



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

◆ SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ◆ YEAR A ◆ 23 FEBRUARY 2020 ◆

THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday: 7:00AM Waratah
Tuesday: 7:00AM New Lambton
Wednesday: 7:00AM Lambton **Ash Wednesday**
 12:00PM Waratah **Ash Wednesday**
 7:00PM New Lambton **Ash Wednesday**
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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OFFICE HOURS

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

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

At times it seems we have rewritten the 'Golden Rule' to say: Do unto others before they can do unto you! In saying this we are not encouraging each other to do good, but to be defensive. Jesus tells us to go the extra mile, turn the other cheek, outdo ourselves in generosity and rise above the fray. He is not suggesting that we allow ourselves to be abused, but that we not perpetuate the antagonism out of which the mistreatment arose. He is not advocating passivity, but he is saying that we should not retaliate. Jesus is describing what we today would call active non-resistance, the attitude taught by Gandhi and Martin Luther King.



We are familiar with the answer to the question: Who is my neighbour? We usually interpret it to mean those we do not particularly like. It is important to love them, to be kind to them, to help them when they are in need. But these are not the people whom Jesus is talking about in today's reading. He tells us that the neighbours whom we are to love are those people who do not like us. We are to love those who deliberately exclude us from their social circles, who talk about us behind our backs. We are to love those who make us feel that we are not good enough for them, those who resent us for our accomplishments. We are to love those who exploit us or do us harm. This is indeed a radical teaching.

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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.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Go Further Together". Your generosity will assist some of the world's most vulnerable communities to lift themselves out of poverty. When we Go Further Together in love and compassion, the whole world thrives.

You can donate through Parish boxes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.

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 to 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.

Palms: If you have palms from last year that can be prepared and used on Ash Wednesday; please bring them to the Parish Office on Monday 24 February 2020.

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



The Rules of Lent for the Australian Church:

Lent begins this coming Wednesday. The Church affords us a positive period of forty (40) days of spiritual renewal.

- **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are days of fast and abstinence. The law of **fasting** binds those who have completed their eighteenth (18th) year, until the beginning of their sixtieth (60th) year; the law of **abstinence** binds those who have completed their fourteenth (14th) year (CCL 97, 1251-52).
- **Lent** is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others, in this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter.
- **Catholics** are obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year, in Australia and New Zealand between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.
- From Ash Wednesday, Ordinary Time is interrupted until after Easter Time.

Stations of the Cross: During Lent, Stations of the Cross, will be held every Friday evening at Corpus Christi Church Waratah at 6:00PM. All are welcome.

Lenten Program: Our Lenten Program will be held weekly commencing after the First Sunday of Lent as follows:

- Wednesday 4 March at 6:30PM in the Waratah Hall
- Friday 6 March at 10:15AM in the New Lambton Church

Books are available from the Parish Office or at your session.

World Day of Prayer: This is a global ecumenical movement celebrated annually on the first Friday in March; led by Christian women who welcome all to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. This year we pray for Zimbabwe and our local community gathering will be at All Saints Anglican Church cnr Regent Street and St James Road New Lambton Friday 6 March at 10:00AM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Family Mass: A family Mass will be held at ST John's Lambton on Saturday 7 March 2020.

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 Zelig, please contact Alison on 4952 7302.

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>

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 or P 0407 436 808. Cost \$5.00.

Leading for Mission ~ Faith and Formation in the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese: An information session will be held on Tuesday 10 March from 5:00PM to 6:30PM in the Toohey Room 841 Hunter Street Newcastle. RSVP 6 March. Enquiries E jenny.harris@mn.catholic.org.au

Rite of Election: Join the People of God in witness and prayerful support of those who choose to become Catholic on Sunday 1 March 2020 at 2:30PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral Newcastle West, followed by afternoon tea. RSVP E sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au

Magdalene Award Presentation: Mass will be celebrated by Bishop William (Bill) Wright at 9:30AM on Sunday 8 March 2020 at Sacred Heart Cathedral followed by light refreshments in the Davis Courtyard. RSVP E helene.oneill@mn.catholic.org.au by 28 February.

2020 Catechist Mass: The annual celebration of the wonderful work of catechists will be held on Saturday 21 March at 2:00PM, Sacred Heart Cathedral Newcastle West. Celebrate the ministry of Special Religious Education, Sacraments of Initiation, RCIA and Children's Liturgy.

