



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.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C – 20 February 2022

Hello to Lower North Shore, from Fr Jose Philip OSH

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you, as your new Parish Priest.

When I was ordained 25 years ago - on 27 December 1996 – I adopted as my motto: 'By the grace of God I am what I am' (1Cor.15:10). I have always lived by these words, and God has never failed to lead or to ground me. So far, it has been quite an adventure.

I was born in Kottayam, in Kerala (in south west India), to my parents Annama and Philip. I have 2 brothers and 3 sisters, and I am number 5 in the family.

When I finished Year 10, I joined the seminary of the Oblates of the Sacred Heart, where I studied Philosophy and Theology and prepared for ordination. I am now in my (25th) Jubilee Year of priesthood.

Soon after my ordination, I was appointed assistant priest at one parish and administrator of another for 6 months, and then later I became parish priest of a parish in Eastern Kerala, where I built a new church. Thereafter I served as parish priest in another 3 parishes before arriving in Australia in 2011.

Here in Broken Bay Diocese, I served for 3 years as assistant priest at Chatswood, and for 7 years as parish priest at Frenchs Forest. For the last 12 months I have been serving as parish priest at Kincumber.

I am delighted to now have this opportunity to serve you, the people of Lower North Shore, and I thank Bishop Anthony Randazzo for giving me this appointment.

I would also like to thank Fr Brian Moloney for his wonderful service to this parish over the last 6 years. I know him well.

The Oblates of the Sacred Heart are a priestly congregation with the charism of sharing the compassionate love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. As a member of this congregation, my mission is to share God's love, and to help us to love each other.

As your pastor, you will find me friendly, available and approachable.

I look forward to getting to know you and learning your stories. I would also like to meet you all personally, to visit you, and to get to know you and your families.

Please think of me as a family member, and please pray for me. I promise to pray for you every day.

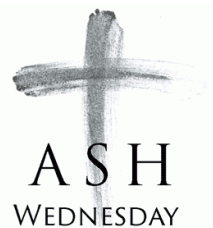
Fr Jose Philip OSH



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

Lent begins on Wednesday 2nd March. Mass will be available at all 3 churches at the following times:

- 9am St Thomas'
- 9am St Leonards
- 9:15am St Philip Neri
- 7pm St Thomas'



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Recently Deceased: Arnaldo Vidal, Kurikose Koikkatil (Fr Biju's Uncle), Laurie Butler & Aida Camelleri.

Anniversaries: Giovanni Silvo, Richard King (1st), Peter Donkersley (4th).

Please Pray For: Dolours (Fr Jose's Niece), Elias Koura, Hilary Gortley, Anne Linder, Maria Trani, Clifford Sun, Tony Harris & Imelda Dickeson.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 12:6

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been
bountiful with me.

FIRST READING

1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel
*The Lord has put you in my power, but I will
not raise my hand against you.*

Saul set off and went down to the
wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by
three thousand men chosen from Israel
to search for David in the wilderness of
Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made
their way towards the force, where
they found Saul asleep inside the
camp, his spear stuck in the ground
beside his head, with Abner and the
troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God
has put your enemy in your power; so
now let me pin him to the ground with
his own spear. Just one stroke! I will
not need to strike him twice. David
answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for
who can lift his hand against the Lord's
anointed and be without guilt?' David
took the spear and the pitcher of water
from beside Saul's head, and they
made off. No one saw, no one knew,
no one woke up; they were all asleep,
for a deep sleep from the Lord had
fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and
halted on the top of the mountain a
long way off; there was a wide space
between them. David then called out,
'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the
soldiers come across and take it. The
Lord repays everyone for his
uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord
put you in my power, but I would not
raise my hand against the Lord's
anointed.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and
compassion. **(R.)**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy. He
does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.
(R.)

