



The Catholic Community of HOLY TRINITY PARISH BLACKBUTT NORTH



St John the Evangelist Church
Dickson Street Lambton Est. 1873



Corpus Christi Church
Platt Street Waratah Est. 1917



St Therese's Church
Royal Street New Lambton Est. 1954

◆ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ◆ YEAR A ◆ 1 DECEMBER 2019 ◆

THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday: 7:00AM Waratah
Tuesday: 7:00AM New Lambton
Wednesday: 7:00AM Lambton
Thursday: 7:00AM Waratah
Friday: 7:00AM Lambton
Saturday: 8:00AM New Lambton

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:00PM Lambton
Sunday: 7:30AM Waratah
9:15AM New Lambton
11:00AM Lambton [Ordinate Mass]
5:30PM Waratah

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 8:30AM New Lambton
4:30PM Lambton

EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will follow 7:00AM Mass on 1st Friday of each month.

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Monday: 9:00AM to 4:00PM
Tuesday: 9:00AM to 4:00PM
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SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

We may be accustomed to think of Advent as the time when we prepare for the coming of God, but the readings also train our attention on our own journey to God. We see this most clearly in this first Sunday with readings that tell us the identity of the pilgrims, the destination toward which they travel, and the way of life that is required of them on their journey. As the Vatican Council has proclaimed: We are a pilgrim people.



Both the reading from Isaiah and the psalm response speak of the pilgrimage to the mountain of the Lord, the place where God can be found. Although the psalm speaks about Jerusalem and refers to the temple there, the broader theological significance of the mountain, the city and the temple is one and the same. They represent the presence of God in our midst, and this presence is the goal of our striving. There are clear directions about how we are to live while we are on this pilgrimage to God. In Isaiah we learn that we must put away our instruments of violence and hatred, our swords and our spears. Lest we pick them up again, we are told to convert them into life-producing implements, into ploughs and pruning hooks. Paul exhorts us to put away our deeds of darkness and self-indulgence and to clothe ourselves instead in the deeds of Jesus Christ. Matthew points out the need for alertness, attentiveness, a disposition that is open to a change of heart.

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WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to our Parish, we invite you to complete a 'Census Form' available from the Parish Office.

Thinking of becoming Catholic? Please speak with one of our Priests.

Thinking of becoming Catholic through the Ordinariate? Are you an Anglican? Are you married to an Anglican? Do you know an Anglican who may wish to become Catholic through the Ordinariate? The Ordinariate brings the traditional English way of worship that has contributed so much to English-speaking faith and culture into the Catholic Church. Anyone can become Catholic through the Ordinariate. Please contact Fr Stephen for more information. E hunter@ordinariate.org.au or P 02 4956 1953.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

New Liturgical Year: The Liturgical Year begins the First Sunday of Advent. Sunday Cycle A and Weekday Cycle 2.

St Vincent de Paul Appeal: Our parish will conduct its annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal on the weekend of Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 December 2019. Envelopes are available on your seats. Please give generously.

Cards and Calendars: As from this weekend our Christmas Cards and Columban Calendars are available for purchasing at the main entrance of Lambton and Waratah churches.

- Pack of 5 Cards: \$5.00
- Calendars: \$10.00

All proceeds support St Vincent de Paul.

Reconciliation Service: In preparation of the Christmas season, reconciliation will be held at 7:00PM:

- Tuesday 3 December at St Therese's Church New Lambton
- Wednesday 4 December at Corpus Christi Church Waratah

End of Year School Masses:

- Corpus Christi Waratah - Tuesday 3 December at 9:30AM
- St Therese's New Lambton - Wednesday 4 December at 6:00PM
- St John's Lambton - Thursday 12 December at 9:30AM

CHRISTMAS ROSTERS

We aim to finalize Christmas Mass rosters by mid December. A volunteers sign up sheet is now available at main entrance of each church for any volunteers wishing to participate in Ministry during Christmas Masses. Please list your availability or contact your roster contact person before Sunday 8 December.

2020 Rosters: We are currently working on new rosters for 2020 and hope to have them available late December. Our grateful thanks to all who volunteered during 2019 and those who are continuing. A reminder for those who wish to continue their ministry/ministries, and have not yet done so, that 31 December 2019 is the closing date to complete Volunteer Registration forms.

Caring Group Christmas Cards and Lunch: Friday 13 December. Cards from 10:00AM until midday, followed by a light lunch. If not available for cards, you are more than welcome to come to lunch. RSVP Coral Nesbitt P 4957 5338.

