



Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore



St Thomas' Willoughby



St Philip Neri Northbridge



St Leonard's Naremburn

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.

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MISSION - "Together, in Christ's love, for others"

VISION - "To know and love God, and to be Christ to one another"

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 14th January 2024



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend in the Gospel of John we encounter a moment that captures the essence of discipleship and the transformative power of encountering Jesus. The exchange between Jesus and the disciples is both simple and profound. Jesus, perceptive to their presence, turns and asks, "What do you want?" in other words what are you seeking. This question resonates through the ages, inviting us to reflect on our own pursuits in life. The disciples respond with another question, "Where do you live?" Their inquiry transcends physical lodgings; it reflects a deep yearning to dwell in the spiritual presence of the Messiah. Jesus responds with an invitation: "Come and see." These three words encapsulate the heart of Christian discipleship— an invitation to intimately know and experience Christ. The disciples, in turn, spend the day with Jesus and are forever changed. Andrew, deeply moved by this encounter, rushes to share the good news with his brother Simon, proclaiming, "We have found the Messiah." This passage underscores the contagious nature of authentic encounters with Christ, prompting a desire to share the transformative experience with others. Here we are prompted to consider our own response to Jesus' invitation: What are we seeking, and are we willing to spend time in His presence, allowing it to shape and define our lives? Furthermore, the passage challenges us to emulate Andrew's enthusiasm in sharing the life-changing encounter with those around us. **Fr Jose Philip OSH**

With Lent around the corner I would like to offer you the opportunity to embrace a meaningful Lenten journey with our special program! Join us for prayer, reflection, and community as we explore spiritual growth and deepen our connection with God. Together, let's make this Lent a transformative experience. Please see the details on the following page.

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading

1 Samuel 3:3-10.19

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.' Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv. 8.9

(R.) Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord. and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. (R.)
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. (R.)
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. (R.)
4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too. You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 1:41. 17

Alleluia, alleluia! We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1:35-42

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' - which means Teacher - 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour. One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' - which means the Christ - and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' - meaning Rock.

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 22:5

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

LITURGY of THE WEEK

Monday 15th	2nd week in Ordinary Time
Tuesday 16th	2nd week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday 17th	St Anthony Memorial
Thursday 18th	2nd week in Ordinary Time
Friday 19th	2nd week in Ordinary Time
Saturday 20th	St Fabian, St Sebastian

IN OUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased :

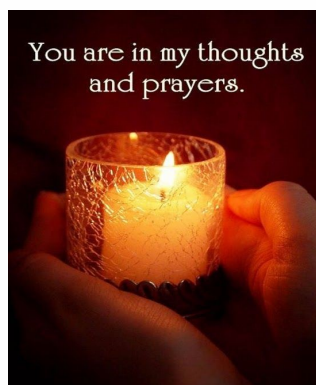
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Bishop Peter Ingham, Peter Champion, Anne-Maree
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Rappa and Michael Chiu



Please join us for our Lenten Program



This year we would like to offer the parish community the opportunity to prepare for lent by participating in a Lenten Program.

The Parish will be purchasing books for you to use in a group or for individual use from the Diocese of Wollongong. The book includes daily reflections from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday for personal reflection in addition to longer-form Sunday Scripture reflections, readings, responsorial psalms, prayers and reflection questions that are traditionally part of group Lenten programs. The book also includes beautiful artwork from the Masters with accompanying artwork reflections.

If you would like to purchase the Lenten book for individual use or to join a group please phone the office 99588846 or write your name on the sheet provided in the entry of each church.

The cost of the of the book will be \$8.00

Farewell Fr Emmanuel & Deacon Hien



The Parish would like to wish our wonderful Fr Emmanuel and Deacon Hien every blessing as they finish their ministry



in our Parish this weekend. Fr Emmanuel heads back to Nigeria after having one year sabbatical in our parish. Our newly Ordained Deacon Hien now leaves Lower North Shore Parish to assume his first appointment at the Cathedral Parish. We are sincerely grateful for all their support to the parish. Please keep Fr Emmanuel and Deacon Hien in your prayers as they take up their ministry appointments in their respective parishes.

