you,
you will have a long life, you and your
son and your grandson. Listen then,
Israel, keep and observe what will
make you prosper and give you great
increase, as the Lord God of your
fathers has promised you, giving you a
land where milk and honey flow.
'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the
one Lord. You shall love the Lord your
God with all your heart, with all your
soul, with all your strength. Let these
words I urge on you today be written
on your heart.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2

(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my
stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all
praise: when I call I am saved from my
foes. **(R.)**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be to the God that saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown love for his anointed. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Heb 7:23-28

A reading from the letter to the
Hebrews

*This one, because he remains for ever,
has an eternal priesthood.*

There used to be a great number of
priests under the former covenant,
because death put an end to each one
of them; but this one, Christ, because
he remains for ever, can never lose his
priesthood. It follows, then, that his
power to save is utterly certain, since
he is living for ever to intercede for all
who come to God through him.
To suit us, the ideal high priest would
have to be holy, innocent and
uncontaminated, beyond the influence
of sinners, and raised up above the
heavens; one who would not need to
offer sacrifices every day, as the other
high priests do for their own sins and
then for those of the people, because
he has done this once and for all by
offering himself. The Law appoints
high priests who are men subject to
weakness; but the promise on oath,
which came after the Law, appointed
the Son who is made perfect for ever.

GOSPEL

Mk 12:28-34

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Mark

*This is the first commandment, and
the second is similar to it.*

One of the scribes came up to Jesus
and put a question to him, 'Which is
the first of all the commandments?'
Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen,
Israel, the Lord our God is the one
Lord, and you must love the Lord your
God with all your heart, with all your
soul, with all your mind, and with all
your strength. The second is this: You
must love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater
than these.' The scribe said to him,
'Well spoken, Master; what you have
said is true: that he is one and there is
no other. To love him with all your
heart, with all your understanding
and strength, and to love your
neighbour as yourself, this is far more
important than any holocaust or
sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he
had spoken, said, 'You are not far
from the kingdom of God.' And after
that no one dared to question him
any more.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:23

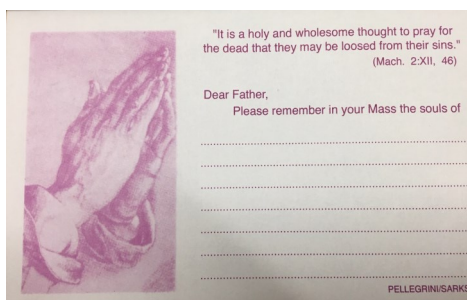
Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we
will come to them.

Alleluia!

NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES

All Masses during November will be
offered for our deceased relatives,
friends and parishioners. November
offering envelopes are available at the
churches.



Baptism this Weekend



Baptism

Oscar & Lucy Smith

Welcome!

WEEK DAY READINGS

Mon 1 All Saints

Apoc 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3: 1-3;

Mt 5:1-12

Tue 2 All Souls Day

From Masses for the Dead

Wed 3 Rom 13: 8-10; Lk 14: 25-33

Thur 4 Rom 14: 7-12; Lk 15:1-10

Fri 5 Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16: 1-8

Sat 6 Rom 16:3-9, 16,22-27; Lk 16:9-15



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

Seminarian Appointed

Rosan Mathew

Parish Missionary Council

Chair: Bev Jones

pmc@lms.org.au

Parish Office

182 High St, Willoughby

P: 9958 8846

E: office@lms.org.au

www.bbcatholic.org.au/lms

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Parish Secretaries

Caitlin Douglas

Katrina Chemello

Sacramental Co-ordinator

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

67 Baringa Rd, Northbridge

Principal: Fiona Bylsma

9958 7136

St Thomas' Primary School

2 Horsley Ave, Willoughby

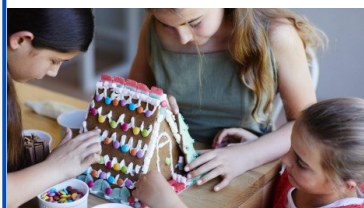
Principal: Jenny McKeown

9958 7308



2022 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR'S \$10

A limited number of Columban Art Calendars are available at the back of each church. Please Leave correct money in the box provided.



LOWER NORTH SHORE PARISH COMMUNITY EVENT

Enjoy making a gingerbread house with your family and friends & share your event with the community.

Kits cost: \$30

BOOK on Trybooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/BUUVT>

Gluten free kit & lolly decorations available

Orders open October to 17th November 2021. Kits delivered early December 2021

Instructional video provided. Join the community in your virtual event on Sunday 5th December 2021

Then post your completed gingerbread house to @lmsparish on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/lmsparish)

Gingerbread Kits contain everything required to build your gingerbread creation in one neat carry box including gingerbread parts, baseboard + piping bag and royal icing (dry form). Just add lollies for decorating!

