



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

♦ THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH ♦ YEAR A ♦ 29 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 [Ordinariate 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.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

All of the major themes found in today's readings highlight the relational character of family life. In Sirach some of the dynamics of family living and responsibility as exercised in the ancient world unfold before our eyes. The rewards of faithfully observing these family codes are showcased in the responsorial Psalm. Paul directs our attention to the manner of relational living to which we are summoned as members of the family of God, a manner of living that flows from the bond of perfection that unites us. The gospel narrative paints a picture of a family that follows the directives of God.



So much has been said recently about family values. But what exactly are they? The specifics of family customs and roles played within the family may be culture-bound, but it seems that the values out of which they emerge and that inform them are not. They include mutuality, respect and service between wives and husbands, between parents and children, and between the young and the old.

Mutuality, respect and service become characteristics of the Church or the ecclesial family as well. What binds the family of God together are virtues that are as relational as are the ties that bind the members of the natural family together. It may be more challenging to live out these values within the church, for those who are called to put on Christ, bearing with one another in compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience must relate in this way with people who may be strangers.

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Thursday: 9:00AM to 4:00PM

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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

End of Year Parish Office Closures: Please note that the office will be closed between Christmas Day and New Year's Day. We will reopen on Thursday 2 January 2020.

Cards and Calendars: 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.
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Christmas Appeal: Thank you to parishioners, and especially to St Therese's School, for their generous donations to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

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.

Volunteer Registrations: A reminder for those who wish to continue their ministry/ministries, and have not yet completed their Volunteer registration forms, that 31 December 2019 is the closing date to do so.

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.

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>

Life-Giving Gifts: Life-Giving Gifts are a range of gift options representing the life-changing projects Catholic Mission supports around the world. By purchasing a Life-Giving Gift, you will have an interesting and meaningful gift for your loved one, while also supporting those in need. Purchase a gift today! Freecall 1800 257 296 or visit www.catholicmission.org.au/gifts

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

Summer School is coming: A week long summer camp/retreat for young Catholics 16-35. From 13 to 19 January 2020, at the new location of Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Visit www.summerschool.org.au

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

2020 Catechists Mass: An annual celebration of the wonderful work of catechists, on Saturday 22 February at 2:00PM, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle West. Celebrate the ministry of Special Religious Education, Sacraments of Initiation, RCIA and Children's Liturgy.

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PLENARY COUNCIL

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

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: Ongami Paulo Amacha.

Anniversaries: Nia Lopez, Frank and Maria Teresa Patti, Peter and Fay Baran, Pamela Sutherland, Fr Thomas Nealon, Fr John O'Reilly, Fr James Garvey, Fr Joseph Walsh.

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: "Families are where kindness, humility, patience and thanksgiving are lived and celebrated. People cannot truly teach these qualities unless they have experienced them." A vocation is responding to the call of God. For more information regarding Vocations contact 02 4979 1112 or vocations@mn.catholic.org.au.



FEAST DAYS

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

5 Jan: The Epiphany of the Lord

2 Feb: The Presentation of the Lord

22 Feb: The chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

26 Feb: Ash Wednesday

17 Mar: Saint Patrick, Bishop

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 6 February 2020.

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 March 2020.

A 'Cards and Friendship Morning' is held on the 2nd Friday of every month (except January). The next meeting will be 13 March 2020.

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 (except January) in Lambton Parish Centre at 10:00AM. Next gathering is Monday 27 January 2020. 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
29/30 December 2019	Saturday 5:00PM	Sunday 7:30AM	Sunday 9:15AM	Sunday 5:30PM
Flowers / Sacristy	Diana Dolan	Jenny Payne	Barbara Strang	
Liturgical Assistant	Joseph Patti	Tim O'Brien Pat Campbell	Stephen & Alison Morris	Graham Alexander Laurel Movigliatti
Greeters	Pam Howland & Team	Pat Campbell	Derrell Ellevsen Meleme Horton	Graham Alexander & Team
Musician	Naomi Smith Suzanne Ryan	Judy Nolan	Sr Janice Duggan	Alison Llewellyn
Readers	Ann Gunn Pam Howland	Mary Tobin Paul Weber	Peter Hill	Joy Hatherall Laurel Movigliatti
Prayer of the Faithful	Jodie Kelly	Elizabeth Buckles	Clare Paff	Johanna Soo
Procession of the Gifts	Volunteers	Paul & Sonia Charlton	Volunteers	Johanna & Alison Soo
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Peter Michel Cecilia Pique-Lira Gwen Fuge	Chris Capper Mary Montgomery Karina Movigliatti	Duilio Rufo Margaret Shafren Barbara Strang	Marianna Nadalin Jenny Payne Johanna Soo
4/5 January 2020	Saturday 5:00PM	Sunday 7:30AM	Sunday 9:15AM	Sunday 5:30PM
Flowers / Sacristy	Diana Dolan	Monu Pifeleti	Gwen Fuge	
Liturgical Assistant	Volunteer	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	Tongan Choir	Anne Morris	Sr Janice Duggan	Alison Llewellyn
Readers	Anne Maree Mitchell Ktah Sanders	Elizabeth Buckles Joyce Norris	Julia Biggs	Dennis Carrol 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 Nadalin
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Volunteer Cecilia Pique-Lira Gwen Fuge	Tim O'Brien Chris Capper Mary Montgomery	Volunteer Peter Dolan Angela Hall	Graham Alexander Anna Hill Lauri Movigliatti
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FIRST READING

Sir 3:2-6. 12-14

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.

The Lord honours the father in his children,
and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons.
Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins,
he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune.
Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own,
he shall be heard on the day when he prays.
Long life comes to him who honours his father,
he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord.
My son, support your father in his old age,
do not grieve him during his life.
Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy,
do not despise him in your health and strength;
for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten
but will serve as reparation for your sins.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 127:1-5. R. see v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

1.O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)

2>Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. (R.)

3.Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life! (R.)

SECOND READING

Col 3:12-21

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Concerning the Christian life in the world.

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

The Word of The Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Col 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 2:13-15. 19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.'

So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: I called my son out of Egypt.

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel.

But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled:

He will be called a Nazarene.

The Gospel of the Lord.