Don't forget to join us in thanking Fr Emmanuel this Sunday 14th January 10.30am Mass at St Leonard's Church Naremburn, with morning tea after Mass.

SACRAMENTS

New sacramental Coordinator

We welcome Natalie Wood to the parish team this year as our new Sacramental Coordinator.

Natalie will be responsible for leading all our children and families as they prepare to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please welcome Natalie and keep her in your prayers as she prepares to fulfil this ministry in our parish.

If you are wanting to know information about 2024 sacramental program please email Natalie at sacraments@lms.org.au. She will be available in person in the parish from Monday 15th January.

Farewell Fr Biju



At the end of 2023 the parish received news from the Bishop that Fr Biju will be sadly concluding his appointment with

us here at Lower North Shore Parish to assume a new appointment as Assistant Parish Priest of Frenchs Forest. The parish would like wish our wonderful Fr Biju Mathew every blessing for his new appointment at Frenchs Forest. We have been greatly blessed and enriched by Fr Biju's ministry here in Lower North Shore for the past three years. His new appointment will be effective from Friday 9th February 2024. To thank Fr Biju the parish will have a farewell celebration morning-tea on Sunday January 28th after the 9.30am Mass at St Thomas'. Please join us in thanking Fr Biju for his ministry here in Lower North Shore over the past three years. Please keep Fr Biju in your prayers during this time.

Date: Sunday 28th January
Time: 9.30am Mass + morning tea
Place: St Thomas 'Church Willoughby



Friday, 26 JANUARY 2024

SEE THE BELLS OF ST LEONARD'S, NAREMBURN

Would you like to visit the bell tower of St Leonard's church, Naremburn for a guided tour to see our beautiful bells and to see a demonstration of bell ringing? Originally from a church in Wales, UK, these bells were cast in 1866 and retuned in Loughborough, UK in 2012, from where they were shipped to Australia. Installing the bells in St Leonard's church began in January 2013 and was completed in April 2013.

On Friday 26 January 2024 we are offering **TWO** free tours of the tower, **commencing at 4pm & 4.45 pm**. Please arrive promptly at the back of the church (corner Willoughby and Donnelly Roads) 10 ten minutes prior to your tour time. Tours are expected to last about 45 minutes. It is suggested you wear rubber-soled shoes and pants or trousers. Please book your place by emailing pgemmell@tpg.com.au **BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**. Children must be accompanied by a parent. **NUMBERS ARE LIMITED, SO DO NOT HESITATE TO BOOK!**



PARISH SCHEDULE

	St Thomas' Willoughby	St Leonard's Naremburn	St Philip Neri Northbridge
Weekend Masses	6.00pm Vigil Saturday 8.00am & 9.30am Sunday	10.30am Sunday 6.00pm Sunday (<i>Youth Mass</i>)	5.00pm Vigil Saturday 9.00am Sunday
Weekday Masses	9.00am: Mon – Sat	9.00am: Tue, Thu, Sat	9.15am: Mon, Wed, Fri
Adoration	Tuesday: 9.30am - 10.30am	Saturday: 9.30am - 10.00am	
Reconciliation	Saturday: 5.15pm - 5.45pm	Saturday: 9.30am - 10.00am	Saturday: 4.15pm - 5.00pm
Healing Mass	9.00am on First Friday (<i>Divine Mercy & Adoration</i>)	9.00am on 3 rd Saturday	
Baptism	11.00am on 2nd and 4th Sunday	12pm on 4th Sunday	10.30am on 3rd Sunday
Children's Liturgy	9.30am Sunday (<i>during school term</i>)		9.00am 4 th Sunday (<i>Family Mass</i>)
Rosary	8.30am Mon-Fri 7.00pm Wednesday	9.30am Tue, Thu, Sat	9.45am Mon, Wed, Fri

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