



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 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD ◆ YEAR A ◆ 2 FEBRUARY 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.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Traditionally this is the fortieth day of Christmas. Though the Christmas season closed with the Epiphany, the Presentation brings us back to some of the Christmas themes. The feast is on the edge, a kind of hinge between the seasons of Christmas and Lent.

The temple is not merely a building where believers gather to worship God. It is sacred because it is the dwelling place of God on earth. Therefore, the coming of God to the temple was always a time of great anticipation and excitement. It promised blessing and rejoicing.

The first reading declares that God will come to the temple in might and power. This coming will be terrifying. The sacred precincts have been desecrated and so God will come to purify it with fire and lye. This picture of purification is modified by the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews where we see that the purging and refinement are accomplished in the self-sacrifice of Christ.

It took the eyes of the old man and the faith of an old woman to recognise that the Lord had indeed come into the temple. Ritually, it was the child who was redeemed. In fact, it is the world that will be redeemed by this child. He is the light that shines in the darkness of the world; he will enlighten all people, Jew and Gentile alike. This feast shares the theme of universality so prominent on the feast of the Epiphany. The king of glory opens the portals for the entire universe to enter.

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◆ PARISH AND DIOCESAN NOTICES ◆

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to our Parish, or have changed your contact details, 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

Funeral: The funeral of John Crotty will be held 10:30AM this Tuesday 4 February at St Therese's New Lambton.

Sunshine Family Group: The Sunshine Family Group will meet at West Leagues at 10:30AM on Tuesday 4 February to organise outings, then follow with lunch.

New Lambton Community Friendship Club: Resumes Tuesday 4 February (10:00AM – 2:00PM). We have been meeting at the Uniting Church in Portland Place for 42 years. Please join us for friendship, games and entertainment. Further information phone Joy P 4952 2664.

Lenten Program: Lenten sign up sheets are at all Churches until Sunday 16 February. Please indicate whether you will be participating in a group or personal reflection. Lenten Groups will meet weekly, starting Wednesday 4 March and finishing Friday 3 April. Group meetings are scheduled for 6:30PM at the Waratah Hall Meeting Room, and 10:15AM at Parish House New Lambton. There will also be the option to meet on either Mondays or Tuesdays at 7:00PM, to be confirmed. Booklets will be \$10.00 each.

2020 Rosters: The February rosters are available from your roster contact person.

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.

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>

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 M 0407 436 808 or annecuskelly@hotmail.com

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 E.linasprojecttoronto@mn.catholic.org.au

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Introductory Course: The Hunter Centre for Clinical Pastoral Education is looking forward to offering Introductory courses (40 hours) in CPE. The first of these is at Mackillop Parish, Charlestown beginning on Monday 10 February. The course is suitable for people in any ministry training and workplace environments which seek to listen to their patients, parishioners and residents. For further information contact Fr Roger Zohrab E.roger.zohrab@hnehealth.nsw.gov.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.

Serving Communities with Courage and Compassion: A national conference for Catholic social services, from Wednesday 26 February until Friday 28 February at the Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne. The conference aims to strengthen and advance our work in Catholic social services through a shared, critical, forward-looking focus on our mission and on the key issues of the day. For details and registration visit www.css.org.au/Serving-Communities

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: The Rite of Election on Sunday 1 March is an opportunity to welcome all the catechumens who will be baptised in their parishes at the Easter Vigil. A catechumen is an unbaptised person whose search for meaning has brought them to the Catholic Church. Join the People of God in witness and prayerful support of those who choose to become Catholic at 2:30PM, Sacred Heart Cathedral Newcastle West, followed by afternoon tea. Please RSVP for catering to E.sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au P 4979 1134. Further details on noticeboard.

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: John James Crotty

Anniversaries: Marie Gardiner, Mathew Krah, John Dolan, Fr Michael John Hanrahan, Fr Robert O'Shea, Fr James Hanly, Fr John O'Connor, Fr Philip Ryan.

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: Christ is 'the light to enlighten all nations'. How are you called to help him bring that light to the world? Pray to discern your vocation. For more information regarding Vocations contact vocations@mn.catholic.org.au or 4979 1112.



FEAST DAYS

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

25 Mar: The Annunciation of the Lord

5 Apr: Palm Sunday

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
1/2 February 2020	Saturday 5:00PM	Sunday 7:30AM	Sunday 9:15AM	Sunday 5:30PM
Flowers / Sacristy	Diana Dolan	Jenny Payne	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	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	Kirsten Bufi Volunteer	Matthew & Kristina Bobosevic	Volunteers	Maria Biruski Marianna Nadalin
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Assunta Baran Rita Bergen Volunteer	Tim O'Brien Chris Capper Mary Montgomery	Volunteer Peter Dolan Angela Hall	Graham Alexander Anna Hill Laurie Movigliatti
8/9 February 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	Derrell Ellevsen Melene Horton	Graham Alexander & team
Musician	Naomi Smith Suzanne Ryan	Anne Morris	Sr Janice Duggan	Marc Grimer
Readers	Teighan McKinnon Peter Michel	Teleisia Lolohea Joyce Norris	Joy Loas	Dennis Carroll Helen Clough
Prayer of the Faithful	Rachael Miller	Vili Pifeleti	Carmel Smart	Fiona Duque
Procession of the Gifts	Volunteers	Paul & Sonia Charlton	Volunteers	George & Joy Hatherall
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Gwen Fuge Mary Ann Seskus Volunteer	Tim O'Brien Karina Movigliatti Mary Nesbitt	Ben Frize Angela Hall Mark Horton	Marianna Nadalin Jenny Payne Johanna Soo
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◆ THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD ◆ YEAR A ◆

FIRST READING

Mal 3:1-4

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 23:7-10. R. v.10

(R.) Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

1. O gates, lift up your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! (R.)

2. Who is the king of glory?
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,
the Lord, the valiant in war. (R.)

3. O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! (R.)

4. Who is he, the king of glory?
He, the Lord of armies,
he is the king of glory. (R.)

SECOND READING

Heb 2:14-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

He had to be made like us in all things.

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 2:22-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

My eyes have seen your saving power.

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God, and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace,
just as you promised;
because my eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared for all the nations to see,
a light to enlighten the pagans
and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord.