



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 Baptism of the Lord Year C – 9 January 2022



JESUS' BAPTISM IS OURS

What did it mean for Jesus to come up out of the waters of the Jordan to experience the special presence of the Holy Spirit as though it were a dove, gently hovering over him? As a Jew, he would have been reminded both of the Divine Wind hovering over the void-become-creation, and of the dove bearing an olive twig as God restored humanity's life on earth after the Flood. The Holy Spirit was empowering Him for a re-creative role on behalf of humanity.

His second experience was to sense God's delight and joy sounding, reverberating through every fibre of his body, every reach of his soul: 'You are my beloved Son, my favour rests on you.'

Any baby, any adolescent, any adult who is baptised shares in these wonderful experiences. The dynamic power of the Holy Spirit hovers over the person as a gentle presence, preparing the one baptised for a mission on behalf of humanity. And every baptised person senses, below the range of hearing, the echo of the same marvellous words: "You are my beloved son or daughter, my favour rests on you."

Is it any wonder that Our Lord adopted this water rite to incorporate his followers into such wonderful experiences as a power-full impetus to fulfil their mission to cooperate in God's saving plan for humanity?

We could take a moment to pray in gratitude for the parent/s or other person/s who brought us into this tradition stretching over almost two millennia. May they be filled with all that flows from their being beloved sons and daughters of God.

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

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



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

FIRST READING

Is 42:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court. **(R.)**

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **(R.)**

The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!' The Lord sat enthroned over the flood: the Lord sits as king for ever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Mk 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 3:15-16. 21-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

Parish Office Has Closed

Due to a number of staff cases of Covid or required isolation the Parish Office is not currently staffed. We will be answering phone and email enquiries remotely and hope to return to normal hours Tuesday 11th Jan.

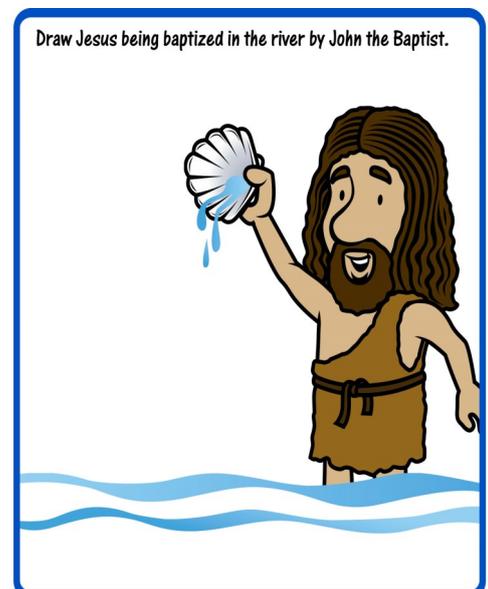
Thank you for your patience and understanding as we muddle through pandemic life 2022!

Baptism this Weekend



William Dean,
Evie Pecotich
& Emilia Vargas
Canon

Welcome!



**Parish Priest**

Rev Fr Brian Moloney PP

Assistant PriestRev Fr Biju Mathew
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Nareburn**St Philip Neri Church**224 Sailors Bay Rd
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9958 7136**St Thomas' Primary School**2 Horsley Ave, Willoughby
Principal: Jenny McKeown
9958 7308**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.

A BLESSING FOR PRESENCE by John O'Donohue

May you awaken to the mystery of being here
And enter the quiet immensity of your own presence.
May you have joy and peace in the temple of your senses.
May you receive great encouragement when new frontiers beckon.
May you respond to the call of your gift
And find the courage to follow its path.
May the flame of anger free you from falsity.
May warmth of heart keep your presence aflame and anxiety never linger about you.
May your outer dignity mirror an inner dignity of soul.
May you take time to celebrate the quiet miracles that seek no attention.
May you be consoled in the secret symmetry of your soul.
May you experience each day as a sacred gift, Woven around the heart of wonder.

Source: O'Donohue, J., (1998). Eternal Echoes. Exploring our hunger to belong. London, Bantam Books. p.139

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

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 RESUMING IN 2022 TO BE CONFIRMED

CHILDREN'S BAPTISM
St Leonard's Church: 12:00noon
4th Sunday of the month
St Philip Neri Church: 10:30am
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

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.

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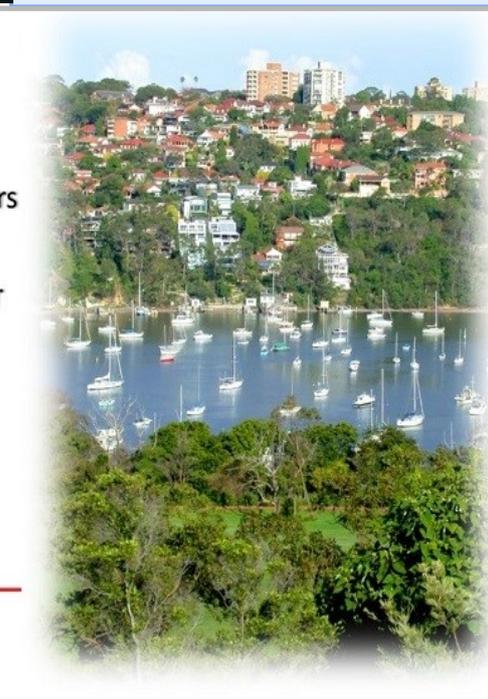
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