

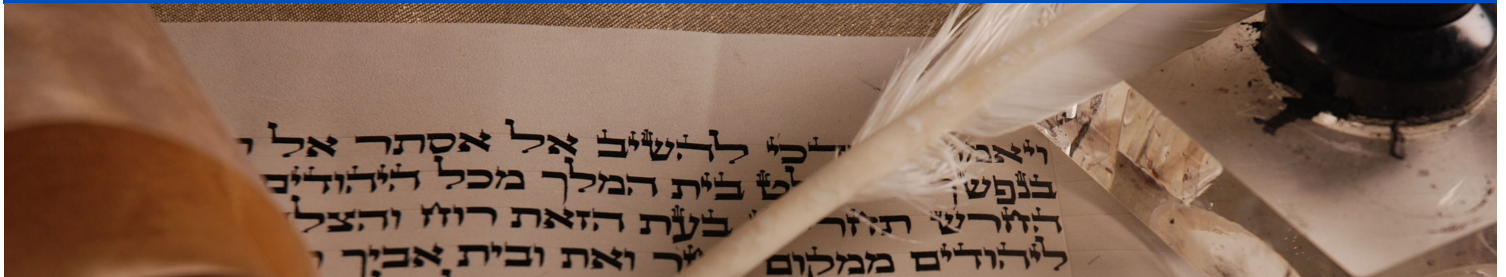


# Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore

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.

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C – 23 January 2022



### RELAX: YOU ARE ACCEPTED

The prophet Isaiah had drafted a manifesto for divine action in the world. Jesus of Nazareth is divine action in the world, and no doubt his fellow villagers in Nazareth would have been thrilled that one of theirs would 'set the downtrodden free'.

But, in proclaiming 'the Lord's Year of Acceptance', Jesus inaugurated a revolutionary phase within the Jewish tradition. He invited people to *relax*!! Holiness is not a matter of our *striving*, but of *accepting* that we are *accepted* by the All Merciful God. Good works should follow in response, but good works don't gain our acceptance by God.

How does one best show acceptance of someone, forgiveness of someone, friendship with someone? One relaxes over a meal together. This was Jesus' characteristic way of embodying Divine Acceptance in our world. It still is.

We might pause for a moment to relax into the saving fact that we exist in 'the Lord's Year of Acceptance', that this acceptance is signified and effected by our sharing in the Bread of Life and the Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion which gives us the energy to help make Divine Acceptance a reality for others.

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### MASS OF GRATITUDE

To farewell Fr Brian and to celebrate Fr Biju's 25th Anniversary of Ordination, we will have a Mass of Gratitude on Sunday **6th February 6pm at St Leonard's Naremburn** followed by a sausage sizzle in the forecourt. Please save the date and join in this opportunity to express our gratitude to our clergy. All enquiries to the parish office.

Envelopes are available at all the churches to contribute to a farewell gift for Fr Brian. Place your envelopes in the collection or return them to the parish office.

**Farewell Cards** are at the back of each church. Please add your own personal or family message to Fr Brian's card.



A very special **THANK YOU** to those parishioners who contributed to the  
**2021 ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL.**

Your donations will assist those in need, especially those with homeless and other issues. The Appeal was addressed at the three Masses at St Thomas' and a special thank you to those parishioners who contributed so generously. The total across the Parish raised more than  
**\$12,500.00** – a wonderful effort.

Receipts have been written out and are in the process of being given out/mailed or home delivered.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Manoj Manuel (formerly of Hornsby Cathedral Parish) Maria Gloria Fisher, Mile Bukvic, Carmel Gazal, David Branigan, Grant Madden & Salvatore Sam Panetta.

**Anniversaries:** Lisa McKee, Marin, Branko & Jenny Petkovic, Angela Ryan, Pushpa Kandasamy, Helena Leina & Saverio Di Cosmo.

