



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 OF LENT ◆ YEAR A ◆ 8 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
Sunday: 7:30AM Waratah
9:15AM New Lambton [Family Mass]
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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Ms Justine Atkinson

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The blessings upon which we meditate today are undeserved gifts from God. They were not earned. The graciousness of God transforms us in such a way as to effect new beginnings. It can be seen in the promises made to Abram. He leaves the past behind and moves into a new future. It can be seen in the psalm response. The Lord delivers us from death and inspires us to look to the future. It can be seen in the reading from 2 Timothy. Through Christ Jesus we are called to a new life of holiness; we escape the fetters of death and are brought into the freedom of the resurrection. We see it in the gospel, a glimpse into the future glory of Jesus which, through grace, we will be able to share. Lent is a time of new beginnings which find their origin in the abundant blessings of God.



The ultimate blessing of God is Jesus himself. As Abram was called to be the source of blessing for all others, as Peter, James and John were chosen to witness the transfiguration of Jesus, so today we too are invited to look to Jesus for inspiration during this holy season. Paul speaks of the salvation that Jesus brings as having come, not because of any works of righteousness that we might have performed, but because of the grace of God. Once again the Lenten readings focus on the merciful action of God in our lives, and in the end they point to Jesus.

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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

Twenty-seven-year-old Phany was a struggling farmer and was forced to leave her daughter to take up construction work in the city. Her life has been transformed since joining a Caritas supported program, learning crop growing skills and better water management, to combat drought. Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help mothers like Phany continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families. 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

Family Mass: Today (Saturday) we welcome our students and families of St John's. Next week we welcome students and families from St Therese's at New Lambton on Sunday 15 March at 9:15AM.

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:

- Wednesdays at 6:30PM in the Waratah Hall
- Fridays 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.

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

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Our Parish Second Rite of Reconciliation with Individual Confession and Absolution will be held on:

- Tuesday 31 March at St Therese's Church New Lambton at 7:00PM
- Wednesday 1 April at Corpus Christi Church Waratah at 7:00PM

Easter Rosters: Sign up sheets are now available at each church. If you are a registered volunteer and can assist please add your name to the relevant ministry and Mass by 29 March 2020.

Easter Sunday: Please note below Mass times on Easter Sunday – Lambton 9:30AM and no Sunday evening Mass at Waratah. Anyone wishing to be rostered on 9:30AM at Lambton please contact Ann Gunn.

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 Therese's 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>

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/>

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TIME TABLE

DAY	DATE	MASS	CHURCH	TIME
Tuesday	31 March	Second Rite Reconciliation	St Therese's New Lambton	7:00PM
Wednesday	1 April	Second Rite Reconciliation	Corpus Christi Waratah	7:00PM
Sunday	5 April	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	As per normal weekend Mass	As per normal weekend Mass
Tuesday	7 April	Chrism Mass – Mass of the Oils	SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL	7:00PM
Thursday	9 April	Holy Thursday	St Therese's New Lambton	7:00PM
Friday	10 April	Good Friday Stations of the Cross	Corpus Christi Waratah	9:00AM
Friday	10 April	Good Friday Passion	St Therese's New Lambton	3:00PM
Saturday	11 April	Holy Saturday	St Therese's New Lambton	6:30PM
Sunday	12 April	Easter Sunday	Corpus Christi Waratah	7:30AM
Sunday	12 April	Easter Sunday	St John the Evangelist Lambton	9:30AM
Sunday	12 April	Easter Sunday	PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS	

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: Bernadette Coffey, Michael Payne, Gerard Harvey, Fred Stanwell, Sheila Bell, Robert Watson, Paul Mowbray, Maureen Ashlett, Gary Herschel, Shelley Smith.

Recently Deceased: Richard Johnson, Stephen Mulcahy, Elizabeth Szumska, Patricia Harvey, Dorothy McMahon.

Anniversaries: Pauline Watts, Campofranco Sebastiano, Gary Wormald, Patricia Franks, Moya Cole, Sr Bernadette Franks RSM, Fr Patrick Carey, Fr Florence McAuliffe, Fr Harry Cressy

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: The Lord called Abram to go forth to a new land and begin a new nation. There's no telling what we can become by responding to the Lord's invitation to us. For more information regarding Vocations contact 02 4979 1112 or vocations@mn.catholic.org.au



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
- 25 Apr: ANZAC Day

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 3 April 2020. A 'Cards and Friendship Morning' is held on the 2nd Friday of every month (except January). The next meeting will be 10 April 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 2 April 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 23 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
7/8 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	LENT – No Flowers
Liturgical Assistant	Volunteer	Tim O'Brien Pat Campbell	Stephen & Alison Morris	Graham Alexander Laurel Movigliatti
Greeters	Pam Howland & Team	Pat Campbell	Derrell Ellefsen Melene Horton	Graham Alexander & Team
Musician	Naomi Smith Suzanna Ryan	Anne Morris	Sr Janice Duggan	Marc Grimer
Readers	St John's Students	Paul Weber Elizabeth Buckles	Sr Maureen Torpey	Anna Hill John Hill
Prayer of the Faithful	St John's Students	Tleisia Lolohea	Anne Bergholcs	Laurel Movigliatti
Procession of the Gifts	St John's Students	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
14/15 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	LENT – No Flowers
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 Suzanna Ryan	Judy Nolan	Bronwyn Melville & United in Song	Greg Smith
Readers	Emma Conserdyne Ann Gunn	Joyce Norris Vili Pifeleti	St Therese's Students	Johanna Soo Dennis Carroll
Prayer of the Faithful	Pam Howland	Paul Rosser	St Therese's Students	Helen Clough
Procession of the Gifts	Teighan McKinnon Volunteer	Marianna Nadalin & Maria Biruski	St Therese's Students	Johanna & Alison Soo
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ann Gunn Peter Michel Volunteer	Tim O'Brien Chris Capper Mary Montgomery	Joy Loas Deanne March Greg Ptolemy	Graham Alexander Anna Hill Laurel Movigliatti
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FIRST READING

Gen 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

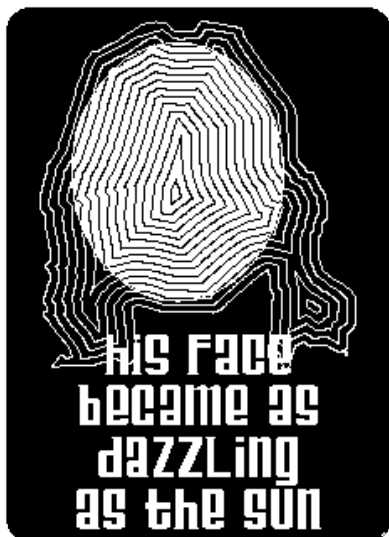
The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)



SECOND READING

2 Tm 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Mt 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.