



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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD ◆ YEAR A ◆ 5 JANUARY 2020 ◆

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.

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Christmas season reaches an apex with the Epiphany. In some liturgical traditions, it is the central celebration of Christmas. It commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the focus is on the visit of the Magi and the implications of that visit for the glorious manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world.



There is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness. The light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace.

The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ.

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◆ PARISH AND DIOCESAN NOTICES ◆

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.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Walkers from Crossroads Australia: The annual Pro-Life walk from Brisbane to Melbourne giving witness to the dignity and sanctity of life at all stages - from conception until natural death - will be speaking after parish Masses across Newcastle, including our parish, during the weekend of the 18-19 January about the Crossroads walk, on how people can support the Crossroads mission (through prayer and financial support), and how they can help to spread the Gospel of Life and build a Culture of Life in Australia.

Thank You and Farewell to Fr Stephen
Sunday 12 January at 12:30PM
St Therese's Parish House, New Lambton
Please bring a plate.

2020 Rosters: We are endeavouring to work on new rosters for 2020. If you wish to remain on the roster please ensure your volunteer registration forms have been completed.

Volunteer Registrations: A reminder that registration is required for all volunteer positions. If you have not completed your registration, please contact the Parish Office. If you have not received a letter of confirmation, please contact the Parish Office.

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.

Post Australian Catholic Youth Festival Thank You: We are filled with not only the Holy Spirit but gratitude and humility to have been blessed with such supportive friends in this faith-faith community who have helped this wonderful faith-filled adventure become a reality for us. It was a truly invaluable experience, which will leave a lasting impact on Kathleen and myself. We look to future ministry work opportunities to glorify the Lord by what we do in our lives and by the way in which people and the people we encounter. *Please see insert for full details of parishioners Johanna and Kathleen Soo's experience at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival.*

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>

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.

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

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

Recently Deceased: Nancy Elizabeth Struck

Anniversaries: John Cartwright, Dorrie Nolan, Carl Nolan, Fr Patrick McCormack, Fr Patrick Davoren, Fr James Henneby

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: More valuable than material gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, is the invaluable gift of our lives. There is no greater gift than to lay down one's life for one's friends. For more information regarding Vocations contact 02 4979 1112 or vocations@mn.catholic.org.au.



FEAST DAYS

5 Jan: The Epiphany Of The Lord

22 Feb: The Chair of Saint Peter The Apostle

17 Mar: Saint Patrick, Bishop

19 Mar: Saint Joseph, Spouse Of The Blessed Virgin

25 Mar: The Annunciation Of The Lord

5 April: Palm Sunday Of The Passion 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 8 January 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 7 February 2020. A 'Cards and Friendship Morning' is held on the 2nd Friday of every month (except January). The next meeting will be 14 February 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 10 February 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
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
11/12 January 2020	Saturday 5:00PM	Sunday 7:30AM	Sunday 9:15AM	Sunday 5:30PM
Flowers / Sacristy	Diana Dolan	Monu Pifeleti	Ken & Robyn Gallagher	
Liturgical Assistant	Volunteer	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	Volunteer	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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FIRST READING

Is 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

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 your 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.



The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

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

1.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.)

2.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.)

3.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.)

4.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

Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

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 that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!
We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

We have come from the East to worship the king.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.