- ✦ delicious gingerbread made with the finest pure ingredients
- ✦ all natural and free from added colours, flavours and preservatives
- ✦ are dairy free, egg free & nut free

\$3 from every order goes to support our Parish Christmas Card activity, where we make and deliver Christmas Cards to those in need in the local community. **For more information about our supplier and product nutritional details, please view product info at www.gingerbreadfolk.com.au**

"Parish Giving Broken Bay" is a newly launched online App for the Catholic community of Broken Bay that supports:

- Weekly giving to 1st and 2nd Collection
- Ability to find a Mass and Live Streams
- Scripture readings for the day
- Catholic news highlights

Visit <https://brokenbay.goodgiving.com.au>

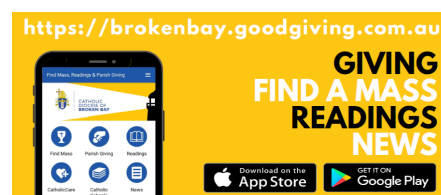
For most Parishes, weekly collections are a major source of funds for mission and ministry. With the Planned Giving options for 1st and 2nd Collections, the new App helps you support your Parish community.

The App is available on desktop or mobile, or search for "Parish Giving Broken Bay" in your mobile App store.



Refund and Privacy Policy

The online payment system on the page is safe and secure, with funds going direct to your nominated parish. Contributions can be made by Visa or MasterCard. If a donation has been made in error please contact your parish. Any approved refunds will be returned to the same credit card used to make the donation. Our privacy policy is available at <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/privacy-policy>



WEEKEND MASSES	CHURCH	CLERGY 6 & 7 Nov
Sat 5:00pm	St Philip Neri	Fr Chima
Sat 6:00pm	St Thomas'	Fr Brian & Anthony
Sun 8:00am	St Thomas'	Fr Biju
Sun 9:00am	St Philip Neri	Fr Chima
Sun 9:30am	St Thomas'	Fr Brian
Sun 10:30am	St Leonard's	Fr Chima
Sun 6:00pm	St Leonard's	Fr Chima
Sun 4:00pm	RNSH	Fr Biju

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 2nd Tuesday of each month 11am & 3rd 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
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.

School Term Only

Nicholas Maurer J.P.
0417 202 645
office@maurerfunerals.com.au



Harbourview @ THE NORTHBRIDGE CLUB

We are your local team with over 20 years experience in hospitality and events. Come and meet Doreen to arrange your next special event.

Family celebrations are our specialty.

Restaurant open for lunch

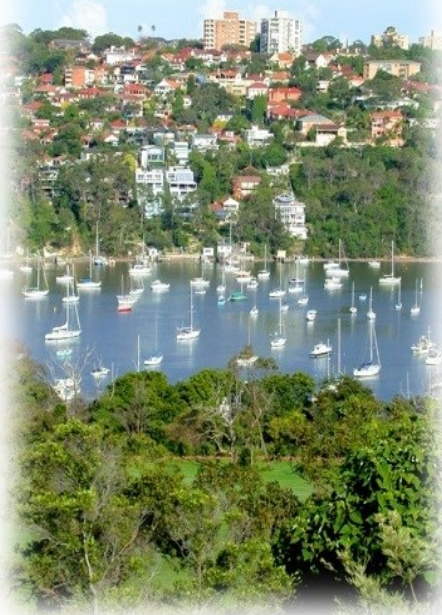
Tuesday to Sunday

Dinner on Friday night.

The Harbourview @ Northbridge Golf Club - 296c Sailors Bay Rd Northbridge

PH: (02) 99586900 - Email: Catering@northbridgegolfclub.com.au

Website: Harbourviewdining.com.au



**SYDNEY'S RESIDENTIAL
PAINTING SPECIALISTS**

Family Owned Business

02 9686 4444

www.asnu.com.au

Epsilon Legal lawyers

Conveyancing - **Wills and Estates** -
Powers of Attorney **Appointment of
Enduring Guardian** - Leasing

France Booth

9 High St, Willoughby NSW 2068

phone/Fax: +61 2 9958 1994

mobile: +61 432 320 701

e: flisbooth@epsilonlegal.com.au

www.epsilonlegal.net



Josh Moschella - 0410 101 011

silverspade@live.com.au

www.silverspade.com.au

Damien Giardina

"Dream, Believe, Achieve"

Personal Trainer

- Master Trainer
- Massage Therapist
- Boxing Instructor

Lets begin a healthy, happy life!

M:0432 210 343

E:damien.giardina@hotmail.com

Were the good old days in the Catholic Church really that good?

By [Claire Victory](#)

[Oct 26, 2021](#)

To heal from the child sex abuse tragedy, the Catholic Church must be more inclusive and go to the people on the margins.

Some positives emerged from the Plenary Council and those strengths should be acknowledged. But some displayed a nostalgia for a past time when the pews were full on Sunday and marriages didn't end. We now know that while those pews were full, children were being abused, unmarried women were being forced to give their babes up for adoption, and Indigenous kids were stolen from their families.

The Church's teachings on a number of matters would be more readily accepted if people could see that those teachings are anchored in love and respect for the dignity of the human person.

But the Church has become an inward-looking club that has closed its doors to many of the faithful.

I'm not sure what Jesus would make of recent decades, given his tendency to hang out with society's outcasts. He confronted oppressive structures born of religious law and custom and encouraged a loving relationship with God and each other.

The week-long first assembly of the Church's historic Plenary Council concluded just over a week ago.