Activ8 Youth – Concert with Fr Rob Galea: A concert will be held 31 March at 6:30PM – 8:00PM at All Saints College, St Mary's Campus, 16 Grant Street Maitland. Cost is \$13. For tickets go to Eventbrite.com and type 'Activ8 Youth – Concert with Fr Rob Galea'. For more information about Fr Rob see www.frgministry.com/

Christian Formation Course: This is a face-to-face learning experience of twelve (12) months duration with eight (8) units each of five (5) weeks – two (2) units in each school term. The course introduces participants to scripture, theology, church history, sacramental life and spirituality. Course Sessions will be run at CatholicCare Mayfield on Tuesday evenings (commencing 28 April) from 6:00PM to 9:00PM and Corcoran Centre Morpeth on Wednesday mornings (commencing 29 April) from 9:30AM to 12:30PM. See notice board for further information or P 02 4979 1334 or E jenny.harris@mn.catholic.org.au.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration at St Philip's Church Kotara every Sunday evening 6:00PM-7:00PM.

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: John Benson, Campofranco Michele, Maisie Winborne, Robert Mahoney.

Anniversaries: Frank and Maria Patti, Peter and Fay Baran, Ed, May and Allen Forbes, Victor Morris, Donald John Norris, John Andrew Norris, Fr Hugh Cullen, Fr Peter Cogan, Fr Barry O'Hearn, Fr Hugh O'Neill.

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: We read in Leviticus: "You must love your neighbour, as yourself!" Some are being called to love their neighbour as a priest or religious. Pray that many will answer the call to love. For more information regarding Vocations contact 02 4979 1112 or vocations@mn.catholic.org.au .



FEAST DAYS

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 of the Passion of the Lord

9 Apr: Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper

10 Apr: Good Friday – Celebration of the Lord's Passion

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 1st 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 2nd Friday of every month (except January). The next meeting will be 13 March 2020.

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 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 |
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| 22/23 February 2020 | Saturday 5:00PM | Sunday 7:30AM | Sunday 9:15AM | Sunday 5:30PM |
| Flowers / Sacristy | Diana Dolan | Teleisia Lolohea | Barbara Strang | |
| Liturgical Assistant | Volunteer | Tim O'Brien Pat Campbell | Stephen & Alison Morris | Graham Alexander Laurel Movigliatti |
| Greeters | Pam Howland & Team | Pat Campbell | Clare Paff Derrell Ellefsen | Graham Alexander & team |
| Musician | Naomi Smith Suzanne Ryan | Judy Nolan | Bronwyn Melville & United in Song | Marc Grimer |
| Readers | Volunteer Carmel Smart | Elizabeth Buckles Joyce Norris | Clare Paff | Laurel Movigliatti Johanna Soo |
| Prayer of the Faithful | Margaret Wheeler | Teleisia Lolohea | Margaret Abdo | Dennis Carroll |
| Procession of the Gifts | Rachel Miller Volunteer | Pifeleti family | Volunteers | John & Anna Hill |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | 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 |
| 29 February / 1 March 2020 | Saturday 5:00PM | Sunday 7:30AM | Sunday 9:15AM | Sunday 5:30PM |
| Flowers / Sacristy | LENT – No Flowers | LENT – No Flowers | LENT – No Flowers | |
| 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 | Assunta Baran Rita Bergin | Vili Pifeleti Paul Rosser | Carmel Smart | Helen Clough Fiona Duque |
| Prayer of the Faithful | Chris Boyle | Mary Tobin | Ben Aranha | Joy Hatherall |
| Procession of the Gifts | Kirsten Bui Volunteer | Matthew & Kristina Bobosevic | Volunteers | Maria Biruski Marianna Nadalin |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Assunta Baran Rita Bergin Volunteer | Tim O'Brien Chris Capper Mary Montgomery | Anne Bergholcs Diana Dolan Peter Dolan | Graham Alexander Anna Hill Laurie Movigliatti |
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FIRST READING

Lv 19:1-2. 17-18

A reading from the book of Leviticus
You must love your neighbour, as yourself.

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord." '

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
 all my being, bless his holy name.
 My soul, give thanks to the Lord
 and never forget all his blessings. (R.)

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
 who heals every one of your ills,
 who redeems your life from the grave,
 who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)

3. The Lord is compassion and love,
 slow to anger and rich in mercy.
 He does not treat us according to our sins
 nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)

4. As far as the east is from the west
 so far does he remove our sins.
 As a father has compassion on his sons,
 the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)



SECOND READING

1 Cor 3:16-23

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

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Jn 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
 grows perfect in the love of God.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 5:38-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Love your enemies.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.