Mater Bell Completion Appeal: Please see fliers at church entrance for information on the latest developments of the Mater Bell installation. We are seeking your help to raise \$15,000 of the \$50,000 in estimated costs. Donations can be either sent by cheque earmarked 'Mater Bell' to the Parish Office or placed by envelope marked 'Mater Bell' on the second collection.

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: This very special ministry is a direct collaboration with the Priest, which assists him in the task of distributing Holy Communion to the faithful, especially for our Sunday Masses, but also for hospital and nursing home ministry. If you believe you may have a calling to this ministry, please see Fr Stephen.

Mary MacKillop Today Appeal: Thank you to those who contributed towards this appeal. Donations to this appeal will support thousands of people overseas and here in Australia, with education, health, finance and livelihood opportunities.

Catholic Weekly: The Catholic Weekly is available from the church entrances every week for \$2.00.

DIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENTS

Diocesan Website <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au>

Diocesan Synod: Thank you to all who represented our parish and who participated in the Diocesan Synod last Saturday.

Simbang Gabi: In preparation for the Solemnity of the Lord's birth, novena Masses will be celebrated at 7.15pm from 15 December to 23 December at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter Street Newcastle West. The Christmas Novena Masses, also known as Simbang Gabi to Filipinos, is a long tradition brought by the Spanish Friars in the Philippines in 1669. They are in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Expectant Mother of God, and serve as a preparation for the commemoration of the Birth of Our Lord and Saviour. All are welcome. Supper follows each Mass.


Pilgrimages: For information on various pilgrimages available see fliers at back of church.

Christmas Concert: *In Terra Pax* (Peace on Earth), Sunday 8 December from 2:00PM at the Great Hall, University of Newcastle. For details and bookings visit www.newcastleuniversitychoir.org

National Prayer Campaign: People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain. Resources and information at www.catholic.org.au/drought

PLENARY COUNCIL

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

2019 Christmas Mass Times 	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	SERVICE	CHOIR PRACTICE
	Tuesday 24 December (Christmas Eve)	5:00PM	5:30PM	St John's Church Lambton	Carols
		5:30PM	St John's Church Lambton	Mass	To be advised
		5:30PM	St Therese's Church New Lambton	Carols	To be advised
		6:00PM	St Therese's Church New Lambton	Mass	To be advised
		10:00PM	Corpus Christi Church Waratah	Mass	To be advised
Wednesday 25 December (Christmas Day)	7:30AM		Corpus Christi Church Waratah	Mass	To be advised
	9:15AM		St Therese's Church New Lambton	Mass	To be advised
	11:00AM		St John's Church Lambton	Ordinariate Mass	

Mobile Phones: For the convenience of all kindly turn off your mobile phones before entering the Church.
Notices for the Parish Bulletin: Notices need to be in writing [especially Mass requests for Deaths, Anniversaries and Sick List] including your name [as the person permitting the request] and they need to be lodged **by Tuesday** for publication. Please print clearly to avoid information being misrepresented.
Church Notice Boards: If you wish to place a notice on the church notice boards please contact the Parish Office.

WE REMEMBER

Please Pray for:

Sick: Fred Stanwell, Sheila Bell, Robert Watson, Paul Mowbray, Maureen Ashlett, Gary Herschel, Shelley Smith.

Recently Deceased: Eileen Burwood, Billy Hanlon.

Anniversaries: Costantino Giuseppa, Gregory Newton, Peter Ryan, Kathleen Donnelly, James Francis Petherbridge, Frank and Maria Patty, Fay and Peter Baran, Jack Percy.

Mass Intention Envelopes: Envelopes for intentions are available from the churches and can be placed on the collection plates. Notifications for publication need to be in to the office early Tuesday morning.

SACRAMENTS IN HOLY TRINITY PARISH

Anointing of the Sick: For hospitalized and homebound parishioners, it is very important that you contact the Parish Office to receive Anointing of the Sick or Communion, otherwise, we might not know of your need.

Baptism: Baptisms take place on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month and are held between St John the Evangelist Lambton, Corpus Christi Waratah, and St Therese's New Lambton. Bookings are made through the Parish Office. Baptism Preparation Sessions are essential and are held on the last Thursday of each month at Parish House New Lambton. An Information leaflet is available at the Church entrance.

Note: Changes to the schedule may apply seasonally.

Communion for the Sick: Bringing Communion to a sick person links them with the community of the Church and nourishes them with the body of Christ. A parish minister or member of the parish family may be designated by the priest for this ministry.

Confirmation/Eucharist: In our Diocese, the Sacramental Program is Parish/Family based and enquiries are made via the Parish Office.

Marriage: By appointment. A minimum of 6 months' notice is required. For information, please contact Parish Office.

