



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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A—12 FEBRUARY 2023

Renovating our Parish

Dear Parishioners,

You may be aware that Fr Jose has invited me to facilitate the workshops he has planned for each of Lower North Shore Parish's 3 church communities in the next few weeks.

It is an honour to have been asked to do this work. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible, and hearing your thoughts and ideas about your parish.

By way of background, I am a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Broken Bay. I was ordained by Bishop David in 2012, and I am currently appointed to the Hornsby Cathedral Parish. I am also a formator in our Diocese's Diaconal Formation Program. I know Fr Jose well. For several years we worked closely together at Frenchs Forest Parish, and more recently I assisted him at Kincumber Parish.

In 2012, I took early retirement from my career so that I could concentrate on Church ministry, but before that my work mainly centred on community services provision and teaching. Perhaps my most satisfying work was in Aboriginal community development and serving as a management consultant at Wesley Mission, but it has all been very interesting and challenging.

I am pleased to now have this opportunity to assist Lower North Shore Parish in this project. I hope you will come along to one of the workshops that we are organising in each of your three church communities:

St Philip Neri Hall, Northbridge 3.00 pm Sun 26 February

St Thomas Hall, Willoughby 7.00 pm Tues 7 March

St Leonards Hall Naremburn 7.00 pm Weds 15 March

This will be a wonderful opportunity for us all to listen, discuss and share your thoughts, hopes and ideas for your parish. These ideas will be collected and referred to a combined parish consultation that will be held after Easter, and the results will guide the preparation of a new Parish Pastoral Plan. Please join us! Refreshments will be provided.

Deacon Peter McCulloch



Ash Wednesday Masses 22nd Feb

ST Thomas' Church 9am &
7:30pm

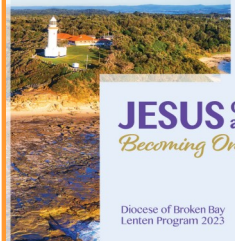
ST Leonard's Church 9am
ST Philip Neri Church
9.15am

Stations of the Cross during Lent

St Leonard's church each
Tuesday at 7:00pm

St Thomas' church each
Friday at 7:00pm

**Diocesan Lenten
Programs are available
in each church**



Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading

Sir 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. or vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. **(R.)**
2. You have laid down your preceptsto be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. **(R.)**
3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. **(R.)**
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Cor 2:6-10

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

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation

See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must

not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

Baptism this Weekend

Boston Tommy
Hatherley



Welcome!

SPN
KID'S CHOIR
4:30pm practice | 5:00pm Mass
Come and join the kid's choir at our monthly Saturday night Family Mass. Our first Mass is:
Saturday 11 March
Contact Lynda Lee with any questions
lynda.lee1@icloud.com

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Anniversaries: Alice Attard, Marija

Drage, Jagoda Milostic, Rado Petkovic, Jim Biggs and Jean Dorahy

The Sick: Bishop Peter Inghan, Albert Hodges



HEALING MASS

Including Anointing of The Sick & Novena to the Sacred Heart

February

St Leonard's 9am– Saturday 18th



Parish Priest

Rev Fr Jose Philip OSH
jose.philip@bbcatholic.org.au

Assistant Priests

Rev Fr Biju Mathew
Rev Fr Chima Ofor
Rev Fr Vincent Nguyen

RNSH Chaplain

Rev Fr Peter Dowd

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Ursula O'Hare

Monday - Friday

Dionne Sores

Mon & Fri

Sacramental Coordinator

Kristy Komadina

Tuesday & Wednesday

Director of Liturgical Music

Lisa Lewis

Catechist Co-ordinator

Henny Theodorus

Finance

Ilona Dudek

Tuesday Only

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

Catechist Sunday

The Sunday before Ash Wednesday is traditionally Catechist Sunday in the Diocese and this year will be held on Sunday 19 February 2023. Catechist Sunday originated in 1935 when the Vatican published a document 'On the Better Care and Promotion of Catechetical Education', which acknowledged the importance of the Church's teaching ministry and asked every country to honour those catechists who serve within their Christian communities.



Support the University's Cancer Research at the Bill Walsh Translational Cancer Research Laboratory

Irma was diagnosed with colorectal cancer in 2020. With the support of her friends and family, Irma has been undergoing treatment and is responding well. Irma credits this to the support she has received from her community, and her clinician Professor Nick Pavalakis. To show her gratitude, Irma is asking you to help her raise funds to support the important work the team do at the Bill Walsh Translational Laboratory.

To make your donation, please scan the QR code



First Reconciliation

Parent Information Sessions

Parents with children in year 4 who made their Confirmation last year are warmly invited to attend one of our First Reconciliation Parent Information Sessions.

Sunday 26 February 10:45am St Thomas' Church

or

Tuesday 28 February 7:00pm St Philip Neri Church

For any enquiries please contact the Sacramental Coordinator Kristy Komadina
sacraments@lms.org.au



