



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.



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY YEAR A - 4TH JUNE 2023

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today, together with the universal Catholic Church, we joyfully celebrate the solemnity of the Holy Trinity. It is a day dedicated to honouring the mystery of our triune God, who reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Holy Trinity is at the very heart of our Christian faith, and it is a truth that sets us apart from every other religion in the world.

Holy Trinity is the model for our human relationships. Just as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit exist in perfect unity, we are called to live in unity with one another. We are called to embrace our diversity, recognizing that we are uniquely created in the image and likeness of God. And yet, we are also called to seek unity, to transcend our differences, and to live in harmony and love. The Trinity challenges us to be a community of love, where selflessness, forgiveness, and compassion are the hallmarks of our relationships.

On this joyful day, particularly in our parish community, we congratulate our children that have received Jesus for the first time in Eucharist. I would like to encourage everyone to keep praying for these children as they continue their journey as young Christians. We also thank their parents for preparing them for this great day, and Kristy Komadina our sacramental Coordinator for organising and preparing the children and families to receive this sacrament.

Next weekend 11th June is the feast of Corpus Christi, at our 9.30am Mass at St Thomas' Church we will have a special Mass to celebrate the children receiving their First Holy Communion where they will experience Jesus in Adoration followed by a BBQ, all are welcome.

Fr Vincent Nguyen



Congratulations

to every child who made their First Holy
Communion this weekend! May God bless you
today and always!



Entrance Antiphon

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of
God, and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.

First Reading

Ex 34:4-6. 8-9

A reading from the book of Exodus

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there. He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

Responsorial Psalm

Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. **(R.)**
Blest your glorious holy name. **(R.)**
2. You are blest in the temple of your glory. **(R.)**
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. **(R.)**
3. You are blest who gaze into the depths. **(R.)**
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. **(R.)**

Second Reading

2 Cor 13:11-13

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

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation

See Apoc 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the

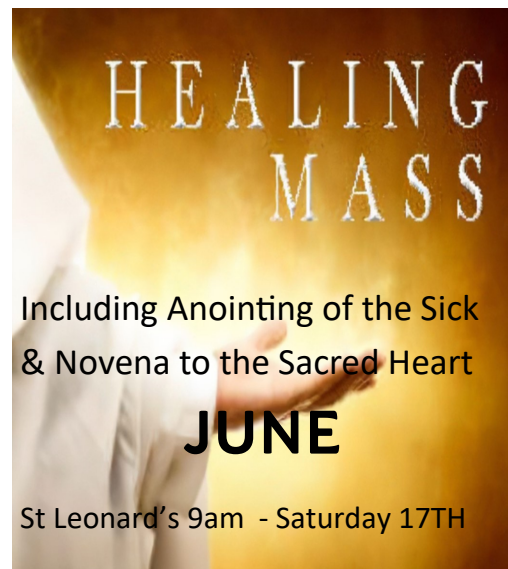
Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was,
and who is to come.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 3:16-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'



IMPORTANT INVITATION - WEDNESDAY, 7 JUNE 7.30PM AT ST LEONARD'S CHURCH HALL, NAREMBURN

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Fr Jose Philip, Parish Priest, who is away overseas on long service leave, I am inviting you to a very important and urgent Parish forum scheduled for **Wednesday, 7 June at 7.30pm** at the **St Leonard's Church Hall, Naremburn**.

The urgent purpose of this forum is to share with you details regarding a recent decision taken by Willoughby Council to place an **Interim Heritage Order over the entire site at St Leonard's, Naremburn** and the impact of such a decision. This information needs to be shared with you without delay as there are significant time constraints now imposed on our Parish as a result that require your consideration.

The gathering will also provide an opportunity to share with you the **details of the planning process with Willoughby Council** to date since the original DA lodgement in November 2021.

It will also be an opportunity to share with you the **revised development design scheme**.

At the invitation of Fr Jose, I am also pleased to let you know that Fr Brian Moloney will be in attendance at this forum. You will recall Fr Brian's consultation with us when we embarked on the journey of the possible development of our St Leonard's Church site in 2017 through to the DA lodgement in late 2021.

I am mindful of the short notice in asking you to gather. Given the importance of this forum, I am hopeful you will be able to attend.

Please could you RSVP your attendance either by phone by contacting Ursula Ohare or Dionne Soares, Parish Secretary on 99588846 or by registering via Trybooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/CIWVU> or via this QR code.

Yours sincerely in Christ, Fr Vincent Nguyen
Parish Administrator - Lower North Shore Parish





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St Leonard's Church

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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
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9958 7136

St Thomas' Primary School

2 Horsley Ave, Willoughby
Principal: Enrica Bova
9958 7308




Please Join us to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi next Sunday 11th at St Thomas' Church for a special time of Adoration from 12pm to 3pm.





CHURCH CHOIR VOLUNTEERS


Join Our Choir. We're looking for volunteers to join our choir at the 9:30am Mass at St Thomas' and 10.30 mass at St Leonard's. Rehearsals are held every Monday at 7:30pm. No matter your singing background or skill level, all are welcomed. Whether you're an accomplished vocalist, a beginner with a passion for singing, or simply love to express yourself through music, we encourage everyone to join us. Please contact Henny at the Parish Office.


