



# 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"**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**3rd March 2024**



Dear Parishioners,

As we ponder the divine wisdom contained within the weekend readings from Exodus, Corinthians, and John may we allow their messages to stir our hearts and minds this Lent. In Exodus, we encounter the Ten Commandments, a cornerstone of moral guidance for God's people. Do we truly grasp the significance of these commandments in our lives today? Do we prioritise our relationship with God above all else, or do we allow distractions to pull us away? Corinthians challenges us to contemplate the paradoxical nature of the cross. How do we perceive the message of the cross in our modern world? Do we embrace its wisdom, or do we stumble over it in our search for worldly knowledge and understanding? John's Gospel presents us with the powerful image of Jesus cleansing the temple. What impurities dwell within the temple of our own hearts? Are we willing to allow Jesus to cleanse and purify us, even if it means overturning the tables of our comfortable routines and habits? As we wrestle with these questions, let us remember that faith is not stagnant but dynamic, calling us to continual growth and transformation. Let us open our hearts to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, allowing it to lead us deeper into the mysteries of God's love and grace. May these reflections inspire us to live lives that bear witness to the truth of the Gospel, drawing others closer to the light of Christ.

**Fr Jose Philip**

**RECONCILIATION  
& ADORATION EVENING**  
**Experiencing God's Love**  
**THURSDAY 21st MARCH**  
**7pm-8pm**  
**ST THOMAS' CHURCH**

Lent is a wonderful time to celebrate the reconciling love and the healing graces our Lord offers us.

Reconciliation is what God does. Receiving it and celebrating it is what we do. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a most natural way to celebrate God's forgiveness and love.

Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart ...Joel 2:12

## Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

## First Reading

Exodus 20:1-3. 7-8. 12-17

As God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

**(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)

2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. (R.)

3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)

4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. (R.)

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been

called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

## Gospel Acclamation

John 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,

that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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

## Gospel

John 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

This Sunday at the 9am Mass at St Philip Neri our Catechumens & Candidates receive the First of Three Scrutinies where we ask them to reflect more deeply upon the word of God as they have special prayers said over them. Please extend your loving support and prayers for them as we look forward to the day when you will share fully in the Lord's Table.

## IN OUR PRAYERS Recently Deceased

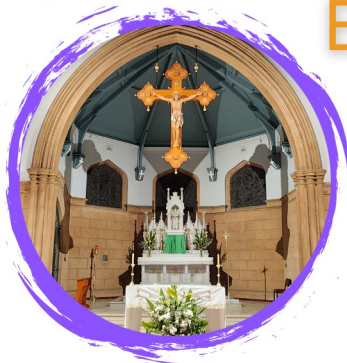
Morris Tacker & Blake Deltoer & Sandra Mcphee

## Anniversaries

Anthony Scala & Kuzma Anic



# RECONCILIATION & HOLY HOUR EVENING



You are warmly invited to join us as we prepare for Easter for an hour of guided Eucharistic Adoration. & Reconciliation

TIME

DATE

LOCATION

7.30pm

12 MARCH

St Leonard's  
Naremburn

## ARRIVE FROM 7PM FOR A CUPPA

Discover Peace in His Presence & the  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Uplifting Melodies that Stir the Soul  
A Moment for Your Inner Most Prayers  
Escape & Encounter

Lower North Shore Parish's total amount to be raised for Pastoral Works Broken Bay

67,719

60,000

50,000

40,000

30,000

20,000

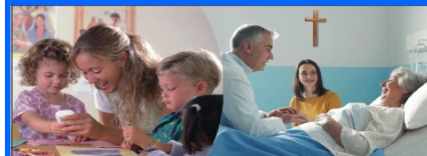
10,000

Our allocated Quota for PWBB 2023/2024 Financial year is 67,579. This is to be collected by 30th June this year!

**Our Parish has collected  
\$17,050  
to date  
With a balance of  
\$50,529**

Our parish will be collecting for this appeal over next two Sunday's. Envelopes are available in pews and the foyer. To digitally donate or to find out more information about PWBB, please scan the QR code:

**Thank you for always  
giving so generously to  
this appeal!**



**Thank you for your generosity**  
Your generosity means the Church can be there during times of great need, renewing and rebuilding their lives. Your donations support two key diocesan ministries:

**PASTORAL  
WORKS** Broken Bay

Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of the Catholic community in Broken Bay.

Every gift makes a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish or the wider community.

