



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.

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION YEAR A — 9TH APRIL 2023



My dear Sisters and Brothers,

Christ is risen! He is truly risen! Alleluia!

As we come together to celebrate Easter, I can not help but to marvel at the countless ways that God's new life is springing up all around us in our Lower North Shore Parish. Whether it be in our recently celebrated First Reconciliation for the children of our Parish, our Lenten reflections, our Pastoral Discernment Discussion, and most recently our Chrism Mass which celebrated the renewal of our priestly commitment. God's capacity to bring resurrection surrounds us, and for this we owe God thanks and praise!

In a special way let us celebrate the miracle of Easter with our newest members Masae Kawanishi, Yujiro Kawanishi, Junpei Kawanishi, Teppei Kawanishi, Joanna Bartkowiak, Yue (Kelly) Zou, Song Gan Chen and Sharmila Shearing.

The Easter message of joy echoes through the whole world proclaiming Christ's ultimate victory of light over darkness, grace over sin, and life over death. It is the message upon which we build our lives and to which we anchor our hope with Him, the hope of resurrection and new life. Because Jesus has died and risen again, conquering sin and death, we believe that with Him we too shall live. During the Easter season my prayer is that you have been able to joyfully give thanks to God for the many blessings bestowed on you as individuals and together as a faith community.

I encourage you all to take the time to live into the Easter story this year. To allow this powerful message of hope to kindle transformation and renewal in your own lives and that of our community. I invite you to extend your compassion and respond to the needs of your families, friends, and community, transforming them by your presence, your love, and your action. Everywhere in our lives, there are incredible chances to witness to the Easter miracle.

Finally, I wish to express my profound thanks to each of you as followers of Jesus. I would like to thank Ursula O'Hare and Dionne Soares for their effort preparing us for Easter, Kristy Komadina for preparing the children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Henny Theodorus for Coordinating and preparing the booklets for the music and finally to the many others who have also contributed to this Easter celebration. Thank you for being the heart and soul of the Parish of Lower North Shore "Church family." Thank you for your continued financial support of our three church communities, particularly in this season of Easter. Thank you for being God's hands and heart in a world that yearns to know God's story.

In this spirit of faith and hope, I wish you and your families a most holy and blessed Easter. May God bless you all as we celebrate the resurrection.

Fr Jose Philip OSH

Parish Priest

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



**Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord**

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 138:18,5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 10:34. 37-43

**A reading from the Acts of the
Apostles**

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R.)

3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Second Reading

Col 3:1-4

**A reading from the letter of St
Paul to the Colossians**

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation

1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 20:1-9

**A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John**

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She

saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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**HEALING
MASS**

Including Anointing of The Sick

April

**Saturday 15th
St Leonard's Church 9am**



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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

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.



Cuppa N' Conversation

We gather in the Front Room of the Parish Hall
every Wednesday between 9.30am and 11.00am.
All welcome. Marie Harris 0417 077 020

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 Episcopi
04 April 2023

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

If you search “Jesus” on Wikipedia you will find the following: Jesus of Nazareth (ca.4 BC – AD 30–33), commonly referred to as Jesus Christ or simply as Jesus or Christ, was a first-century Jewish preacher and religious leader; he is the central figure of Christianity, the world’s largest religion. Most Christians believe he is the incarnation of God the Son and the awaited Messiah (the Christ) prophesied in the Hebrew Bible.

What is interesting about this entry is that since I last looked, someone has removed the line, “that he rose from the dead after being crucified”.

It is a simple portrayal not accurately described which is not surprising in today’s world, where often only the appealing or comfortable bits of a story are recounted. This description is more or less accurate but powerless and impersonal.

Saint Paul recalls “we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him” (Romans 6:8). This is why the Son of God took flesh and broke into human history as the God-man Jesus Christ. This is why he was crucified. This is why he rose from the dead with all authority and promised to be with us to the end of time - to create a people whose sins are forgiven, and whose hearts are full of the love of God, and who are so animated by the victorious Christ, that they spend their lives with challenges and sacrifice and charity to assist others know and enjoy the magnitude of Jesus Christ for all eternity.

As we journey together through this most holy of weeks, I would invite you to spend some time, both individually and with our community of the Church, to recognise Jesus as the Christ. Remember that he is the lover of our souls, and his passion and death are for the forgiveness of our sins.

As we probe the mystery of faith, I pray that our words and actions, our love and compassion, might reveal to the world that Christ, the true Christ, the ever-living Christ in the Church which seeks to preach him, in whose body we are formed, is the saviour of the world.

Is this not what we were made for? Is there not something in your own soul that witnesses to you that this is true and worthy of full acceptance?

May the blessings of Christ, crucified and risen, be yours this Easter.

+Anthony

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