

## **PARISH BULLETIN**

St Leonard's Naremburn | St Philip Neri Northbridge | St Thomas' Willoughby

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

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

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year B

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This weekend, we joyfully celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, marking the culmination of the liturgical year. This feast reminds us of Christ's sovereignty over all creation and His call to each of us to live as faithful witnesses to His Kingdom of justice, peace, and love.

It is also a special occasion as we welcome our Bishop Anthony Randazzo, to the Lower North Shore Parish for his pastoral visit. Bishop's visit is a reminder of our unity with the wider Church and the shepherding role he plays in guiding us in faith, mission, and service. His encouragement and leadership inspire us to grow as a community rooted in Christ's love.

Let us take this opportunity to pray for our Bishop and his ministry, thanking God for his dedication to the spiritual and pastoral needs of our diocese.

We invite you all to join in making this visit a memorable occasion as we continue to work together in building a vibrant, faith-filled parish.





Additionally, this weekend holds particular significance for our parish as we celebrate the feast day of St. Leonard's Church. This day is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the legacy of faith built in our community and to renew our commitment to living the Gospel message.

This Sunday, I will be leaving for India to attend the chapter meeting of my order, the Oblates of the Sacred Heart (OSH). During this important gathering, we will prayerfully discern and elect our new Superior General and councilors.

I kindly ask for your prayers for the success of our chapter and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all our deliberations. I will return to the parish on the 13th of December.

As we conclude the liturgical year, let us give thanks for the many blessings God has bestowed upon our parish and entrust the year ahead to Christ our King, May we continue to grow as a faith-filled community, rooted in love and service.

In Christ.

Father Jose

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.



Our Parish Store has stocked up with beautiful new Christmas decorations! Find festive pieces to bring the holiday spirit to your home.

#### Opening Hours:

- Sundays after 8:00am Mass
- Sundays after 9:30am Mass

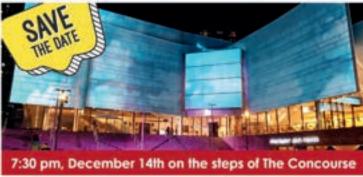
Visit us at St. Thomas Church and explore our collection before the stock runs out! Don't miss this opportunity to add some Christmas cheer to your home.

# WELCOME

## **Huy Tran**

We're delighted to welcome Huy Tran, a seminarian of the Diocese of Broken Bay, to our parish community!

Huy is currently in his 6th year at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd in Homebush. He will be staying with us for his Advent placement pastoral Christmas Day, and we're so blessed to have him join us during this special season. Let's make him feel right at home!



#### Let's bless the community with Christmas carols

On December 14th, a combined churches pop-up choir will bring the joyful story of Christmas to our Willoughby community through song and prayer. If you'd like to be part of this wonderful new initiative, please reach out to Henny or Lynda. All abilities most welcome.

REHEARSAL: 10:00AM - 1:00PM, 14TH DEC AT OUR LADY OF DOLOUR'S CHURCH CHATSWOOD



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The Vinnies Annual Christmas Appeal will be on next weekend, 30th November / 1st December

Aussie families are struggling to survive the increasing cost-of-living pressures this Christmas. These families are in our community in the Parish

Your generosity can provide urgent relief for a family who's doing it tough this Christmas, and give them hope for a better future.



### **PARISH SCHEDULE**

Weekend Masses	6:00pm Vigil Saturday 8:00am & 9:30am Sunday	St Leonard's Naremburn 10:30am Sunday 6:00pm 1st & 3rd Sun (Youth)	St Philip Neri Northbridge 5:00pm Vigil Saturday 9:00am Sunday
Adoration/ Holy Hour	Tue 9:30 - 10:30am	Sat 9:30 - 10:30am 2nd Tue of the Month 7:30pm	
Reconciliation	Sat 5:15 - 5:45pm	Sat 9:30 - 10:00am	Sat 4:15 - 5:00pm
Healing Mass	9:00am on First Friday (Sacred Heart Novena)	9:00am on 3rd Sat	
Baptism	11:00am on 2nd & 4th Sun	12:00pm on 4th Sun	10:30am on 3rd Sun
Children's Liturgy	9:30am Sun (During School Term)		9:00am on 4th Sun (Family Mass)
Rosary	8:30am Mon - Fri 7:00pm Wed	9:30am Tue, Thu, Sat	9:45am Mon, Wed, Fri
Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00pm Tue (St Thomas' Parish Hall)		

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#### Parish Team

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#### Sunday's readings

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

Revelation 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

#### First Reading Daniel 7:13-14

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 92:1-2, 5, R.v.1

#### (R.) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

- The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. (R.)
- The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. (R.)
- Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. (R.)

#### Second Reading Revelation 1:5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluial

#### Gospel John 18:33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'



#### Mon 25th Nov

34 week in Ordinary Time

#### Tue 26th Nov

34 week in Ordinary Time

#### Wed 27th Nov

34 week in Ordinary Time

#### Thur 28th Nov

34 week in Ordinary Time

#### Fri 29th Nov

34 week in Ordinary Time

#### Sat 30th Nov

St Andrew, apostle

# In our prayers

Anniversaries: Ante Zaknic, Ivan and Frana Andrijic, Petar and Mandica Farac, Aurora Moreno Baptista Sick: Frank Postiglione, Dr Jean, Kirsten Boderick, Patrick Carmody and Marie Pegoraro



Our Annual Report for financial year 2023/24 is now available! Feel free to have a read—copies are placed on tables in the churches.



parish faith family Spencer Rogerson Charlotte Rogerson Antonia Vargas Canon Maiela Sherwood

The newly baptised. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.