



# 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

## ◆ SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ◆ YEAR A ◆ 16 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 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month.

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

#### Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Jesus continues to instruct the disciples in the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. The readings for today focus our attention on the nature of true wisdom. It is this true wisdom which prompts us to choose the right course of action. It is true wisdom that directs us in our interpretation of the law.

The longer we live, the more we realise that life experiences open up for us a series of choices. With these choices we chart the path that we will take. Circumstances might be thrust on us, but we can still make choices about how we will deal with them. Obedient people do what they are told; wise people choose what good they will do. True wisdom calls us to choose life and whatever enhances life. If we are truly wise, we will come to realise that what was acceptable and life-enhancing in one situation may not be appropriate in another. Life is fluid, and our thinking and acting must be flexible enough to adapt when necessary.

True wisdom, which comes to us through the Spirit, will enrich us with insight into life in ways we never thought possible. We will realise where and how we fit into the vast and interrelated ecosystems of the universe, and we will be overawed with the majesty and intricacy of its workings. We will understand once and for all that the value of anything is determined by its capacity to enrich life, and we will commit ourselves to and cherish every manifestation of that life.

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#### OFFICE HOURS

**Monday:** 9:00AM to 4:00PM  
**Tuesday:** 9:00AM to 3:30PM  
**Thursday:** 9:00AM to 4:00PM

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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

**Parish Liturgy Team:** A meeting will be held at New Lambton Parish House on Tuesday 25 February from 4:30PM to 6:00PM.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Our newly appointed Pastoral Council members are invited to an informal meeting will be held at New Lambton Parish House on Tuesday 25 February from 6:00PM to 7:30PM. Please bring your copy of the Pastoral Council Statutes.

**Bus Trip:** If you are interested in joining a group of parishioners on a bus trip to St Patricks Church East Gosford on Sunday 8 March from 1:00PM till 3:30PM to visit the RELICS OF ST THERESE OF LISIEUX and her parents, Saints Louis and Zelie, please contact Alison on 4952 7302.

**Shrove Tuesday:** Please join us on Tuesday 25 February for 7:00AM Mass at St Therese's Church New Lambton and afterwards for pancakes. All welcome.

#### Ash Wednesday Mass Times

Wednesday 26 February: 7:00AM Lambton  
12:00PM Waratah  
7:00PM New Lambton



**Lenten Program:** As the main celebration of the Christian year approaches, Lent is a time of penance, the chance to change and dedicate ourselves again to the new life that Easter brings. From Wednesday 4 March until Friday 3 April, the parish is offering an opportunity to take time to study the Word of God and personally and communally reflect on your life according to the life of Jesus. This is done in a small group situation, where people come together in prayer and reflection. These meet on Wednesday 6:30PM at the Waratah Hall Meeting Room, and Friday 10:15AM at Parish House New Lambton, with another opportunity on Mondays or Tuesdays at 7:00PM if the demand arises. Sign up sheets are in the foyers of each church until Sunday 23 February. Booklets are \$10.00 each.

**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.

**Mercy Mission:** Please collect and deposit your used postage stamps in the box provided in the foyer of St Therese's Church New Lambton.

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

**Baptism:** Flyers are available from Church entrances.

### DIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENTS

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

**Ordination:** The Ordination of Deacon Graham Fullick will be celebrated on Saturday 22 February 2020 at 10:00AM in the Sacred Heart Cathedral Newcastle West. All welcome.

**Cathedral Choir:** An invitation is extended to singers of all types to join the Cathedral Choir for when the Church of Maitland-Newcastle gathers for significant liturgical events. Members from the whole diocese who would like to be part of the choir for any or all events should contact Sharon Murphy as soon as possible, P 4979 1134 or E [sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au). We are taking names now for the Project Compassion liturgy choir on 25 February.

**Caritas Project Compassion:** All are invited to celebrate the launch of Project Compassion 2020 on Tuesday 25 February from 10:30AM until 12:30PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 841 Hunter Street Newcastle West. Bishop William (Bill) Wright will be presiding. Followed by pancakes in the Victor Peters Suite.

**Sacred @ Seven:** The next Sacred@Seven will be held on Wednesday 26 February 2020 from 7:00PM until 8:00PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral 841 Hunter Street Newcastle West.

**Christian Meditation:** Stilling the Mind in Meditation. This morning will focus on managing distractions and on preparing for meditation, on Saturday 7 March from 9:30AM until 12:00PM at Chapel of Newcastle Parish Centre, 25 Farquhar Street, The Junction (via laneway). Morning tea provided. RSVP E [annecuskelly@hotmail.com](mailto:annecuskelly@hotmail.com) or P 0407 436 808. Cost \$5.00.

**Change of Date for 2020 Catechists Mass:** Please note that the annual Catechist Mass has been rescheduled for Saturday 21 March from 2:00PM, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle West. Celebrate the ministry of Special Religious Education, Sacraments of Initiation, RCIA and Children's Liturgy.

**Christian Formation Course:** This year's Christian Formation Course will be held at Catholic Care Mayfield and Corcoran Centre Morpeth, starting 28 April 6:00PM to 9:00PM and 29 April 9:30AM to 12:30PM respectively. For information see notice at back of church or contact Jenny, P 4979 1334 or E [jenny.harris@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:jenny.harris@mn.catholic.org.au).

**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. Further details on noticeboard. Please RSVP for catering to P 4979 1134 or E [sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au).

### 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:** Robert Mahoney, Peter David Ryan.

**Anniversaries:** Kathleen & Jack Carmody, Patricia Taylor, Ned Devine, Ray Smith, Fr Thomas Mulcahy, Fr John Lynch, Fr James Meagher, Fr John Curran, Fr Edward Jordan, Fr Patrick Corcoran.

