



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

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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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Ms Justine Atkinson

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The baptism of Jesus inaugurates his ministry as the anointed one of God. The passage from Isaiah indicates the kind of messiah he will be. He will not exercise harsh justice, nor will he wield the sword of vengeance on the battlefield. He will be a servant, who, though mighty is gentle; one chosen by God, yet committed to the needy and the marginal; the Son of God who attends to the least within the community. The messiah of God may have come from an insignificant village like Nazareth, but he was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power. The messiah of God does not conform to the expectations of a proud and self-absorbed society. Filled with the Spirit of God, he acts out of a gentle, compassionate spirit.



For whom did the messiah of God come? For those whom society discarded. He came for people who are broken and suffering, for those who are blind or imprisoned. He came for people who are so easily pushed to the margins – the homeless, the unemployed, the abandoned children, the helpless elderly, the mentally and chronically ill. He also came to people who, like Cornelius, do not belong to our inner circles, people who threaten us, people we might actually despise. He came for the strangers among us, those who have different cultural customs, those who worship in different ways. He came for people we have pushed out as well as for those we have refused to let in. The messiah of God came for all people without distinction.

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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

Welcome: We warmly welcome Fr Sabu Adimakiyil as our Parish Administrator. We pray that together our faith journey will continue to grow during his appointment.

Farewell: This week we farewell Fr Stephen Hill. We wish him well in his new appointment to the Ordinariate at St Joseph's Catholic Church Newtown. Our heartfelt thanks to Fr Stephen for his pastoral care, hard work and commitment to our parish family these last two years - you will be missed. A morning tea is being held today, Sunday 12 January at 12:30PM in St Therese's Parish House New Lambton. All are welcome and please bring a plate.

Congratulations: Holy Trinity Parish is Blessed to be celebrating two (2) Diamond Wedding Anniversaries. Peter and Anne Michel (9 January) and Ken and Ellen McTaggart (16 January). Both couples have been actively involved in Lambton Church and School for around fifty-five years. We offer them our best wishes and prayers.

Waratah Christmas Decorations: If anyone would like to help, the Christmas decorations will come down on Monday 13 January after 7:00AM Mass.

Christmas Offering: Thank you to all who generously contributed to the Christmas Offering envelopes which support our retired and sick clergy.

Christmas Charities: Our Christmas Day Second Collection money will soon be forwarded to charities.

Australia Day: This year Australia Day is on Sunday. Normal Sunday Mass will be celebrated on this day.

Parish Office: Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Monday 27 January due to the public holiday and will reopen on Tuesday 28 January 2020.

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.

Mary MacKillop Today Appeal: An enormous 'thank you' to the parishioners of Holy Trinity Parish, Blackbutt North, for their faith-filled support of the Parish Appeal. A very generous \$1,020.00 was raised to support the works of Mary MacKillop Today in Australia and overseas. Your support means that we can continue our community partnerships supporting men, women, children and communities with practical life skills in education, health, financial inclusion and livelihoods. We thank you for your support and mostly for your ongoing prayers. *"We must teach more by example than by word"* Mary MacKillop 1867 www.marymackilloptoday.org.au

Parish Schools: School resumes on Tuesday 28 January 2020. <https://www.mn.catholic.edu.au/schools/term-dates/>

Lenten Program: This year Lent commences with Ash Wednesday on 26 February 2020. To assist us with the ordering of booklets for groups or personal reflection please contact the Parish Office.

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.

Thank you: A special thank you to all our volunteers who continue to support the Ministry and building of our Parish Family.

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.

Invitation to Volunteer: New and current volunteers are invited to permanently fill any ministry on a rostered basis where 'Volunteer' is noted on the weekly bulletin roster.

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.

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>

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration takes place at St Philip's, 31 Vista Pde, Kotara every Sunday evening 6:00PM-7:00PM. For more information contact Wayne M 0466 631 394.

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.

Catholic Mission: 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'll 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.

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

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: Pauline Raleigh, Fr Joseph O'Donohue, Fr Patrick Healy, Fr Gerard Patrick Youll, Fr Colin Barker, Fr Thomas Cronin.

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: Baptism is the starting point; union with God is our goal. How we serve others in between is our Vocation. For more information regarding Vocations contact 02 4979 1112 or vocations@mn.catholic.org.au.



FEAST DAYS

25 Jan: The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle

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

19 Mar: Saint Joseph, Spouse Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

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 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 from 5:30PM until 6:30PM; and New Lambton Conference meets on Thursdays at 10:30AM. New members welcome.

ROSTERS	LAMBTON	WARATAH	NEW LAMBTON	WARATAH
11/12 January 2020	Saturday 5:00PM	Sunday 7:30AM	Sunday 9:15AM	Sunday 5:30PM
Flowers / Sacristy	Diana Dolan	Elizabeth Buckles	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
18/19 January 2020	Saturday 5:00PM	Sunday 7:30AM	Sunday 9:15AM	Sunday 5:30PM
Flowers / Sacristy	Diana Dolan	Teleisia Lolohea	Derrell Ellevsen	
Liturgical Assistant	Volunteer	Tim O'Brien Pat Campbell	Stephen & Alison Morris	Graham Alexander Laurel Movigliatti
Greeters	Pam Howland & Team	Pat Campbell	Melene Horton Clare Paff	Graham Alexander & team
Musician	Naomi Smith Suzanne Ryan	Judy Nolan	Bronwyn Melville & United in Song	Greg Smith
Readers	Chirs Boyle Kirsten Bui	Paul Weber Elizabeth Buckles	Noel Franks	Johanna Soo Dennis Carroll
Prayer of the Faithful	Georgia Callaghan	Teleisia Lolohea	Joy Loas	Helen Clough
Procession of the Gifts	Volunteers	Marianna Nadalin Maria Biruski	Volunteers	John and Anna Hill
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Gwen Fuge Cecilia Pique-Lira Rita Bergen	Tim O'Brien Chris Capper Mary Montgomery	Deanne March Greg Ptolemy Duiio Rufo	Graham Alexander Anna Hill Laurie Movigliatti
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FIRST READING

Is 42:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people and
light of the nations,

to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

1. O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. (R.)

2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. (R.)

3. The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever. (R.)



SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Mk 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 3:13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus was baptised, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God came upon him.

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.