



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.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C – 30 January 2022



GOD-GIVEN IDENTITY

Nazara was a village of 300-400 people and it had a small town mentality. The inhabitants were enraged when Jesus found good precedent for extending his saving mission to foreigners outside the community of the Chosen People. Jesus embodied the boundary-breaking nature of God's grace.

Many Christians recite the old formula: 'No salvation outside the Church.' But we Catholics believe that, by responding to God's (often anonymous) grace, a person can lead a good life which prepares them for heavenly glory.

This means that the billions around the world who will never hear the Gospel, or who hear it distorted through the megaphone of an alien culture, can be saved. There is no limit/boundary to the Merciful God's finding a way into the hearts of all human beings.

We could take a moment to pray in gratitude for our graced privilege of being members of the Church, nourished within it by the Sacraments and the Gospel, but whose boundaries can never circumscribe the mercy of God.

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LATEST FROM LETEFOHO - HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

The LETS student sponsorship is off to a flying start this year, commencing with the continued sponsorship of 26 Year 12 students and 30 Year 11 students attending Our Lady of Mt Carmel High School, Letefoho. Twenty eight students continue to be sponsored by individual sponsors to continue their tertiary studies including 2 seminarians, 14 attending the Jesuit Teachers College and 12 attending the National University. This is amazingly generous support from our LNS parishioners! We shall receive a new list Year 10 students for sponsorship, later in the 1st term. On Sunday Fr Brian & the LETS Committee will meet with Fr Helio and Dulce da Cunha for the first quarterly report and to discuss projects for 2022. We shall keep you posted! Lao ho Maromak from the LETS Committee

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.

Last chance 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. Not at mass at the moment? You can sign the online card <https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/DULwNA6V>

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Recently Deceased: Reg Grundy, Donald Maugey, Fr Manoj Manuel (formerly of Hornsby Cathedral Parish)

Anniversaries: Harry Colley, Anna Mascolino, Lisa McKee, Marin, Branko & Jenny Petkovic.

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



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 105:47

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

FIRST READING

Jer 1:4-5. 17-19

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you.

Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed.

I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v.15

(R.) I will sing of your salvation.

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, free me: pay heed to me and save me. **(R.)**

Be a rock where I can take refuge, a mighty stronghold to save me; for you are my rock, my stronghold. Free me from the hand of the wicked. **(R.)**

It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord, since my youth. On you I have leaned from my birth, from my mother's womb you have been my help. **(R.)**

My lips will tell of your justice and day by day of your help. O God, you have taught me from my youth and I proclaim your wonders still. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13

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

There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we

shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL

Lk 4:21-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

WEEK DAY READINGS

Mon 31 2 Sam 15:13-14,30,16:5-13; Mk 5: 1-20

Tue 1 2 Sam 18:9-10,14,24-25, 30-19:3; Mk 5: 21-43

Wed 2 Mal 3:1-4; Lk 2:22-40

Thur 3 1Kg 2: 1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Fri 4 Sirach 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29

Sat 1 Kg 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34



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Naremburn

St Philip Neri Church

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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.

**Funeral mass for Reg Grundy will be celebrated at St Leonards Naremburn 10:30am
Monday 31st January, all welcome.**

PRAY FOR TONGA

Tonga is reeling after a violent underwater volcano eruption triggered tsunamis, destroyed telecommunications and blanketed the country in ash and rock. Roads, bridges and homes are damaged. Water supplies have been contaminated by volcanic ash and saltwater.

Tonga needs your support urgently. Give now to help with emergency response.

Visit www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific or call 1800 024 413 toll free to make your donation.

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.



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 or phone Caitlin in the Parish Office.

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 5 & 6 FEB
Sat 5:00pm	St Philip Neri	Fr Brian /Jose
Sat 6:00pm	St Thomas'	Fr Chima
Sun 8:00am	St Thomas'	Fr Chima
Sun 9:00am	St Philip Neri	Fr Brian/Jose
Sun 9:30am	St Thomas'	Fr Chima
Sun 10:30am	St Leonard's	Fr Biju
Sun 6:00pm	St Leonard's	All Clergy
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.

Baptism this Weekend



Zoe Bruce

Welcome!

CHILDREN'S BAPTISM

St Leonard's Church: 12:00noon
4th Sunday of the month
St Philip Neri Church: 10:00am
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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MASS FOR YOU AT HOME FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Fr Chima will be the celebrant on Mass for you at Home this week. You can watch Fr Chima here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OhIHw85ximU>

Personal Assistant to the Vicar General, Office of the Bishop

- Permanent, part-time position (4 days per week, 9:00am to 5:00pm)

Role split between Pennant Hills and Chatswood locations

The Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay, under the leadership of Bishop Anthony Randazzo, serves the People of God in the northern regions of Sydney, North Shore, Northern Beaches and NSW Central Coast.

We are seeking an experienced Personal Assistant to support the Vicar General.

In this role you will provide personal and administrative support to the Vicar General, including providing support for his dual role as Parish Priest.

Your prior experience with providing high level administrative support for a senior executive or similar, with responsibility for diary and event management combined with an understanding of the level of personal support required to assist the Vicar General in balancing his busy work and personal commitments will be crucial to your success.

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 meet the following criteria:

1. Demonstrated experience working with senior executives with similar level responsibilities
2. A thorough understanding of priorities and expectations of a senior member of the clergy
3. Excellent organisational skills and an ability to reprioritise and reorganise priorities
4. Experience and comfort with working with minimal supervision
5. The right to work in Australia with no limitations, and
6. Will be required to undertake a National Police History Check and Working with Children Check.

To obtain a copy of the position description or for further details, please contact recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au.

If you are interested in applying please send your CV and a brief cover letter addressing the skillsets required for this role to recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Engaged Encounter are offering several weekends throughout 2022 for all couples preparing for marriage.

See below for notice to include in your parish bulletin:

GOT YOUR WEDDING PLANS UNDER CONTROL?

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. For further information visit our website www.engagedencounter.org.au.

Choose any of the coming Weekends in 2022: **Feb 19-20, Apr 30 - May 01, Aug 06-07, Nov 12-13**

If covid-19 restrictions prevent a face-to-face seminar, the CEE weekend will be held via Zoom.