*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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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:** God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began. Some people he predestines to be priests or religious – might you be one of them? Listen to the call! For more information regarding Vocations contact 02 4979 1112 or vocations@mn.catholic.org.au .



## 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.

**Liturgy Team:** The next meeting will be held at New Lambton Parish House on Tuesday 25 February 2020 from 4:30PM to 6:00PM.

**New Lambton Caring Group:** This group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month (except January). The next meeting will be 13 March 2020.

**Parish Finance Committee Meeting:** The Committee meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month from 7:00PM until 8:30PM in the Parish Hall at Lambton. Next meeting will be 5 March 2020.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** An informal meeting will be held at New Lambton Parish House on Tuesday 25 February 2020 from 6:00PM to 7:30PM.

**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 24 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
<b>15/16 February 2020</b>	<b>Saturday 5:00PM</b>	<b>Sunday 7:30AM</b>	<b>Sunday 9:15AM</b>	<b>Sunday 5:30PM</b>
<b>Flowers / Sacristy</b>	Diana Dolan	Elizabeth Buckles	Derrell Ellevsen	
<b>Liturgical Assistant</b>	Volunteer	Tim O'Brien   Pat Campbell	Stephen & Alison Morris	Graham Alexander   Laurel Movigliatti
<b>Greeters</b>	Pam Howland & Team	Pat Campbell	Melene Horton   Clare Paff	Graham Alexander & team
<b>Musician</b>	Naomi Smith   Suzanne Ryan	Judy Nolan	Bronwyn Melville & United in Song	Greg Smith
<b>Readers</b>	Anne Maree Mitchell   Kath Sanders	Paul Rosser   Mary Tobin	Kaylene Maretich	Joy Hatherall   Anna Hill
<b>Prayer of the Faithful</b>	John Seskus	Paul Weber	Sr Maureen Torpey	John Hill
<b>Procession of the Gifts</b>	Teighan McKinnon   Volunteer	Mariana Nadalin   Maria Biruski	Volunteers	Johanna & Alison Soo
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Ann Gunn Peter Muchel Volunteer	Tim O'Brien Chris Capper Mary Montgomery	Joy Loas Deanne March Greg Ptolemy	Graham Alexander Anna Hill Laurie Movigliatti
<b>22/23 February 2020</b>	<b>Saturday 5:00PM</b>	<b>Sunday 7:30AM</b>	<b>Sunday 9:15AM</b>	<b>Sunday 5:30PM</b>
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<b>Greeters</b>	Pam Howland & Team	Pat Campbell	Clare Paff   Derrell Ellevsen	Graham Alexander & team
<b>Musician</b>	Naomi Smith   Suzanne Ryan	Judy Nolan	Bronwyn Melville & United in Song	Marc Grimer
<b>Readers</b>	Volunteer   Carmel Smart	Elizabeth Buckles   Joyce Norris	Clare Paff	Laurel Movigliatti   Johanna Soo
<b>Prayer of the Faithful</b>	Margaret Wheeler	Teleisia Lolohea	Margaret Abdo	Dennis Carroll
<b>Procession of the Gifts</b>	Rachel Miller   Volunteer	Pifeleti family	Volunteers	John & Anna Hill
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Cecilia Pique-Lira Mary Ann Seskus Volunteer	Tim O'Brien Karina Movigliatti Mary Nesbitt	Duilio Rufo Margaret Shafren Barbara Strang	Marianna Nadalin Jenny Payne Johanna Soo
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**FIRST READING**

Sir 15:15-20

**A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus**  
*He never commanded anyone to be godless.*

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,  
 to behave faithfully is within your power.  
 He has set fire and water before you;  
 put out your hand to whichever you prefer.  
 Man has life and death before him;  
 whichever a man likes better will be given him.  
 For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;  
 he is almighty and all-seeing.  
 His eyes are on those who fear him,  
 he notes every action of man.  
 He never commanded anyone to be godless,  
 he has given no one permission to sin.

The Word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1

**(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

1. They are happy whose life is blameless,  
 who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will,  
 seeking him with all their hearts. (R.)

2. You have laid down your precepts  
 to be obeyed with care.

May my footsteps be firm  
 to obey your statutes. (R.)

3. Bless your servant and I shall live  
 and obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may consider  
 the wonders of your law. (R.)

4. Teach me the demands of your statutes  
 and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law,  
 to keep it with my heart. (R.)

**SECOND READING**

1 Cor 2:6-10

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

*God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.*

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity:  
 not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of  
 our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of  
 God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God  
 predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a  
 wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known,  
 or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach  
 what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear  
 has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has  
 prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through  
 the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even  
 the depths of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
 you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.  
 Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Mt 5:17-37

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**  
*Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to  
 abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish  
 them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and  
 earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear  
 from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man  
 who infringes even one of the least of these commandments  
 and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least  
 in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and  
 teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of  
 heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the  
 scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of  
 heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not  
 kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the  
 court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his  
 brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his  
 brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if  
 a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So  
 then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there  
 remember that your brother has something against you, leave  
 your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with  
 your brother first, and then come back and present your  
 offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while  
 you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand  
 you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will  
 be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out  
 until you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit  
 adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman  
 lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his  
 heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and  
 throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of  
 you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your  
 right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away;  
 for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have  
 your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give  
 her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who  
 divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her  
 an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman  
 commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You  
 must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord.  
 But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven,  
 since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his  
 footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great  
 king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot  
 turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you  
 mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes  
 from the evil one.'