As far as the east is from the west so
far does he remove our sins. As a
father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear
him. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 15:45-49

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

*Just as we have carried the earthly image,
we must carry the heavenly image.*

The first man, Adam, as scripture says,
became a living soul; but the last
Adam has become a life-giving spirit.
That is, first the one with the soul, not
the spirit, and after that, the one with
the spirit. The first man, being from
the earth, is earthly by nature; the
second man is from heaven. As this
earthly man was, so are we on earth;
and as the heavenly man is, so are we
in heaven. And we, who have been
modelled on the earthly man, will be
modelled on the heavenly man.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to
you who are listening: Love your
enemies, do good to those who hate
you, bless those who curse you, pray
for those who treat you badly. To the
man who slaps you on one cheek,
present the other cheek too; to the
man who takes your cloak from you,
do not refuse your tunic. Give to
everyone who asks you, and do not
ask for your property back from the
man who robs you. Treat others as
you would like them to treat you. If
you love those who love you, what
thanks can you expect? Even sinners
love those who love them. And if you
do good to those who do good to
you, what thanks can you expect? For
even sinners do that much. And if you
lend to those from whom you hope to
receive, what thanks can you expect?
Even sinners lend to sinners to get
back the same amount. Instead, love
your enemies and do good, and lend
without any hope of return. You will
have a great reward, and you will be
sons of the Most High, for he himself
is kind to the ungrateful and the
wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is
compassionate. Do not judge, and
you will not be judged yourselves; do
not condemn, and you will not be
condemned yourselves; grant pardon,
and you will be pardoned. Give, and
there will be gifts for you: a full
measure, pressed down, shaken
together, and running over, will be
poured into your lap; because the
amount you measure out is the
amount you will be given back.'

Baptism this Weekend

Stephen Nazor & Justen Hu



Welcome!

WEEK DAY READINGS

Mon 21 James 3:13-18; Mk 9: 14-29

Tue 22 1 Pet 5:1-4; Mt 16: 13-19

Wed 16 James 1:19-27; Mk 8: 22-26

Thur 17 James 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33

Fri 18 James 2: 14-24,26; Mk 8:34-9:1

Sat 19 James 3:1-10; Mk 9:2-13



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Rev Fr Chima Ofor

RNSH Chaplain

Rev Fr Peter Dowd

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Rev Dr. Anthony Gooley

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Lisa Lewis

Catechist Co-ordinator

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St Leonard's Church

Cnr Donnelly & Willoughby Rds
Naremburn

St Philip Neri Church

224 Sailors Bay Rd
Northbridge

St Thomas' Church

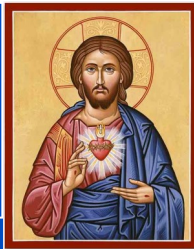
Cnr Horsley Ave & High St
Willoughby

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
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FIRST FRIDAY MASS AT ST THOMAS'

STARTING NEXT MONTH THERE WILL BE A FIRST FRIDAY MASS, FOLLOWED BY ANOINTING OF THE SICK, EXPOSITION AND A NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART. PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS BEAUTIFUL TIME OF QUIET PRAYER. HEALING AND DEVOTION

LENTEN PROGRAM WITH SR DAMIAN



Sr Damian will be running a Lenten program on Thursday mornings straight after Mass @ 9:45am in the 'Blue Room' in the Parish Hall. Focusing on the Gospel readings for each week, all are welcome. Please call or email the parish office to register Ph 9958 8846 or E: office@lms.org.au

DROP IN YOUR OLD PALMS



Do You have previous years palms at home? Bring them along to the church this weekend and leave them in the baskets provided and the priests will burn them to distribute the ashes during our Ash Wednesday Liturgies

LATEST FROM LETEFOHO

The first LETS Collection for 2022 is being held this weekend. This is the time for the wonderfully supportive Parishioners of LNSP to contribute to the improved life opportunities of the people of Letefoho. We thank, most sincerely, all of you who are sponsoring students to either complete their senior high school education or achieve tertiary education qualifications. Your sponsorship allows these young people to not only seek good employment, but to also contribute to the support of their family members - both parents and siblings.

