



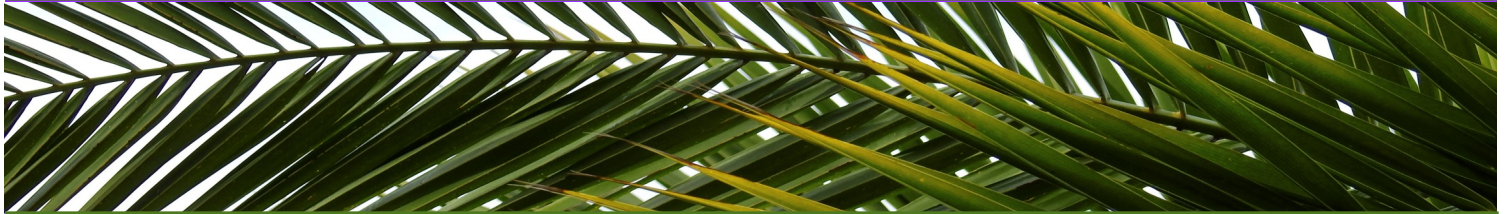
# Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore

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.*

## PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD YEAR A — 2ND APRIL 2023



### Our Parish's Catechumens

On Holy Saturday during the **Easter Vigil at St Leonard's Church** the parish will celebrate with our 8 Catechumens where they will receive the Sacraments of Initiation; Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. This will certainly be a joyful occasion to witness as they are fully initiated into the Catholic faith. I would like to encourage all of our parish to join us in celebrating and supporting our catechumens at the Easter Vigil. Please keep them in your prayers as we enter Holy week.



God of all ages, you send out your Spirit to touch the hearts of people so that they may believe in You and in Jesus, whom You sent.

Look kindly on our eight catechumens, as they listen to your voice.

Open their hearts to your Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work you have begun in them.

As our parish reaches out to welcome new members into the church, make us an instrument of your love.

Teach us to reverence what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand.

Deepen our faith in the Gospel, and help us to pass it on by good example.

With those who are hesitant or afraid, let us be a source of encouragement.

And with those who are weak, let us be a pillar of strength.

May the sponsors of our catechumens humbly accept this ministry and we pray that you will continue to guide them and sustain them in welcoming our new members into your household.

We praise you through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**Fr Jose Philip OSH - Parish Priest**



**First Reconciliation**

We'd like to congratulate the amazing children who prepared for and celebrated their First Reconciliation this week! Reconciliation is a sacrament of healing, and we're so proud of these young ones for taking this important step towards a closer relationship with God. They're now on the final step of their sacramental journey towards First Holy Communion, and we couldn't be more

thrilled to share in this journey with them. To all the children who participated, we encourage you to continue the good habits you've created during your preparation program, such as coming to Mass every weekend and having reconciliation any time you feel you need it. These practices will help you to stay close to God and build a strong faith that will last a lifetime. Congratulations once again, and may God continue to bless you on your journey!

**Kristy Komadina— Sacramental Coordinator**

## Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

\* Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads;

grow higher, ancient doors.

Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is this king of glory?

He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

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## First Reading

Is 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)

2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. (R.)

3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they

are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

## Second Reading

Phil 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the under world, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## Gospel Acclamation

Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

## Gospel

Mt 26:14 - 27:66

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mathew

Please follow along on the slides and join in the **parts marked ALL in red.**



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.

**All are most welcome to attend this mass as there are no Covid Restrictions**

## Were you there?



## Stations of the Cross

**St Leonards Church, 10am**  
**Good Friday April 7<sup>th</sup>**

Contemporary, Prayerful, All are Welcome.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

**Recently Deceased:** Tim Nugent.

**Anniversaries:** Vicko Petkovic & Rosy Gomes.

**Repose of the Soul:** Frank Attard 93rd Birthday.

**Sick:** Bishop Peter Ingham



Including Anointing of The Sick

**April**

**Saturday 15th**

**St Leonard's 9am**

## Baptism

We welcome our newly baptised Eloise Audrey Ho into our faith family.







### **Parish Priest**

Rev Fr Jose Philip OSH  
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### **Assistant Priests**

Rev Fr Biju Mathew  
Rev Fr Vincent Nguyen  
Rev Fr Emmanuel Obiche

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### **Parish Secretary**

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### **St Leonard's Church**

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### **St Thomas' Church**

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## **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**

## **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

Holy Week & Easter at Lower North Shore Parish

MASS/ SERVICE/ SCHEDULE	ST THOMAS' WILLOUGHBY	ST LEONARD'S NAREMBURN	ST PHILIP NERI NORTHBRIDGE
<b>Sunday Masses</b>	6pm Vigil Saturday 8am & 9:30am Sunday	10:30am & 6pm Sunday	5pm Vigil Saturday & 9am Sunday
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	9am Mon to Sat	9am Tue -Thu - Sat	9:15am Mon - Wed - Fri
<b>Royal North Shore Hospital Chapel</b>	Weekday Mass Thursday & Friday 1pm	Weekend Mass 4pm Sunday	
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Saturday 5:15pm - 5:45pm	Saturday 9:30am - 9:45am Sunday 9.45am - 10.15am	Saturday 4.15—4:45pm
<b>Youth Mass</b>		1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 6pm	
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	During 9:30am Mass Each Sunday in school term.		9:00am on the 4th Sunday of the month
<b>Community Masses</b>		Italian Mass Any request please contact Irma 0437607918 PNGCCAA 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday 7pm	
<b>Healing Mass/ Anointing Novena to the Sacred Heart</b>	9am Mass 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday	9am Mass 3rd Saturday	
<b>Adoration</b>	Tuesday after 9am Mass <b>ALL YEAR</b>	Saturday after 9am Mass <b>ALL YEAR</b>	
<b>Baptisms</b>	11:00am 2nd & 4th Sundays	12pm 4th Sunday	12pm 3rd Sunday
<b>Baptism Prep Parish Office</b>	2nd Tuesday of the month 11am 3rd Tuesday of the month 7pm		
<b>Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group CCCR</b>	St Thomas' Parish Hall 7:15pm Tuesday Evenings Enquiries 0419 977 531		
<b>Legion of Mary</b>	Meets every Friday in the 'Blue Room' at the Parish Hall 9:45am All Welcome		

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**Vox Populi**  
**29 March 2023**

This Sunday is Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion when we mark the 5<sup>th</sup> day of Lent with the procession of palm branches and the reading of the Passion narrative.

This commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, when the crowd had palm branches (John 12:12).

On Sunday in our parishes the palm branches will be blessed and carried in the procession.

We will hear of Jesus presented as a humble and peaceful king, riding on a donkey instead of a horse, which was a symbol of war, and the joyous crowd which greeted him.

But then we will hear of the stark contrast between the love for Jesus and then their act of abandonment followed by the narrative of Jesus' crucifixion and his willing sacrifice for us.

Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week when we are encouraged to reflect on our own commitment to following Jesus' example of love, humility, and selflessness. We are called to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Easter by considering our own response to Jesus' sacrifice and our own willingness to follow his teachings.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo encourages each one of us to enter wholeheartedly into the final days of Lent and engage with the celebration of the Sacred Paschal Triduum, which begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, through to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil and ends after evening prayers at sunset on Easter Sunday.

The Triduum is in fact one continuous liturgy that commemorates the passion, death, and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our clergy will be particularly engaged and busy this coming week and Bishop Anthony has asked to please keep them especially in your prayers.

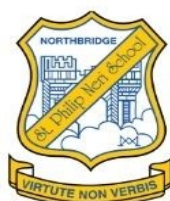
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