A Vocation View: In our materialistic society, someone must stand up to speak for our spiritual heritage. Could that be you? For more information regarding Vocations contact 02 4979 1112 or vocations@mn.catholic.org.au.



FEAST DAYS

8 December: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

25 December: The Nativity of the Lord

26 December: Saint Stephen, the First Martyr

27 December: Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

28 December: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

29 December: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

5 January: The Epiphany of the Lord

PARISH GROUPS, TEAMS AND COUNCILS

Children's Liturgy: This is held every 9:15AM Sunday Mass at St Therese's Church New Lambton. Children between 4 (preschool) and 12 (primary school) years old are invited to attend.

Parish Finance Committee Meeting: The Committee meets on the 1st Thursday of the month from 7:00PM until 8:30PM in the Parish Hall at Lambton. Next meeting will be 5 December 2019.

Liturgy Team: The next meeting is to be advised.

New Lambton Caring Group: This group meets on the 1st Friday of every month (except January) at 10:00AM at New Lambton Parish House. The next meeting will be 6 December 2019. A 'Cards and Friendship Morning' is held on the 2nd Friday of every month (except January). The next meeting will be 13 December 2019.

Pureflame Youth: This is a High School Youth Ministry, which gathers fortnightly except school holidays, for music ministry. Enquiries: Ellen M 0407 513 813

St John's Ladies Group: This group meets fortnightly for a cuppa and chat on a Monday in Lambton Parish Centre at 10:00AM. Next gathering is Monday 2 December. Newcomers welcome.

St Vincent de Paul Society: The Waratah Conference meets every Monday at the Parish Hall Waratah from 5:30PM until 6:30PM; and at St Therese's on Thursdays at 10:30AM. New members welcome.

ROSTERS	LAMBTON	WARATAH	NEW LAMBTON	WARATAH
30 November/1 December 2019	Saturday 5:00PM	Sunday 7:30AM	Sunday 9:15AM	Sunday 5:30PM
Flowers / Sacristy	NO FLOWERS	NO FLOWERS	NO FLOWERS	
Liturgical Assistant	Joseph Patti	Tim O'Brien Pat Campbell	Stephen & Alison Morris	Graham Alexander Laurel Movigliatti
Greeters	Pam Howland & Team	Pat Campbell	Ken & Robyn Gallagher	Graham Alexander & Team
Musician	Naomi Smith Suzanne Ryan	Ann Morris	Sr Janice Duggan	Alison Llewellyn
Readers	Anne Maree Mitchell Kath Sanders	Elizabeth Buckles Joyce Norris	Julia Biggs	Dennis Carroll Helen Clough
Prayer of the Faithful	John Seskus	Teleisia Lolohea	Ben Frize	Fiona Duque
Procession of the Gifts	Volunteers	Matthew & Kristina Bobosevic	Volunteers	Maria Biruski Marianna Naalin
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Assunta Baran Cecilia Pique-Lira Gwen Fuge	Tim O'Brien Chris Capper Mary Montgomery	Anne Bergholcs Peter Dolan Angela Hall	Graham Alexander Anna Hill Laurie Movigliatti
7/8 December 2019	Saturday 5:00PM	Sunday 7:30AM	Sunday 9:15AM	Sunday 5:30PM
Flowers / Sacristy	NO FLOWERS	NO FLOWERS	NO FLOWERS	
Liturgical Assistant	Joseph Patti	Tim O'Brien Pat Campbell	Stephen & Alison Morris	Graham Alexander Laurel Movigliatti
Greeters	Pam Howland & Team	Pat Campbell	Clare Paff Derrell Ellevsen	Graham Alexander & team
Musician	Naomi Smith Suzanne Ryan	Anne Morris	Sr Janice Duggan	Marc Grimer
Readers	Leanne Skinner Margaret Wheeler	Vili Pifeleti Paul Rosser	Peter & Angelina Dolan	Anna Hill Joy Hatherall
Prayer of the Faithful	Assunta Baran	Mary Tobin	Peter Hill	Laurel Movigliatti
Procession of the Gifts	Volunteers	Paul & Sonia Charlton	Volunteers	George & Joy Hatherall
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Peter Michel Ann Gunn Mary Ann Seskus	Tim O'Brien Karina Movigliatti Mary Nesbitt	Ben Frize Joy Loas Mark Horton	Marianna Nadalin Jenny Payne Johanna Soo
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The First Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.



FIRST READING

Is 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
shall tower above the mountains
and be lifted higher than the hills.
All the nations will stream to it,
peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war.
O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)

2. It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. (R.)

3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!' (R.)

4. For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. (R.)

SECOND READING

Rom 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