In the lead up there was deep scepticism about the council's agenda and about what had become of the recommendations and concerns raised in the 17,500 submissions made by individuals and groups of people deeply concerned about the future of their church.

I was one of the 280 members who gathered virtually in this first assembly for a week of prayer, reflection and deep listening and I have to say I am quietly confident that the majority are optimistic about the mood for change that will lead to a church that can serve the world in the 21st century.

Each of us was allocated to a group of 30, and a smaller group of 10, which explored the 16 agenda questions. Most of the proceedings were held in-camera, but daily reports from each of the groups were livestreamed, along with a pre-recorded Mass.

Evidence of our broad church was on display during this week of generally respectful listening and dialogue.

Diverse opinions ensured rich discussion as many laid bare their concerns for the church they love.

Through various Plenary Council processes I called for greater inclusion in the church and for the church to go to the people on the margins, to begin the deep healing which is so desperately needed.

I was not alone.

There seemed to be a consensus among those who spoke with conviction about the exclusion of various groups of people from the Church, including people who are gay, trans or gender diverse; people who are divorced and remarried; and those living with a partner but not yet married.

I participated in a series of nightly webinars produced by the church's national reform movement. I spoke in particular about my experience of the Plenary Council processes and joined a lively discussion about the exclusion of LGBTIQ+ people.

There was a great strength in the "interventions" by Plenary Council members, both written and spoken, which will form part of the First Assembly's official record.

Many of those interventions have been welcomed by faithful people who are hanging on by their fingernails — from among the Plenary Council members and from the broader community.

People responded with optimism to many of the reports aired in the open sessions of the Council, and to the quality of the discussion in the mainstream media.

And many were heartened by the frank and open discussion on issues close to their heart in the Plenary Tracker — the nightly webinar discussion hosted by the Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform and Concerned Catholics Canberra Goulburn.

Fellow Council members Professor Emeritus John Warhurst and Francis Sullivan each penned a daily blog, also well-received.

But not all submissions looked to the future.

Some displayed a nostalgia for a past time when the pews were full on Sunday and marriages didn't end.

As I pointed out during one of the plenary sessions: we now know that while those pews were full, children were being abused, unmarried women were being forced to give their babes up for adoption, and Indigenous kids were stolen from their families.

By bemoaning the fact that marriages today don't last like they did in the "good old days", we ignore the lived experience of so many women for whom a life-long commitment was akin to a life sentence; women who were abused but who were legally, socially, financially unable to leave.

As Vincentians we travel with people who are struggling — materially, psychologically and spiritually. Many people see their work with Vinnies as an authentic expression of their faith, even though they may no longer feel welcome in the pews.

People do experience love and respect in the church, through welcoming and supportive practices, but so often it's through schools, social services agencies and specific communities or individuals (including some priests and bishops, and many religious women and men).

But when the official structure or leadership of the church is seen to treat those welcoming, supportive groups or individuals as outsiders, outliers and trouble-makers — then we should question what the institutional church is telling the Australian community about who it is.

The Gospel is clear that human life — all human life — is sacred and should be protected. It's hard not to feel that this simple truth has been all but lost in a church where the leadership is seen to perpetuate the legalistic, hierarchical structures that deliver power to a few in an outdated monarchical model that has been protected by Canon law and dogma in recent centuries.

I am optimistic that a strong, pastoral, Christ-centred church will rise from the ashes of the child sex abuse tragedy. This Plenary Council is an important part of that process, as is an ongoing commitment to listening to a diverse range of voices from within the Church and from the margins.

Forty proposals came out of last week's discussions, and they include the Church publicly backing Indigenous Australians seeking constitutional recognition; adoption of innovative models of governance with lay and clergy working closely together; expansion of programs for contemporary lay and religious formation; professional supervision for clergy and church workers; expansion of the influential participation of women; and the establishment of forums for open dialogue and discernment, especially with groups who feel excluded in the church.

The proposals will be considered by a team of experts in the lead up to the second assembly in July next year.

We have a lot of work to do before then. But we've made a start.

The National Council is in discussions with other social services organisations and people committed to social justice. We will work together in the lead up to the next assembly to further engage and animate our people. We will continue to reflect on and deepen our understanding of Catholic Social Teaching and how our Catholic faith and identity form and inspire us. And we will lead by example, as we reach out to people who are marginalised and welcome all, the way Jesus did.

Claire Victory is the National President of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia. She is a Member of the Plenary Council.

LOWER NORTH SHORE PARISH

Gingerbread House Community Event



ENJOY MAKING A GINGERBREAD HOUSE
WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS
& SHARE YOUR EVENT WITH THE COMMUNITY

KITS COST: \$30
GLUTEN FREE KIT & LOLLY DECORATIONS AVAILABLE

ORDERS OPEN OCTOBER TO 17TH NOVEMBER 2021
KITS DELIVERED EARLY DECEMBER 2021
INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO PROVIDED

JOIN THE COMMUNITY IN YOUR VIRTUAL EVENT ON SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2021
THEN POST YOUR COMPLETED GINGERBREAD HOUSE TO @LNSPARISH ON FACEBOOK