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo  
Bishop of Broken Bay

## Stations of the Cross at St Leonard's Church

During the season of Lent, we will be Praying the Stations of the Cross in Italian every Monday

Monday 3rd March at 3.00pm

Monday 11th March at 3.00pm

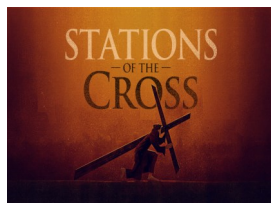
Monday 17th March at 3.00pm

Monday 25th March at 3.00pm

For enquiries please contact Irma

DiSanto 0437607918 or Toni

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## Please join us for Stations of the Cross during Lent

**St Thomas' church every Friday at 7pm  
including Reconciliation.**

**St Philip Neri every Friday after the 9am  
Mass**

## First Reconciliation 2024

Children across our Parish are commencing their preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Diocesan Reconciliation Program has selected **God's Love & Choices** as the first two concepts to be studied. Children will be encouraged to recognise that God's love manifests across their lives and learn about the difference between making 'good choices' and 'poor choices'. All candidates will be presented to the Parish community across selected Masses this weekend. The Celebration of the Sacrament will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> March. Our Parish prays for all candidates and their families as they develop and deepen their relationship with Jesus.

## Catechist Teacher Needed

Would you like to know more about being a catechist teacher in our Parish's local public schools. This is a very rewarding ministry to be involved in. All the training is provided.

Please phone the parish office or email Henny at [ccd@lms.org.au](mailto:ccd@lms.org.au) for more information



JESUS



## Letefoho Fund Raising Film Night

Keep the date: 5<sup>th</sup> April

Film: British Comedy Mystery **"Wicked Little Letters"**

Where: Roseville Cinema

Book or donate at <https://www.trybooking.com/CPQMH>



# March

EVENTS  
2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
STT - St Thomas' Church SPN - St Philip Neri Church STL - St Leonard's Church				1 Healing Mass with Anointing STT 9am	2	3 3rd Sunday of Lent
4	5	6 Rosary STT 7pm	7 Lenten Group STT Blue Room 10am	8 Stations of The Cross SPN after 9am Mass STT 7pm	9	10 4th Sunday of Lent
11	12 Reconciliation & Holy Hour 7.30pm STL	13 Rosary STT 7pm	14 Lenten Group STT Blue Room 10am	15 Stations of The Cross SPN after 9am Mass STT 7pm	16 Healing Mass with Anointing STL 9am Family Mass Year 3 STT 6pm	17 5th Sunday of Lent
18 St Patrick's day Solemnity	19 First Reconciliation for children SPN	20 First Reconciliation for children STT	21 Reconciliation & Adoration Evening 7pm STT Lenten Group STT Blue Room 10am	22 Stations of The Cross SPN after 9am Mass STT 7pm	23	24 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>
25 <b>HOLY WEEK</b>	26 <b>HOLY WEEK</b>	27 Rosary STT 7pm	28 Lenten Group STT Blue Room 10am <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	29 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	30 <b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>	31 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>

## PARISH SCHEDULE

	St Thomas' Willoughby	St Leonard's Naremburn	St Philip Neri Northbridge
<b>Weekend Masses</b>	6.00pm Vigil Saturday 8.00am & 9.30am Sunday	10.30am Sunday 6.00pm Sunday (Youth Mass)	5.00pm Vigil Saturday 9.00am Sunday
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	9.00am: Mon - Sat	9.00am: Tue, Thu, Sat	9.15am: Mon, Wed, Fri
<b>Adoration/Holy Hour</b>	Tuesday: 9.30am - 10.30am	Saturday: 9.30am - 10.00am 2nd Tuesday of the Month 7.30pm	
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Saturday: 5.15pm - 5.45pm	Saturday: 9.30am - 10.00am	Saturday: 4.15pm - 5.00pm
<b>Healing Mass</b>	9.00am on First Friday (Divine Mercy & Adoration)	9.00am on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	
<b>Baptism</b>	11.00am on 2nd and 4th Sunday	12pm on 4th Sunday	10.30am on 3rd Sunday
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	9.30am Sunday (during school term)		9.00am 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday (Family Mass)
<b>Rosary</b>	8.30am Mon-Fri 7.00pm Wednesday	9.30am Tue, Thu, Sat	9.45am Mon, Wed, Fri
<b>Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	St Thomas' Parish Hall 7pm Tuesday evenings Enquires 0419977531		

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