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



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 95:1,6

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

## FIRST READING

Neh 8:2-6. 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah  
*They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.*

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep’. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 18:8-10. 15. R. See Jn 6:63

**(R.) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **(R.)**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **(R.)**

May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Lk 1:1-4. 4:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.*

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

## WEEK DAY READINGS

**Mon 24** 2 Sm 5:1-7,10; Mk 3:22-30

**Tue 25** Acts 9: 1-22; Mk 16:15-18

**Wed 26** Is 32:15-18; 1 Cor 12:4-11;  
Mt 5:1-12

**Thur 27** 2 Tim 1:1-8; Mk 4 21-25

**Fri 28** 2 Sam 11:1-10, 13-17;  
Mk 4: 26-34

**Sat 29** 2 Sam 12:1-7,10-17;  
Mk 4:35-41

**FAREWELL FROM ROSAN** *As my time at LNS comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your welcome, friendship and hospitality. In particular, thank you to Fr. Brian for his continuous support and guidance over the past year and to all clergy, parish staff and parishioners for your hospitality and continuous prayers.*

*As I move to the cathedral parish, please continue to keep me in your prayers and I wish you all a happy and safe year of 2022.*



### 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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Rev Dr. Anthony Gooley

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Jessica Bousimon

### Director of Liturgical Music

Lisa Lewis

### Catechist Co-ordinator

Aida Moore

### St Leonard's Church

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Naremburn

### St Philip Neri Church

224 Sailors Bay Rd

Northbridge

### St Thomas' Church

Cnr Horsley Ave & High St  
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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.



**LAUDATO SI'**  
Action Platform

Laudato Si' Action Platform groups will be meeting on  
Tuesday 1 February at 7.30pm (in Naremburn), and on  
Wednesday 2 February at 10.15am in the Parish  
Office. Newcomers are welcome. For more information,  
email Tricia Gemmell at [pgemmell@tpg.com.au](mailto:pgemmell@tpg.com.au) or phone Caitlin in the Parish Office.

## CATECHIST NEWS



The Catechist ministry farewell Gina Shortis and James McCarthy as they start new commitments in Year 2022. Gina has been a valuable Catechist for 29 years and James has been a Catechist for 5 years.

We will also see Seminarian Rosan Mathew leaving the Catechist Ministry as he has been appointed as a Seminarian at, Hornsby. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours. Authorisations for Catechist to teach in Public Schools are on their way.



Neil Joseph is moving to Goulburn and leaving the Ministry. At Northbridge Public School we welcome our new Catechist Stephanie Nunn.

If you would like to be a Catechist and be part of this important Ministry, please contact Aida Moore on [ccd@LNS.org.au](mailto:ccd@LNS.org.au) for further information or the Parish Office Ph 9958 8846

***Bishop Anthony will celebrate a Memorial Mass for the late Fr Manoj Manuel at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara at 11am on Friday 28 January 2022. All are invited to attend, and clergy are invited to concelebrate.***

## UPDATED PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS

Thank you to all our planned givers who continue to support the parish through their ongoing financial gift. Last year Catholic Development Fund updated our account number. The old account will no longer be recognised. If you have a direct debit that you have set up can you please check that you have the correct account details.

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WEEKEND MASSES	CHURCH	CLERGY 29 & 30 JAN
Sat 5:00pm	St Philip Neri	Fr Biju
Sat 6:00pm	St Thomas'	Fr Brian
Sun 8:00am	St Thomas'	Fr Brian
Sun 9:00am	St Philip Neri	Fr Brian
Sun 9:30am	St Thomas'	Fr Biju
Sun 10:30am	St Leonard's	Fr Geoff
Sun 6:00pm	St Leonard's	Fr Biju
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 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.

### Baptism this Weekend

**Anna Szuladzinski**



Welcome!

### CHILDREN'S BAPTISM

**St Leonard's Church: 12:00noon**  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month  
**St Philip Neri Church: 10:00am**  
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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