



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.

The Epiphany of the Lord Year C – 2 January 2022



STARS AND SEEKERS AFTER TRUTH

Unlike the writers of the horoscope columns in our newspapers, these Wise Men were scholar astrologers, probably from Syria or Iraq. They believed that the stars controlled the destiny of human beings, but they were open enough to the Hebrew scriptures to be led to the amazing discovery of a star-child in Bethlehem.

They knelt before this baby, doing homage, because they realised that the stars did not control *this* infant, but that there was something of this baby which caused the night sky to respond! They preserved the child from the deadly schemes of Herod, and then they returned to their home country, 'by a different way'. They were on a different journey after encountering the Child.

Who can doubt that the Holy Spirit led these wise men from the East to the manger? In fact, the Holy Spirit is at work in every human being, prompting each and every one to become seekers after Truth.

As a person responds to this prompting and tries to lead a good humane life, then the Church teaches that the Holy Spirit can draw them into the saving life of God. Thus, billions in China and India who have never heard the Gospel, can be saved. But, such persons do not savour the fullness of Truth as we do with the privilege of having the scriptures and the sacraments. Where it is possible, we are obliged to offer them the road map to the Truth.

We can take a moment to affirm our faith in the baby in the manger as the One of whom Dante spoke: 'the Love which moves the sun and other stars'. Come, let us adore him.

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SAVE THE DATE

Many of you will have heard the news that Fr Brian will be taking up a new appointment as Dean of the Central coast and Parish Priest of the Entrance. His last weekend with us will be the 5th & 6th February. Over the coming weeks we will be having special collection envelopes to contribute to a farewell gift for Fr Brian. In addition please keep **Sunday 6th February 6pm Mass at St Leonard's** in your diaries as a date for Fr Brian's farewell. For any enquiries please contact the Parish Office from Tuesday 4th Jan.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Anniversaries: Maria, Robert and Anthony Palise, Maria & Robert Sciarrone and Theo Mentcherian.

Please Pray For: Maria Trani, Clifford Sun, Tony Harris & Imelda Dickeson.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Mal 3:1; 1 Chr 29:12

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

FIRST READING

Is 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **(R.)**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. **(R.)**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

WEEK DAY READINGS

Mon 3 1Jn 3:22-4:6;

Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tue 4 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

Wed 5 1Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6 45-52

Thur 6 1 Jn 4:19-54; Lk 4:14-22

Fri 7 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5;12-16

Sat 8 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30



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Rev Fr Brian Moloney PP

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GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good
will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

Dear brothers and sisters,

As the work of the year comes to its completion, there are significant developments I need to share with you in respect to the appointment of clergy in our Diocese for the commencement of 2022. Firstly, I am delighted to share with you that I have appointed the following clergy as Deans

(Vicars Forane) effective 4 February 2022:

- Fr David Taylor, Dean of the Northern Beaches Deanery, for a period of 1 year
- Fr Colin Blayney, Dean of the North Shore Deanery, for a period of 3 years
- **Fr Brian Moloney, Dean of the Central Coast Deanery, for a period of 3 years**

I am grateful for the recommendations received by many of the clergy, and I thank each of our new Deans for their acceptance of their appointment. I look forward to working with them early in 2022 as we continue to shape our new Deaneries. I am confident that our Deaneries will pastorally strengthen the life of our parish communities and provide new opportunities for presbyteral support.

These developments occasion the necessity for other changes in appointment in the Diocese. I therefore bring to your attention the following new appointments:

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- **Fr Jose Philip OSH, Parish Priest, effective 4 February 2022.**

I thank each of these clergy for their generosity of availability, as I thank their respective communities for their understanding of the change that these new appointments represent.

Please keep both in your prayer over the coming weeks as the various transitions unfold.

Again, I commend these developments to your prayer and extend my sincere Christmas wishes to all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD, JCL

Bishop of Broken Bay

WEEKEND MASSES	CHURCH	CLERGY 1 & 2 Jan
Sat 5:00pm	St Philip Neri	Fr Brian
Sat 6:00pm	St Thomas'	Fr Chima
Sun 8:00am	St Thomas'	Fr Biju
Sun 9:00am	St Philip Neri	Fr Chima
Sun 9:30am	St Thomas'	Fr Biju
Sun 10:30am	St Leonard's	Fr Brian
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

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.

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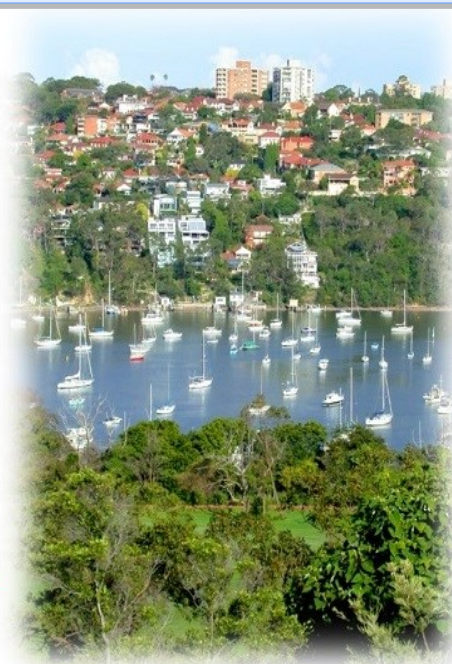
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