



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

◆ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT ◆ YEAR A ◆ 15 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
11:00AM Lambton [Ordinate 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.

PARISH OFFICE

Street Address: 58 Victoria Street
NEW LAMBTON NSW 2305
Phone: 02 4979 1365
Email: triparish@mn.catholic.org.au
Website: www.holytrinityblackbutt.org.au
Facebook: www.facebook.com/holytrinityblackbuttnorth

OFFICE HOURS

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

PARISH STAFF

Parish Administrator: Fr Sabu Adimakiyil
Lambton Presbytery: 02 4956 1953
Email: sabu.adimakiyil@mn.catholic.org.au

Assistant Priest: Fr Camillus Nwahia
Shortland Presbytery: 02 4955 9575
0469 829 125
Email: camillus.nwahia@mn.catholic.org.au

Parish Secretaries: Mrs Liza Ruitenbach
Ms Justine Atkinson

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

All people thirst for meaning, but of what does that meaning consist? The people in the desert thirsted for water, but they misunderstood their thirst. The woman of Samaria thirsted. Her conversation with Jesus showed that she thirsted for understanding and insight as well as water. For what do we thirst in this world of such great excess and unmeasured need? Life has not become simpler with all of our advances. We still thirst for more – for the newest, the fastest and the best. How much is enough, and when do we cross the line into 'too much'?



The gospel readings for the scrutiny Sundays very clearly lay out the choices that are placed before the catechumens and the rest of the believing community as well. This Sunday it is between water that quenches thirst and water that does not. Jesus identifies himself as the source of water that guarantees eternal life. He places before the Samaritan woman a choice that requires a step of profound faith. She knows the thirst-quenching quality of the water from Jacob's well, but she is not acquainted with the water promised by this stranger who is also an enemy of her people. The choice is not an obvious one. A similar choice is placed before us. We know the demands of our culture and the circumstances of our lives. Are we able to acknowledge the sins of which we are guilty, recognise the grace that is being offered to us, and make the right choice?

© Dianne Bergant CSA

SCHOOLS

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL LAMBTON

Principal: Ms Annie Duggan
Street Address: Dickson Street LAMBTON NSW 2299
Postal Address: PO Box 8 LAMBTON NSW 2299
Phone: 02 4952 1423
Email: admin@lambton.catholic.edu.au
Website: www.lambton.catholic.edu.au

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL WARATAH

Principal: Ms Julie Mulhearn
Street Address: Platt Street WARATAH 2298
Postal Address: PO Box 63 WARATAH 2298
Phone / Fax: 02 4968 3220 / 02 4968 3833
Email: admin@waratah.catholic.edu.au
Website: www.waratah.catholic.edu.au

ST THERESE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEW LAMBTON

Principal: Mr Duilio Rufo
Street Address: Burke Street NEW LAMBTON 2305
Postal Address: PO Box 321 New Lambton 2305
Phone / Fax: 02 4957 4922 / 02 4952 1637
Email: admin@newlambton.catholic.edu.au
Website: www.newlambton.catholic.edu.au

◆ 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

Barry grew up in a tough environment. With the support of a program from Caritas Australia's partner, Red Dust Healing, Barry has overcome many of life's challenges. He is now an inspirational father to his four girls and a leader in his community. Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help vulnerable people like Barry, so that they are empowered to assist members of their communities in Australia. 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

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.

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. 58 Hanbury Street Mayfield, arrive 11:30AM for 12:00PM start. Cost \$45.00 per person. Cancellations after 9 March 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: An annual celebration of the wonderful work of catechists on Saturday 21 March at 2:00PM, at 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: To be held 31 March, 6:30PM to 8:00PM at All Saints College, St Mary's Campus, 16 Grant Street Maitland. Tickets \$13 at Eventbrite.com when type 'Activ8 Youth – Concert with Fr Rob Galea'. For more information about Fr Rob see www.frgministry.com/

Keeping the Faith: The CACW Contact Group for Women Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle invites you to *Keeping the Faith* on Saturday 28 March at 9:30AM, Parish Hall, Lake St Forster. \$10. Meet new friends, hear diverse voices, share stories and be informed about Plenary Council. Guest speaker Brooke Stephens, Principal of Holy Name Primary School, Forster. Morning tea and lunch provided. RSVP essential by 20 March to E.tracey.edstein@bigpond.com, P 0421 879 221.

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.

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: John Buchhorn, Jozefa Crnagoj, Raymond Russell Seymour, Allan Charles Baglee Richard Johnson, Stephen Mulcahy.

Anniversaries: Tom and Annie Morrissey, Paul Morrissey, Ronald Tracey, Fr James Joseph Morrissey, Fr Joseph Philip Bernasconi, Fr David Joseph Gooud.

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: Only the Lord can give true living water, fullness of life. Our body cannot survive without water; our spirit cannot survive without living water. Now is the time to renew our lives in the waters and Spirit of Baptism. 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 Liturgy Team occasionally meets on Thursdays at New Lambton Parish House 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: 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 13 April 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

ROSTERS	LAMBTON	WARATAH	NEW LAMBTON	WARATAH
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 Laurie Movigliatti
21/22 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	Clare Paff Derrell Ellefsen	Graham Alexander & Team
Musician	Naomi Smith Suzanne Ryan	Judy Nolan	Bronwyn Melville & United in Song	Marc Grimer
Readers	Jodie Kelly Teighan McKinnon	Mary Tobin Paul Weber	Ben Aranha	Fiona Duque Joy Hatherall
Prayer of the Faithful	Peter Michel	Elizabeth Buckles	Peter & Angelina Dolan	Anna Hill
Procession of the Gifts	Rachel Miller Volunteer	Pifeleti Family	Volunteer	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
ROSTER CONTACTS	Ann Gunn M 0407 571 197	Pat Campbell P 02 4968 3322	Joy Loas 02 4952 2664	Laurel Movigliatti 0407 938 204

Disclaimer: Unless otherwise stated, the advertisements placed in this newsletter are by independent third parties who have no legal relationship with the Diocese. The activities or services of the advertisers are not supervised or controlled in any way by the Diocese. The Diocese is not in a position to endorse the advertisers or the services provided and makes no representation about such matters. Accordingly, the Diocese cannot accept any responsibility for the advertisers or the activities or services that are the subject of these advertisements.

FIRST READING

Ex 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

Give us water to drink.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

SECOND READING

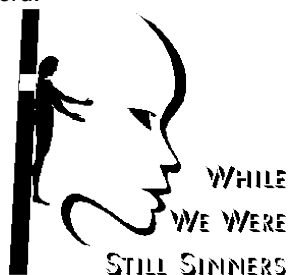
Rom 5:1-2. 5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The Word of the Lord.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Jn 4:42. 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Jn 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.