



# 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.*

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C – 6 February 2022



### FISH IN THE SEA OF DIVINE LIFE

Peter was a fisherman. Jesus had been brought up in a carpenter's household. Jesus tells Peter when and how to fish. This gets under Peter's skin. He tells Jesus a few facts of life about night fishing on the Lake of Gennesaret. But, he gives in to this landlubber's directive and casts out the nets and hauls in a very good catch.

Jesus wants to come into the rhythm of our ordinary workaday lives. Surprising things may then happen. You may be commissioned by Our Lord Jesus Christ to become 'fishers of men', fishers of human beings. But don't fishermen fish the fish out of the sea and kill them?

Is being caught up in the net of Christianity to be a deadening experience? Having this in mind, St Luke used a word for netting fish for an aquarium. We who have been caught up in the net of Christianity are meant to be more alive than ever, 'fully alive'. The best analogy I can think of is the stranding of pods of whales, thrashing around in the shallows, barely existing, doomed unless saved. People go down and put slings under them and haul them into deeper water.

We could pause a moment to thank God that we have been guided into the life-giving waters of baptism, and for the strength to help others swim into the Oceanic depths of Divine Love.

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### FAREWELL FR BRIAN

Lord Jesus, Word Made Flesh,  
from the beginning of creation  
you named and claimed us for yourself.  
Look with kindness upon your servant, Brian,  
who leaves this community,  
marked by your cross, fed by your word,  
filled with our care, and sent to be your presence  
to all he meets.  
Guide him on the way,  
and bless him with your wisdom,  
that he may be a word of hope for a world in need. Amen

### MASS OF GRATITUDE

To farewell Fr Brian and to celebrate Fr Biju's 25th Anniversary of Ordination, we will have a Mass of Gratitude this Sunday **6th February 6pm at St Leonard's Naremburn** followed by a sausage sizzle in the forecourt.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

**Recently Deceased:** Val Ducker, Laurie Butler, Maurice Hayes, Yvonne Jonkers, Reg Grundy & Donald Maugey.

**Anniversaries:** Harry Colley, Anna Maria Macolino, Majorie Prentice, Alice Attard, Vittorio Del Vecchio & Giuseppe Musso.

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





## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Ps 94:6-7**

O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who  
made us, for he is the Lord our God.

## FIRST READING

**Is 6:1-8**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Here am I! Send me.*

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw  
the Lord seated on a high throne; his  
train filled the sanctuary; above him  
stood seraphs, each one with six wings.  
And they cried out to one another in  
this way,  
'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.  
His glory fills the whole earth.' The  
foundations of the threshold shook  
with the voice of the one who cried  
out, and the Temple was filled with  
smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I  
am in! I am lost, for I am a man of  
unclean lips and I live among a people  
of unclean lips, and my eyes have  
looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'  
Then one of the seraphs flew to me,  
holding in his hand a live coal which he  
had taken from the altar with a pair of  
tongs. With this he touched my mouth  
and said: 'See now, this has touched  
your lips, your sin is taken away,  
your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard  
the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom  
shall I send? Who will be our  
messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am,  
send me.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1**

**(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing  
your praises, Lord.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my  
mouth. Before the angels I will bless  
you. I will adore before your holy  
temple. **(R.)**

I thank you for your faithfulness and  
love which excel all we ever knew of  
you. On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul.

**(R.)**

3. All earth's kings shall thank you  
when they hear the words of your  
mouth.

They shall sing of the Lord's ways;  
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **(R.)**

You stretch out your hand and save  
me, your hand will do all things for  
me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands.  
**(R.)**

## SECOND READING

**1 Cor 15:1-11**

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

*I preach what they preach, and this is what  
you believe.*

Brothers, I want to remind you of the  
gospel I preached to you, the gospel  
that you received and in which you are  
firmly established; because the gospel  
will save you only if you keep believing  
exactly what I preached to you –  
believing anything else will not lead to  
anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught  
you what I had been taught myself,  
namely that Christ died for our sins, in  
accordance with the scriptures; that  
he was buried; and that he was raised  
to life on the third day, in accordance  
with the scriptures; that he appeared  
first to Cephas and secondly to the  
Twelve. Next he appeared to more  
than five hundred of the brothers at  
the same time, most of whom are still  
alive, though some have died; then he  
appeared to James, and then to all the  
apostles; and last of all he appeared to  
me too; it was as though I was born  
when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact,  
since I persecuted the Church of God, I  
hardly deserve the name apostle; but  
by God's grace that is what I am, and  
the grace that he gave me has not  
been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or  
rather the grace of God that is with  
me, have worked harder than any of  
the others; but what matters is that I  
preach what they preach, and this is  
what you all believed.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Mt 4:19**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,  
and I will make you fishers of my  
people.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