Funds received from the LETS collections go towards a capped Tertiary Education Fund for students who do not have sponsors and other LETS projects in the Letefoho Parish. This year we hope to encourage improved nutrition through the establishment of village market gardens. The laptop programme is continuing, as is the completion of the Eraulo chapel in a central village of the Letefoho Parish. We invite anyone interested in joining the LETS Committee to please come forward and contact Georgina mob: 0419280729 email: admin@lets.net.au

PARISH BOOKKEEPER LINDFIELD KILLARA CATHOLIC PARISH PART-TIME, 1 DAY PER WEEK

The Parish is seeking a Bookkeeper for our busy office. The role includes maintenance of the parish financial records using MYOB, supplier payments, processing credit card receipts, payroll and quarterly BAS. You would also be required to prepare quarterly reports for the Parish Finance Committee and an annual report for the diocese. Other aspects of the role include processing and remittance of various special appeals, entering receipt data into parish administration database and cooperating with the diocese for any internal audits/reviews. Other finance related tasks as requested. If you have previous bookkeeping or accounting experience and this role interests you, please email a cover letter and CV to colin@lindfieldkillara.org.au.

VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING BILL

Since our on-line sessions in August last year on "Euthanasia, Dying and the Dignity of the Human Person", I am sure you are aware that the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021* passed the Lower House in November 2021, when members voted in favour of the Bill 52 to 32 on a conscience vote.

The Bill is now before the Upper House, with the Legislative Council committee due to report back on 22 February. The Bill will be debated and voted on following this report. As part of the work being undertaken to stop the passage of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021* through the NSW Legislative Council, Greg Donnelly MLC has launched an ePetition. The ePetition is a short and unambiguous statement opposing the introduction of the legislation and only takes a few minutes to complete.

To sign the petition, click [here](#). Be sure to tick the box indicating you are a resident of NSW! The petition closes on 25th April 2022, after which it will be presented to the Legislative Council.

WEEKEND MASSES	CHURCH	CLERGY 26 & 27 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 Biju
Sun 9:30am	St Thomas'	Fr Jose
Sun 10:30am	St Leonard's	Fr Chima
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 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 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

Please note: from Sunday 17th April to Sunday the 1st of May Baptisms at St Philip Neri will be held at 12pm. Contact Jessica for more information sacraments@LNS.org.au

ADORATION

Tuesdays after 9:00am Mass at St Thomas' Willoughby concluding with Benediction at 10:30am.
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CATECHISTS NEWS

MEET CLARET MANOHARAN

Occupation

Sr. Procurement Officer Transport for NSW

Hobbies

Going for walks, watching Award winning movies. I love to spend time with the Lord through meditation and prayer

Why I became a Catechist

To share my faith and give a small portion of my time to share God's words with children

Best thing about being a Catechist

It is the satisfaction that I am able to help children to commit to our faith which teaches us to be loving, kind and to do the right thing by God



CATECHISTS AWARDS

Seven Catechists will be presented with 5 Year Service Awards by the Diocese of Broken Bay on Saturday 26 February at our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral. They are: Theresa Oo, Henny Theodorus, Claret Manoharan, Carla Plottel, Charles Morris, Kristy Komadina and Aida Moore. Congratulations to all of them.

CATECHISTS TRAINING

Our new Catechists started their Induction training on Monday. Thank you

Aida Moore Catechist Coordinator

LEARNING THE LANGUAGE OF HEAVEN

Jesus challenges us to unlearn the language of the world and to learn a language which is counter-cultural, paradoxical, perplexing, such as: 'Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you' etc, etc. Are such attitudes and actions possible?

Our Lord is the best model. Jesus *is* the Word of God in human history. Jesus *is* the language of Heaven spoken in a human life. We have to read the Gospels and then imitate His dialect. Otherwise we might merely mutter to ourselves which would end up being eternally Hellish.

When we become aware of our language malpractice, i.e., sinning, and if we become *really* tongue-tied, i.e., seriously sinning, we can come to the Sacrament of Confession and emerge articulate and conversant with Christ again. We can talk with Our Lord again. We are singing the same tune.

Then at the moment of death we can gracefully pass over to our intended destiny which is not incommunicado, but comunicado, holy comunicado, holy conversation with God and with every creature.

We might pause for a moment and resolve to practise the language of Heaven and to 'walk the talk' every day.

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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:

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