



# 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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Principal: Liz Calabria

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

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

## The Epiphany of the Lord 7th January 2024



"We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage."

Matthew 2:2

Welcome, dear parishioners and visitors, to a community of faith, love, and fellowship. May your time with us be blessed, and may this new year bring you the gifts of peace and spiritual fulfillment.

As we step into the first week of this new year, our hearts are filled with gratitude and hope for the journey that lies ahead. Just as the Magi embarked on a transformative quest guided by a star, we too are on a journey of faith, discovery, and renewal.

In this Sunday's Gospel of Matthew, we find the account of the wise men who travelled from afar to witness the birth of the King of Kings. Their journey was one of dedication, perseverance, and deep spiritual seeking. As we welcome each other, visitors and newcomers to our community, let us embody the spirit of the Magi.

To our visitors, whether you are seeking solace, community, or a spiritual home, we extend a warm embrace. Like the guiding star that led the Magi, may you find a sense of direction and purpose in your journey.

As we reflect on the Magi's gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, let us consider the offerings we bring to our community and to the world. Let our gifts be those of kindness, compassion, and understanding, fostering a sense of unity and harmony among us.

In this new year, let the spirit of the Magi inspire us to seek God, the divine in our midst, to be open to unexpected journeys, and to offer our best selves to one another. May the light of the star guide us as we navigate the coming year, and may our collective journey be one of shared joy and discovery.

With open hearts and warm greetings, **Fr Jose Philip OSH**

**Please Note the Parish Office will be closed from 22nd December and re-open on the 8th January.** For emergencies & Funerals please phone the parish office on 99588846 and leave a message for one of the clergy to return you call.

**Entrance Antiphon** *Malachi 3:1; 1 Chr 29:12*

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

**First Reading** *Isaiah 60:1-6*

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm** *71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13*

**(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

**Second Reading** *Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6*

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

**Gospel Acclamation** *Matthew 2:2*

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

**Gospel** *Matthew 2:1-12*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah  
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,  
for out of you will come a leader  
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.



**LITURGY of THE WEEK**

|       |      |                                  |
|-------|------|----------------------------------|
| Mon   | 8th  | <b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>   |
| Tue   | 9th  | <b>1st Week in Ordinary Time</b> |
| Wed   | 10th | <b>1st Week in Ordinary Time</b> |
| Thurs | 11th | <b>1st Week in Ordinary Time</b> |
| Fri   | 12th | <b>1st Week in Ordinary Time</b> |
| Sat   | 13th | <b>St Hilary</b>                 |

# HOLY HOUR EVENING



You are warmly  
invited to join us  
for an hour of  
guided Eucharistic  
Adoration.

TIME

7.30pm

DATE

9th Jan

LOCATION

St Leonard's  
Naremburn

**ARRIVE FROM 7PM FOR A CUPPA**

Discover Peace in His Presence  
Uplifting Melodies that Stir the Soul  
A Moment for Your Innermost Prayers  
Escape and Encounter



## Farewell Fr Emmanuel

The Parish would like to wish our wonderful Fr Emmanuel every blessing for 2024 as he heads back to Nigeria after having one year sabbatical in our parish. We are sincerely grateful for his support to the parish over the past year. We will miss his charismatic personality which overflowed with energy and enthusiasm in his homilies. Please keep Fr Emmanuel in your prayers during this time of transition, his last day in the Parish will be Sunday 14th January. The Parish will have a farewell celebration morning-tea on Sunday January 14th after the 10.30am Mass at St Leonards. Please join us in thanking Fr Emmanuel for his ministry here in Lower North Shore over the past year.

**Date: Sunday 14th January**

**Time: 10.30am Mass + morning tea**

**Place: St Leonard's Church Naremburn**



## Farewell Fr Biju

Last week we received news from the Bishop that Fr Biju will be sadly concluding his appointments with us here at Lower North shore to assume a new appointment as Assistant parish Priest of Frenches Forest. The parish would like wish our wonderful Fr Biju Mathew every blessing for his new appointment at Frenches 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 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.

**Date: Sunday 28th January**

**Time: 9.30am Mass + morning tea**

**Place: St Thomas' Church Willoughby**

## HEALING MASS

*Including Anointing of the Sick and  
Novena to the Sacred Heart*

**JANUARY**

- **9am Saturday 20th Jan St Leonard's**

## 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@lins.org.au](mailto:sacraments@lins.org.au). She will be available in person in the parish from Monday 15th January.

## SACRAMENTS

## 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



Pope Francis said:

# "Being a Catechist is a Vocation"

Is it Your Vocation? Join Us and Find Out...

DO NOT BE AFRAID OF WHAT GOD ASKS OF YOU!  
IT IS WORTH SAYING YES TO GOD!  
IN HIM WE FIND OUR JOY!

## Prayer For Catechist Ministry

My Lord and my God, take from me everything that distances me from you. My Lord and my God, give me everything that brings me closer to you.

My Lord and my God,  
detach me from myself to give my all to you.



## Rosary

Please join us for the Rosary every Wednesday at St Thomas' Church 7pm

We will be kept safe by ADULTS who...

## CARE

for us as we are a precious gift from God



We are committed to the  
**NATIONAL CATHOLIC  
SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS**

## PARISH SCHEDULE

|                           | St Thomas' Willoughby   | St Leonard's Naremburn  | St Philip Neri Northbridge                              |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|
| <b>Weekend Masses</b>     | <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Saturday<br><b>8.00am &amp; 9.30am</b> Sunday | <b>10.30am</b> Sunday<br><b>6.00pm</b> Sunday ( <i>Youth Mass</i> ) | <b>5.00pm</b> Vigil Saturday<br><b>9.00am</b> Sunday    |
| <b>Weekday Masses</b>     | 9.00am: Mon – Sat   | 9.00am: Tue, Thu, Sat   | 9.15am: Mon, Wed, Fri                                   |
| <b>Adoration</b>          | Tuesday: 9.30am - 10.30am   | Saturday: 9.30am - 10.00am  |   |
| <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<br>( <i>Divine Mercy &amp; Adoration</i> ) | 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<br>( <i>during school term</i> )                    |   | 9.00am 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>( <i>Family Mass</i> ) |
| <b>Rosary</b>             | 8.30am Mon-Fri<br>7.00pm Wednesday                                | 9.30am Tue, Thu, Sat  | 9.45am Mon, Wed, Fri                                    |



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