



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

◆ SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ◆ YEAR A ◆ 19 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.

PARISH OFFICE

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 9:00AM to 4:00PM
Tuesday: 9:00AM to 4:00PM
Thursday: 9:00AM to 4:00PM

PARISH STAFF

Parish Administrator: Fr Sabu Adimakiyil
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Parish Secretaries: Mrs Liza Ruitenbach
Ms Justine Atkinson

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Ours is an historical religion. It not only unfolds within the joys and disappointments of time and place, but it is rooted in actual events that took place in the lives of real people. The Christ to whom we commit ourselves is not a mythic character, a figment of communal religious imagination. He is someone who was born into history, at a specific period of time, in a particular place. He was known by real people like John the Baptist; he submitted himself to historical rituals like baptism. He had followers who testified to the truth of both his existence and his life. Jesus was a man of history.



Like Paul, we too have been called to be apostles. We received this call when we were baptised. The beginning of the year, with its custom of making new resolutions, is a wonderful time to remember to what we have committed ourselves. At times it seems that our own apostleship is no less daunting than was Paul's. However, it is no less immediate either. Whether the period of history is the first half of the first century, as was the time of Jesus, or the second half, as was the time of Paul, or the twenty-first century, as is our time, salvation unfolds within the events of time. Furthermore, the followers of Jesus always return to the events of his life in order to discover the meaning of the events in their lives. These past events are reinterpreted in the ongoing present. Discipleship is never otherworldly.

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SCHOOLS

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL LAMBTON

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ST THERESE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEW LAMBTON

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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.

Congratulations: Our congratulations to Peter and Anne Michel (9 January); and Ken and Ellen McTaggart (16 January) – both couples celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversaries.

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.

Crossroads Australia Walk Cancelled: Due to the unprecedented bushfires we are seeing across our country, organisers have been forced to make the decision to cancel the annual Crossroads Pro-Life walk from Brisbane to Melbourne this year.

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. Booklets will be \$10.00 each.

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.

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

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.

DIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENTS

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

Introduction to Christian Meditation: A four week program at Living Waters, 34 Kenrick Street, The Junction, Wednesdays 6:00PM to 7:00PM, on 29 January, 5, 12 and 19 February. Early in the New Year is a good time to reassess our spiritual journey. This program provides an opportunity for those interested in finding out about Christian Meditation as a form of prayer in the contemporary world. Open to all. For more information contact Anne Kuskelly P 0407 436 808 or Eannecuskelly@hotmail.com

National Biennial Liturgy Conference: Early bird registrations close 1 February. A great formation opportunity for anyone involved in liturgy preparation and ministry. The conference is from Thursday 12 March to Saturday 14 March at Novotel, Parramatta. Visit <https://acbcagora.force.com/events/s/lt-event?id=a430K000000cObZQAU>

Lina's Project Community Gathering: The community is invited to attend a barbecue to support victims and survivors of abuse and gather in a spirit of recognition, healing and hope, on Wednesday 12 February at Toronto Multi-Purpose Centre, 9 Thorne Street, Toronto. 6:00PM screening of Lina's Project starts, barbecue from 6:30PM to 8:00PM. For catering please RSVP by 7 February, P 9479 1188 or Elinasprojecttoronto@mn.catholic.org.au

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.

Rite of Election: As a Church community we welcome those coming to faith through the celebration of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). We invite you to support and pray for our catechumens by attending the Rite of Election with them on the first Sunday of Lent, 1 March at 2:30PM, Sacred Heart Cathedral, followed by afternoon tea with Catechumens, their Sponsors and families. RSVP [E Sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:ESharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au) or P 02 4979 1134.

PLENARY COUNCIL

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

**SEE NOTICE BOARD WEEKLY FOR
NEW AND OTHER NOTICES**

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: Dinah Heaton.

Anniversaries: Stephen Stein, Daisy Isabel Connors, John Connors, Fr Joseph Kelly, Fr Thomas Purtell, Fr Patrick O'Quinlivan, Fr Rory O'Moore, Fr John Lavery, Mon Allan Hart.

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.

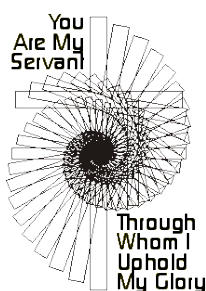
Note: Changes to the schedule may apply seasonally.

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: Isaiah's vocation was to be a light to the nations. Nations and neighbourhoods need missionaries - lay, clergy and religious. Listen to the call! For more information regarding Vocations contact vocations@mn.catholic.org.au or 4979 1112.



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 Virign 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
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 Bufe	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 Dulilio Rufo	Graham Alexander Anna Hill Laurie Movigliatti
25/26 January 2020	Saturday 5:00PM	Sunday 7:30AM	Sunday 9:15AM	Sunday 5:30PM
Flowers / Sacristy	Diana Dolan	Ann Morris	Barbara Strang	
Liturgical Assistant	Volunteer	Tim O'Brien Pat Campbell	Stephen & Alison Morris	Graham Alexander Laurel Movigliatti
Greeters	Pam Howland & Team	Pat Campbell	Derrell Ellevsen Melene Horton	Graham Alexander & team
Musician	Naomi Smith Suzanne Ryan	Judy Nolan	Bronwyn Melville & United in Song	Marc Grimer
Readers	Rita Bergin Dennis Carroll	Joyce Norris Vili Pifeleti	Ben Frize	Fiona Duque Anna Hill
Prayer of the Faithful	Emma Conserdyne	Paul Rosser	Kaylene Maretich	John Hill
Procession of the Gifts	Volunteers	Pifeleti family	Volunteers	Johanna & Alison Soo
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Mary Ann Seskus Volunteer Ann Gunn	Tim O'Brien Karina Movigliatti Mary Nesbitt	Dulilio Rufo Margaret Shafren Barbara Strang	Marianna Nadalin Jenny Payne Johanna Soo
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FIRST READING

Is 49:3. 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified';
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.
And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

**(R.) Here I am, Lord;
I come to do your will.**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. (R.)
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. (R.)
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. (R.)
4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.



SECOND READING

1 Cor 1:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 1:14. 12

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him
to become the children of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

