



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 OF LENT YEAR A — 26 MARCH 2023



Call for Nominations to Parish Pastoral Council 2023

Through our recent parish Discernment Process, it's clear that many parishioners would like to see our Catholic community grow in faith, love and service. So, it's now time to re-establish our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC).

The PPC is a committed group of parishioners who come together periodically to support and promote the evangelising mission of the parish. Through prayer, discernment and discussion, the PPC has an important role to play in providing information, advice and support to the parish priest, assisting him in his pastoral mission.

One of the first tasks of our new PPC will be to review the results of our recent Discernment Process, and to consider options for our next Parish Pastoral Plan.

Nominations therefore are now open for suitable people who are willing to serve on our next Parish Pastoral Council. Nominees must be baptised, practising Catholics and over 18 years of age. We are looking for people with a diverse range of skills, backgrounds and interests, from across our 3 parish communities.

You may nominate a fellow parishioner or even yourself, by completing and submitting the nomination form by 14 April 2023. Nomination forms are available at the back of each church, and must be signed by the person being nominated.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me. But this is an important move for our parish and I seek your support.

Fr Jose Philip OSH Parish Priest

All Day ADORATION

Friday 31st March at St Thomas' Church



Mass	9:00am	Reconciliation
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	9:30am	
Joyful Mystery of the Rosary	10:00am	10:00am - 11:00am Fr Jose
Luminous Mystery	11:00am	11:00am - 12:00pm Fr Emmanuel
Sorrowful Mystery	12:00pm	3:00pm - 4:00pm Fr Biju
Divine Mercy Chaplet	3:00pm	5:00pm - 6:00pm Fr Emmanuel
Glorious Mystery	6:00pm	6:00pm - 7:00pm Fr Jose
Station of the Cross	7:00pm	
Benediction	7:30pm	

If you wish to put your name down for a time of Adoration please fill out the form at the back of St Thomas' Church or contact the office to be added.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Recently Deceased: Michael Fox

Anniversaries: Bob Ljubic, Lina Scicluna and Wilma Selvakumaraswamy

Sick: Bishop Peter Inghan



Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God, and plead
my
cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning res-
cue
me, for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading

Ez 37:12-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord who speaks.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 129. R. v.7

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. **(R.)**

2. If you, O Lord, should mark our
guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. **(R.)**

3. My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word. My soul is longing
for the Lord more than watchman for
daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) **(R.)**

4. Because with the Lord there is mer-
cy
and fullness of redemption, Israel
indeed he will redeem from all its
iniquity. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Rom 8:8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of

Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel Acclamation

See Jn 11:25. 26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Jn 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man,

could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.



The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 4th April at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. The priests of our Diocese gather for this celebration with Most Rev Bishop Anthony Randazzo to renew their priestly commitment. During Mass, the oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the Chrism is consecrated and then taken back to each parish for use in various Sacramental liturgies throughout the year.

Baptism

We welcome our newly baptised Xavier Freitas, Maxwell Rivett and Harry Jackson, into our faith family.



The 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Will be held in our parish on
**Tuesday 28th March 7.30pm at St
Thomas' Church**



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Diocesan Pastoral Care Course

Volunteer Catholic Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion visit hospitals throughout the Diocese of Broken Bay providing comfort and care to Catholic patients. We are looking for volunteers to join the Catholic Chaplaincy Team at Royal North Shore Hospital (RNSH).

Some of the key qualities we are looking for in anyone considering being part of this ministry at RNSH are:

- A genuine prayerful faith life including reverence for and regular participation in Sunday Eucharist
- An ability to listen and a willingness to refer on when necessary
- A warm, friendly, empathetic disposition
- The ability to relate to people of different ages, personalities and backgrounds
- A respect for others and their diversity
- The ability to work as part of a team
- Enthusiasm, motivation and professionalism
- A compassionate heart

*Please note that this role is not suitable for those seeking to proselytise.

Our Diocese and NSW Health require that 40 hours of training is completed to perform this important role. The *Diocesan Pastoral Care Course (DPCC)* meets this requirement, is **FREE** and is open to those who already volunteer in a hospital context, or in local health and aged care facilities, and also to those who might be deciding if they are suited to this ministry.

The course will be offered on five consecutive Wednesdays: **April 26, May 3, 10, 17 and 24, between 9:00am and 3:00 pm at St. Leonard's Catholic Church** (Cnr Willoughby Rd and Donnelly Rd, Naremburn). Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Please speak to your Parish Priest for more information about the course and how to apply, or contact Peter Brown, *Practice Manager Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care*, CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay on 0418 616 602.



Holy Week & Easter.

Palm Sunday 2nd April

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper

6th April 7.30pm Mass St Thomas' Willoughby & 7.30pm at St Philip Neri Northbridge

Good Friday Stations of the Cross 7th April 10am

St Thomas', St Leonard's & St Philip Neri

Good Friday, The Passion of the Lord 7th April 3pm

St Thomas', St Leonard's & St Philip Neri

Holy Saturday Vigil Mass 8th April 7pm St Leonard's

no Vigil Mass at 5pm St Philip Neri & 6pm St Thomas'

Easter Sunday 9th April

8am & 9.30am Mass, St Thomas'

9am Mass, St Philip Neri

10.30am Mass, St Leonard's *** there is no 6pm Mass

4pm Mass, Royal North Shore Hospital Chapel

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Easter Sign-up sheets are now available in all Church Foyers. If you use Elvanto can you please use the HARD copy sign-up sheets in the church as many people are not using Elvanto. Thank you.

Holy Week & Easter at Lower North Shore Parish



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Autumn 2023 Little Stars PLAYGROUP



Thursday 30th March 2023

9:30am to 10:15am

St Thomas Church Hall,
Cnr Horsley & High Streets North Willoughby

Free event for all children aged 0-5 years.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.
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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 Sunday 9.45am - 10.15am	Saturday 4.15—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	Saturday 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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Vox Populi
22 March 2023

This Saturday, 25 March, we celebrate The Annunciation of the Lord. The Annunciation is possibly one of the most commonly depicted scenes in the history of art, from the oldest known fresco of the angel Gabriel's message to Mary in the Roman Priscilla catacombs dating to the 4th century to Leonardo da Vinci's famous Renaissance masterpiece to modern day efforts.

The story of the Annunciation is found in Luke's Gospel (1:26-38). The angel Gabriel tells Mary she would bear the Son of God, Jesus Christ, and her acceptance or "Fiat" of God's will. This is the beginning of the Incarnation when Jesus took on His human nature.

It is a story infused with surprise, doubt and belief; joy, sorrow, comfort and hope. And it is generative – a story for everyone, wherever we are and wherever we are in life.

Imagine Mary's initial reaction when told she would bear the Son of the Most High – but then her response, a resounding 'yes'. And later when visiting Elizabeth her glorious Song of Praise, the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55). With the Annunciation, we see the great things that God can bring when we listen with our hearts and cooperate with Him.

When we are looking for the courage in saying "yes" to God, we can look to Mary as our best example.



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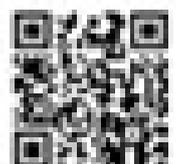
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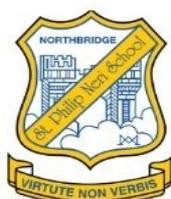
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