Feast & Memorial Days June
Monday 5th St Boniface,
Tuesday St Norbert Bishiop, St Marcellin Champagnat
Friday 9th St Ephrem, deacon, doctor

 **Baptism**
We welcome into our parish family the newly baptised Reginald Adam Spencer into our faith family.

 Planned Giving Envelopes have arrive and will be available for you to collect next weekend in each Church foyer.

PIETY STALL
 Volunteers needed for Sunday 9:30am Mass. If you can help, please contact the parish office by email office@lns.org.au or call **VOLUNTEERS 9958 8846**

 **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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...
Recently Deceased: August Wong, Frances Drago, Frances Fisher and Ann Marie Lock
Anniversaries: Anna and Serena and Della Hodges
Sick: Bishop Peter Ingham, Julie Wong and Angelina Lucia 

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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THE BOOK OF JOB:
FAITH AND JUSTICE IN A WORLD OF INCOMPREHENSIBLE NIHILISM.

Dr Robert Tilley

Dr Robert Tilley is a lecturer in biblical studies and ancient languages at the Catholic Institute of Sydney and in Christian literature at the Aquinas Academy.

Dr Robert Tilley did his Doctorate at the University of Sydney with a thesis entitled Reading the Sacred Text. He has lectured widely on a variety of topics, endeavouring to show how Scripture, theology, philosophy, and the arts all interrelate. He has lectured in Biblical Studies at the Catholic Institute of Sydney for close to ten years now, and for a longer period of time has been a regular lecturer in Biblical Studies, the arts and theology at the Aquinas Academy. He has also lectured at UNDA Sydney and tutored in Biblical Studies at the University of Sydney.

No other book of the Old Testament has exercised as much of an influence on modern philosophy, literature, and film as the Book of Job has. Only, it could be argued that this is for the wrong reason, in that many read Job through the lens of modern nihilism. They liken it to Kafka's *The Trial* wherein a man is caught within a world that, beneath appearances to the contrary, is incomprehensible and unjust. A world in which God and justice are words which, to borrow from Macbeth, 'signify nothing'. But this is wrong, as this short series hopes to show. Job is a book which sets out to counter just such an arbitrary and nihilistic view of God, a view that is not unique to the modern world but that can be found in ancient texts such as Ecclesiastes. The argument of Job is that God *is* comprehensible, that He loves justice, and that He works to reveal the lies and duplicities by which the fallen world seeks to justify injustice and corruption. Job is one of the great works of literature, and it is so because its majestic style mirrors its majestic contents.

Wednesdays 14, 21, 28 June 2023 10am-noon

in the Crypt of St Patrick's Church 20 Grosvenor St , The Rocks Cost \$90

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or email thecalltobe@gmail.com for any questions or if you have trouble booking online.



Vox Populi
01 June 2023

This week we celebrated the feast of the Patroness of our Diocese, Mary Star of the Sea. Star of the Sea is an ancient title for the Mother of Jesus Christ and comes to us from the Latin *Stella Maris*. Under this title Mary intercedes as both guide and protector for all those who seek their livelihoods on or by the sea.

This is very appropriate for our community whose borders skirt both the Pacific Ocean and the beautiful Brisbane Waters. We recognise Mary as our guiding star and the model of discipleship as the mother of the Church.

Many clergy and parishioners attended the Vigil Mass on Tuesday night to celebrate this feast day before moving to The Light of Christ Centre to a presentation on our Cathedral Precinct journey. It was wonderful to see so many parishioners contributing to the discussions with many thoughtful and creative ideas and suggestions. The Diocese will continue to keep everyone informed as the next stage of the journey unfolds.

This Sunday we celebrate Holy Trinity Sunday – the first Sunday following Pentecost. It is a solemn celebration of the belief in the revelation of one God, yet three divine persons: God the Father, the creator and sustainer of all things; God the Son, the incarnation of God as a human being, Jesus Christ, on Earth; and God the Heavenly Spirit, the power of God which is active in the world, drawing people towards God.

The doctrine of the Trinity is perhaps one of the more difficult aspects of Christianity, but it is fundamental. It helps us understand the complex nature of God. The three persons of the Trinity teaches us better about the nature of God and the roles He plays. While we recognise God the Father is our Father and the Author of Life and God the Son is our Lord and Savior, God the Holy Spirit is our Teacher and Guide and helps us understand that God is always present in the world. This is a great source of strength as we know God is always with us.

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Closing Date 4 August 2023

The Sydney Archdiocesan Committee of the World Apostolate of Fatima invite you to a "Night of Prayer & Reparation"

taking place at St. St. Mel's Parish - 7 Evaline Street, Campsie, on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus &

the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Friday 16th & Saturday 17th of June. Doors open at 8.30pm with

Solemn Mass at 9pm Rosary at 10pm Re-dedication & Reparation to the Sacred Heart before the Blessed Sacrament

Exposed, followed with a short break. Rosary, 12.15am, Morning Mass with prayers for the Feast of the Immaculate

Heart of Mary 12.30am. We look forward to you joining us as we intercede for World Peace.

Further details please call us on 0403578994 or (02)9984-8988.