



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

◆ FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT ◆ YEAR A ◆ 1 MARCH 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

NOTE: Weekday Masses on Public Holidays will be at 9:00AM.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday:	5:00PM Lambton [Family Mass]
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.

ANOINTING MASSES

- 1st Wednesday of the month: 9:30AM St Martin de Porres Waratah
- 2nd Tuesday of the month: 9:30AM St John's Villa Nursing Home New Lambton
- 3rd Wednesday of the month: 10:30AM Tinonee Gardens Waratah
- 4th Wednesday of the month: 10:30AM Bupa Aged Care Waratah
- 4th Thursday of the month: 10:00AM Maroba Waratah

NOTE: All Anointing Masses are subject to nursing home operational requirements.

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OFFICE HOURS

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

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Parish Secretaries:	Mrs Liza Ruitenbach
	Mrs Justine Atkinson

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings for the First Sunday of Lent act as a kind of overture to the entire season. They enable us to engage in a double confession: a confession of sin and the repentance which follows; and a confession of praise for the mercy of God which is shown us in spite of our sin.



The very first reading reminds us of our fragility. We are made of the dust of the ground, the very stuff that represents death and decay. We were reminded of this when ashes were used to sign us on Ash Wednesday. At the beginning of Lent we are invited to acknowledge honestly and realistically our fundamental human weakness.

Despite our weaknesses, the situation within which we find ourselves is not hopeless. Somewhere deep within ourselves we know that we are not helpless prisoners of our limitations. God has not deserted us to our guilt. The form that God's compassion takes is outlined in the reading from Romans. It is in the death and resurrection of Jesus that we see the extent of this divine compassion. Its scope is first measured by the yardstick of human sinfulness, and then it outstrips those dimensions. God's gracious gift far exceeds the effects of human transgression.

The gospel reading moves us from both the anthropological and the theological considerations to the crowning Christological reflections. As we look to Jesus, we see humanity at its best, tempted but not overcome. There will certainly always be human limitations, human weaknesses that will open the door to temptation. But Jesus shows us that we are not thereby doomed. Jesus is a model for our own journey to new life.

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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

Indigenous minorities in the Philippines face regular discrimination and disadvantage. Manide woman, Shirley faced challenges supporting her children and sending them to school. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley's life has been transformed. Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help people like Shirley, and her children gain confidence and respect within their community. Let's Go Further, Together.

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

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Welcome: A belated welcome to Fr Camillus Nwahia as our new Assistant Parish Priest. We warmly welcome him and pray that together our faith journey will continue to grow during his appointment.

Parish Office Hours: Please note that the Parish Office will be closed this Tuesday 3 March.

Family Mass: Students from St John's will be celebrating Family Mass at Lambton on Saturday 7 March at 5:00PM. All welcome.

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

- Wednesday 13 March at 6:30PM in the Waratah Hall
- Friday 15 March at 10:15AM in the New Lambton Church

Booklets are now available for \$10.00 each and payment can be made directly to the facilitator or at the Parish Office during business hours.

Anointing Masses: Please note that as of March our Anointing Masses will be celebrated as noted on page one (1) of the bulletin.

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 10:30AM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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 P 02 4952 7302.

Sunshine Family Group: The group will dine at the Mark Hotel on Friday 13 March at 12:00PM. Contact Brenda P 02 4957 7025.

St Patrick's Day Lunch: Cancer Carers will hold a lunch on Tuesday 17 March at MexClub (Mayfield Ex-Services Club) 58 Hanbury Street Mayfield, arrive 11:30AM for 12:00PM start. Cost \$45.00 per person. Please RSVP by Monday 9 March to Evelyn P 02 4954 0535, or Jan P 02 4943 6972. Cancellations after RSVP date must be paid in full, sorry.

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 Thereses Church New Lambton.

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

Baptism and Marriage Bookings: Please note that all bookings can only be made through the Parish Office.

Notices: If you wish to add a notice to the bulletin and / or Church notice boards please contact the Parish Office and NOT the Presbyteries. *See below for further information.*

DIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENTS

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

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.

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.

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

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. *See Noticeboard.*

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 St 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. For more information contact Wayne M 0466 631 394.

PLENARY COUNCIL

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

Church Notice Boards: If you wish to place a notice on the church notice boards please contact the Parish Office.

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.

Mobile Phones: For the convenience of all kindly turn off your mobile phones before entering the Church.

WE REMEMBER

Please Pray for:

Sick: Michael Payne, Gerard Harvey, Fred Stanwell, Sheila Bell, Robert Watson, Paul Mowbray, Maureen Ashlett, Gary Herschel, Shelley Smith.
Recently Deceased: Elizabeth Szumska, Patricia Harvey, Dorothy McMahon, John Benson, Campofranco Michele, Maisie Winborne.

Anniversaries: John Augustine Tobin, Joyce Margaret Tobin, Campofranco Marco, Constantino Fancesca, Fr John Kavanagh, Bishop Edmund Gleeson, Fr John O'Flynn.

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: Lent is a season of renewal, of spiritual growth. These forty penitential days invite us to strive for our true calling. For more information regarding Vocations contact 02 4979 1112 or vocations@mn.catholic.org.au .



A Single Righteous Act Brought All Acquittal

FEAST DAYS

- 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 Thursday 12 March 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: The Council now meets on the 4th Tuesday, every two months. The next meeting will be held at New Lambton Parish House on Tuesday 28 April 2020 from 5:30PM to 7:00PM.

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 9 March 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
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 Bufi 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
7/8 March 2020	Saturday 5:00PM	Sunday 7:30AM	Sunday 9:15AM	Sunday 5:30PM
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FIRST READING

Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3

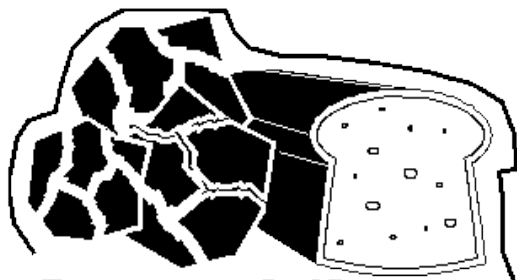
(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)

2. My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. (R.)

3. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)

4. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. (R.)



Command these
Stones

SECOND READING

Rom 5:12-19

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Mt 4:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,
and they will support you on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.