**Lk 5:1-11**

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Luke

*They left everything and followed him.*

Jesus was standing one day by the  
lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd  
pressing round him listening to the  
word of God, when he caught sight of  
two boats close to the bank. The  
fishermen had gone out of them and  
were washing their nets. He got into  
one of the boats – it was Simon's –  
and asked him to put out a little from  
the shore. Then he sat down and  
taught the crowds from the boat.  
When he had finished speaking he  
said to Simon, 'Put out into deep  
water and pay out your nets for a  
catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we  
worked hard all night long and caught  
nothing, but if you say so, I will pay  
out the nets.' And when they had  
done this they netted such a huge  
number of fish that their nets began  
to tear, so they signalled to their  
companions in the other boat to  
come and help them; when these  
came, they filled the two boats to  
sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at  
the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me  
Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all  
his companions were completely  
overcome by the catch they had  
made; so also were James and John,  
sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's  
partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do  
not be afraid; from now on it is men  
you will catch.' Then, bringing their  
boats back to land, they left  
everything and followed him.

## Baptism this Weekend

**Madeleine Herb & Art Ogden**



*Welcome!*





### Parish Priest

Rev Fr Jose Philip OSH  
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Rev Fr Chima Ofor

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Rev Fr Peter Dowd

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### 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: Enrica Bova  
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.

## 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](http://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific) or call 1800 024 413 toll free to make your donation.

## CATECHISTS NEWS

The Catechist team is very excited to start Scripture lessons in Willoughby Public School on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, and Northbridge Public School on 1<sup>st</sup> March. The authorisation cards have arrived so have the resources for Teachers and students.

We have two new Catechists, Robyn Somers-Day and Kathy Petkovic and two returning to the ministry Kristy Komadina and Amor Espiritu. Thank you for listening to "THE CALL".

The team warmly welcomes you.

Get to know **STEPHANIE NUNN** who will start as an Assistant in Northbridge Public School

### Name:

Stephanie Nunn

### Occupation:

Registered Midwife and Nurse

### Hobbies:

Spending time with family and friends, exploring Sydney as well as running, cooking and reading.

### Why did I become a Catechist:

To inspire and challenge a new generation that there is God in everything we do, see and feel.

### Best thing about being a Catechist:

Becoming a memorable part of a child's lifelong journey of Christianity.





WEEKEND MASSES	CHURCH	CLERGY 12 & 13 FEB
Sat 5:00pm	St Philip Neri	Fr Chima
Sat 6:00pm	St Thomas'	Fr Jose
Sun 8:00am	St Thomas'	Fr Jose
Sun 9:00am	St Philip Neri	Fr Chima
Sun 9:30am	St Thomas'	Fr Jose
Sun 10:30am	St Leonard's	Fr Biju
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.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Resuming in 2022- to be confirmed.

### 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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# Mary Magdalene, the Myths, the Controversy

**SATURDAY 5 MARCH, 2.30 - 5pm**



Dr Debra Snoddy, lectures in Biblical Studies at the Catholic Institute Sydney. Debra is an engaging presenter with a wealth of experience in both academic teaching and adult faith formation. Debra will present this seminar to mark International Women's Day on 8 March.

**Our Lady of Dolours Parish Chatswood**

**Magnificat Room**

**Register: [gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au)**

**Apostle to the Apostles**

In 2016, Pope Francis raised the memorial for Mary Magdalene on 22 July, to a feast day on the Liturgical Calendar of the Church. Mary of Magdala was the first witness to Jesus' resurrection.



## **Employment at Jesuit Mission Australia**

Are you a passionate fundraiser committed to empowering and transforming the lives of marginalised communities overseas? Then, consider being part of the Jesuit Mission team as a Philanthropy Advisor.