Meet the Pilgrim: Aaron Espiritu

Ola! I'm Aaron Espiritu, blessed to be a pilgrim travelling to Lisbon for World Youth Day this year. I'm 17 and live with my family in Roseville. I've just finished my HSC, graduating from St. Aloysius College, and I'm about to start studying Commerce and Psychology at Sydney University. I help and tutor high school students, coach volleyball, and I'm building on my professional work experiences. You may have seen me in our parish Altar Serving, Reading, playing the violin or singing at Youth Mass, or with the Youth Group. I joined the Youth Group in 2018 when there were less than a handful of us, so it gives me immense joy to now be part of a large and growing group of connected young people 'praying and playing' together. Please join us! With a surname like mine and a family of committed Catholics, my faith was always going to be a significant part of my life. My upbringing, parish community and Jesuit education have played a critical role in my formation as a being a 'man for others' grounded in competence, commitment, compassion and conscience. With Jesus, St Aloysius & St. Ignatius as role models I've put my faith into practice through service: assisting the Jesuit Mission, Magic Moments Foundation, Legacy, and Caritas, and volunteering as an assistant Catechist (Neutral Bay PS) and leading Kairos Retreats. A highlight was receiving the Archbishop's Award for Student Excellence for my faith and contribution to the community. Through the WYD experience and blessings, I hope to serve as an example and inspiration to others, committing to making a positive difference in the world through my faith in Christ. In the lead up to our departure, I ask that you support and pray for me and my fellow pilgrims.

If you would like to make a donation towards Aaron's pilgrimage, please go to <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/lmsshoreparish> or scan the QR Code below. It will take you to the Parish Website where you can make a payment - just be sure to specify that this is a WYD Pilgrim donation. If you are interested in sponsoring Aaron to attend World Youth Day, please contact the Parish Office ASAP.



MASS/ SERVICE/ SCHEDULE	ST THOMAS' WILLOUGHBY	ST LEONARD'S NAREMBURN	ST PHILIP NERI NORTHBRIDGE
Sunday Masses	6pm Vigil Saturday 8am & 9:30am Sunday	10:30am & 6pm Sunday	5pm Vigil Saturday & 9am Sunday
Weekday Masses	9am Mon to Sat	9am Tue -Thu - Sat	9:15am Mon - Wed - Fri
Royal North Shore Hospital Chapel	Weekday Mass Thursday & Friday 1pm	Weekend Mass 4pm Sunday	
Reconciliation	Saturday 5:15pm - 5:45pm	Saturday 9:30am - 9:45am	Saturday 4:45pm
Youth Mass		1 st & 3 rd Sunday of the month at 6pm	
Children's Liturgy	During 9:30am Mass Each Sunday in school term.		9:00am on the 4th Sunday of the month
Community Masses		Italian Mass Any request please contact Irma 0437607918 PNGCCAA 1 st Saturday 7pm	
Healing Mass/ Anointing Novena to the Sacred Heart	9am Mass 1 st Friday	9am Mass 3rd Saturday	
Adoration	Tuesday after 9am Mass ALL YEAR		
Baptisms	11:00am 2nd & 4th Sundays	12pm 4th Sunday	12pm 3rd Sunday
Baptism Prep Parish Office	2nd Tuesday of the month 11am 3rd Tuesday of the month 7pm		
Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group CCCR	St Thomas' Parish Hall 7:15pm Tuesday Evenings Enquiries 0419 977 531		
Legion of Mary	Meets every Friday in the 'Blue Room' at the Parish Hall 9:45am All Welcome		

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**FOR FULL AUTHORISATION:
NEW CATECHISTS – REGISTER
FOR ALL 8 SESSIONS.**

**YELLOW CARD CATECHISTS –
REGISTER FOR SESSIONS NOT YET
COMPLETED.**

**PLEASE REGISTER FOR THE FULL
COURSE BY MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY**

**OR FOR INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS – 1
WEEK PRIOR TO EACH SESSION**

REGISTRATIONS@BBCATHOLIC.ORG.AU

**COURSE HANDOUTS AND ZOOM
LINK WILL BE EMAILED TO YOU
CLOSE TO THE TRAINING DATE**

**MONDAYS
10AM-
12:30PM**

**TUESDAYS
6:30PM-
8:30PM**

13 FEBRUARY 14 FEBRUARY

**MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE
CATECHIST**



20 FEBRUARY 21 FEBRUARY

**SRE TEACHER IN THE PARISH
AND THE SCHOOL**

27 FEBRUARY 28 FEBRUARY

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN/
CHILD PROTECTION**



6 MARCH 7 MARCH

**LESSON PLANNING: TEACHING
THE AUTHORISED CURRICULUM**

13 MARCH 14 MARCH

**DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHILD AND
ADOLESCENT**



20 MARCH 21 MARCH

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

27 MARCH 28 MARCH

INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE



3 APRIL 4 APRIL

**LESSON PLANNING USING
DIGITAL RESOURCES**



SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Father Aldrin Valdehueza Assistant Priest of Epping & Carlingford Parish and Serra Chaplain will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church Pymble on Thursday 23rd February 2023.

The evening commences with Mass at **6.00 PM** followed by a light meal and a short meeting.

Following the meeting Father Aldrin will speak to us about our Lenten journey.

Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see".

Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians and novices and for the perseverance of existing vocations.

Please telephone: Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you would like to attend.

JOSEPH HOUSE - 2023 APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

Are you looking for an opportunity to discern your vocation in a supportive, faith-filled community? Joseph House in Willoughby is the perfect place for you!

Joseph House is a house of discernment for young men, located in the Parish of Lower North Shore and close to St Thomas church. It offers an exciting living space for Catholic men to explore their call to holiness.

Residents will have the chance to reflect and pray, while also taking part in the world through work and study. With convenient access to public transport, Joseph House is the perfect place for young men in the Diocese of Broken Bay to discern their vocation.

This special space has the capacity to accommodate up to six men and features a chapel and various common areas to create community. If you're looking for an opportunity to discover the man that Christ is calling you to be, apply to Joseph House today!

For more information email: josephhouse@bbcatholic.org.au