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## **Living with Earth**

*Our Ecological Conversion  
through  
Being with God in Nature*

The International Ignatian Ecospiritual Conference will be hosted online from 25 – 30 April 2022 as part of the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Conversion of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. This will be an opportunity to share with others who have a commitment to caring for our common home. A time to contemplate our connection with the Presence that is God in Nature, which fills us with desire to recommit our lives to reconciliation with Creation. Register here:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BVPAI>



## LENTEN PENANCE

The Season of Lent is a time of preparation for the celebration of Easter. It is an annual journey whereby we are drawn more deeply into the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council taught that the Lenten liturgy has a twofold means of preparation: remembering their own Baptism and undertaking penance, the liturgy assists in the renewal and ongoing formation of the *faithful* (cf. *Sacrosanctum Concilium* 109). The formation of *catechumens* via the various stages of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is equally an important part of Lent (cf. GIRM 27).

For both the local community of the faithful and the elect, Lent is a time of grace and mercy whereby the Holy Spirit greets and renews those who seek to live as disciples of the Lord Jesus, who is our light and our salvation (cf. Psalm 27).

The Season of Lent commences on **Ash Wednesday**. Given the challenges of the past two years and the turbulent disruption for so many in our community of the Church, Lent 2022 will be a particularly important time to reconnect with the Body of Christ; to reflect upon our spiritual pilgrimage both as individuals and as one community of disciples.

In our Catholic tradition, it is commemorated as a time for conversion, repentance, and renewal. Marking our foreheads with ashes on Ash Wednesday is an outward sign of internal conversion. It is also an invitation to "turn away from sin and believe the good news". In this annual invitation, we acknowledge our human vulnerability, and pray to be strengthened by God's grace, mercy, and love.

In imitation of Jesus our teacher and master, we also fast (cf. Matthew 4:1-11). Like Our Lord, we will journey through the desert places of our life. Where the Lord has gone, we hope to follow, and so we must expect some challenges and temptations because the Gospel reminds us that this too was the plight of Jesus. Christians are people of faith, and so during these moments of vulnerability, let us take shelter in God's mercy and compassion.

## DAYS OF PENANCE

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, abstinence from meat is to be observed by those who have completed their fourteenth year of age. Those who are aged between 18 and 60 are to fast on these days. Priests should encourage those under their pastoral care to embrace the spirit of abstinence and fasting. This Lenten practice is not to be a burden upon those who have health issues or special needs. During this time of pandemic, pastors of souls will be particularly vigilant as to encourage the faithful to undertake the disciplines of Lent with moderation and care.





On all other Fridays of the year the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

1. *Prayer* – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways;
2. *Self-denial* – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or deserts; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor in one's own country and elsewhere; limiting screen time on social media; or in other ways;
3. *Helping others* – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened or feeling isolated from our Church community; or in other ways.

Lent is from **Ash Wednesday** (2 March 2022) until the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** (14 April 2022) inclusive. Fasting is also observed on **Good Friday** and if possible, on **Holy Saturday** until the Easter Vigil.

### PASCHAL PRECEPT

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is done between **Ash Wednesday** and **Trinity Sunday** (12 June 2022), unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year.

All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion (seven years old) are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year. Given the disruption to community gatherings that can occur during the pandemic, Priests in the Diocese of Broken Bay are encouraged to make a special effort this year by making available to the faithful the first form of the Rite of Penance.

I encourage you to read the Scriptures in your homes, individually and as a family. Likewise, you may take the opportunity to be part of a Lenten prayer or discussion group, face to face or online. The Paschal mystery is the heart of the Eucharist. Personal private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is a wonderful way to probe the mystery of faith. Our churches are regularly open outside of Mass times to assist the faithful in making a visit for prayer and adoration. Stations of the Cross are also a splendid spiritual devotion in our tradition, providing us with the occasion to walk the way to Calvary with Christ. While individuals can follow the *Via Crucis* on any day of Lent, the Stations are particularly meaningful on the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, I pray in these weeks ahead that our community of the Church of Broken Bay will be open to encounter new life in Christ. This Lent, may we humbly confess our sins, prayerfully perform our penance, and joyfully proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ through words and deeds of charity, mercy, and compassion.

**Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL**  
Bishop of Broken Bay

6 February 2022