



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

◆ THE MOST HOLY TRINITY ◆ YEAR A ◆ 7 JUNE 2020 ◆

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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Parish Mass Celebrations

Mass will **continue** to be streamed from each of our three (3) Churches weekdays and every weekend via [facebook](#):

Lambton: 5:00PM (Vigil)
New Lambton: 9:15AM (Sunday)
Waratah: 5:30PM (Sunday)

Sunday Mass Celebration

Bishop William (Bill) Wright **continues** to celebrate Mass every Sunday at 9:30AM live streamed from Sacred Heart Cathedral Mass via <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>. Mass can be viewed at a later time via the same link. Please share the link with family and friends, and gather to pray as a spiritual community at this time.

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions are available for anyone upon request. Simply contact the parish secretaries with your intentions. If you have names of sick, deceased or anniversaries for the bulletin, and Mass, these need to be in relatively early to make the bulletin. Remember you need the person's or family's permission for publication.

Pastoral Visitation

If you would like a priest to visit, please enquire by phone or email at the Parish Office.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our congratulations to Fr Camillus Nwahia on commemorating his 4th year anniversary of priesthood on 4 June. We keep him in our prayers during this time of celebration.

FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE

The Bishop has determined that the public celebration of Masses within the Diocese may recommence **subject to parishes being able to meet a number of conditions** included in a COVID-19 Safety Plan. [READ MORE.](#)

Because of the limit in the number of people who may be able to attend any particular Mass, all members of the Church of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, except priests, continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Those who are unable to attend Sunday Mass are encouraged to keep Sunday holy through the use of the resources previously made available (and which are still available on the [Diocese website](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/covid-19-update) – www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/covid-19-update).

See more in Notices Section.

◆ LITURGY OF THE WORD ◆

FIRST READING

Ex 34:4-6. 8-9

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.
Blest your glorious holy name. (R.)
2. You are blest in the temple of your glory.
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. (R.)
3. You are blest who gaze into the depths.
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. (R.)

SECOND READING

2 Cor 13:11-13

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Apoc 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 3:16-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

God sent his Son to save the world through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Next Week's Readings

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| First Reading: | Dt 8:2-3. 14-16 |
| Responsorial Psalm: | Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12 |
| Second Reading: | 1 Cor 10:16-17 |
| Gospel Acclamation: | Jn 6:51-52 |
| Gospel: | Jn 6:51-58 |

HOMILY

by Richard Leonard

Years ago I was asked to take a parish-based catechetics class for children from a government primary school. I started by trying to work out how much the children knew about the basics. I asked, 'When we make the sign of the cross, what do we say?' 'Father, Son and Holy Spirit' came the firm reply. So far so good! I tried upping the bar. 'What do we call the Father, Son and Holy Spirit?' There was complete silence. I tried another track. 'What do you think of when you make the Sign of the Cross?' There was an awkward silence and then a bright little boy cheerily said, 'The old man, the young fella and the bird!'

No one can blame those children for the poverty of their images of the Trinity. Many older Catholics have similar images from paintings and holy pictures. The mystery of the Trinity means that in whatever way we portray God as Father, Son and Spirit it will always be inadequate and incomplete. No one has ever seen God or the Holy Spirit. No one has a portrait of Jesus. All the images and words we use for the Trinity are more a reflection of our faith than the final word about God. God is always more than any name we use or any concept we have. The special insight into God we celebrate today is that relationships are at the very centre of who God is.

It took the early Christians four hundred years to fully grasp what Jesus was on about when he spoke of his relationship to the Father and Spirit. They struggled to understand how and why God would have three faces and yet exist as One Being – love as One, act as One. They settled the 'how' of the Trinity's nature by teaching us that the persons of the Trinity are co-equal, co-substantial and co-eternal. They settled the 'why' of the Trinity by reflecting that their experience of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit was an encounter of love. They knew the core of God was not an idea or a principle, but was a loving relationship. Furthermore, the early Christians knew that they were invited into this relationship.

What was true for them is true for us. Think about this for a minute: we believe that the God who creates, redeems and sustains the world seeks us out and invites us into a loving relationship. This is what gives us our greatest dignity and urges us on to share this message with everyone we meet. What a privilege! What an invitation! What a God!

It also follows that if relationships are at the core of God then, for those of us who accept the invitation into the Trinity's embrace, relationships are meant to be our core business too. We are not to be isolated believers or private disciples. The degree to which we understand today's feast will be shown in the care we take in our many and varied relationships, be they social, intimate, professional, civic or international.

Every time we do anything to form new and good relationships, mend those which are broken, help other relationships to be deeper and richer or just enjoy the ones we have, we discover one thing: Trinity Sunday is a moveable feast.

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◆ SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS ◆

REFLECTION

By Dianne Bergant

The readings for this feast do not directly explain the doctrine of the Trinity as we have come to know it. Rather, they offer us glimpses into the nature of our Triune God. The psalm response suggests that our primary response to God should be one of praise for the love that God has for us.



The God who is beyond our comprehension is also the God who has saved us. We see this theme in both the first reading and the gospel. The covenant language in the reading from Exodus underscores God's unfathomable goodness. God's graciousness and mercy are not rewards for our fidelity. They are extended to us in our sinfulness. It is God's saving grace that transforms us, not any merit on our part. In the gospel we are assured that Jesus was sent into the world to save it, not to condemn it.

The Trinitarian phrase found in the letter to the Corinthians is so expressive of the love that God has for us that it has been incorporated regularly into the liturgy. It declares that through his death and resurrection, Jesus has opened for us the treasury of divine grace. It also proclaims that the love of God has forged the bonds of community that unite us. Created in the image and after the likeness of this God, we are called to unity among ourselves. As incomprehensible as it may seem, it is primarily through the unity that we share that we will manifest the unity that exists in God. © Dianne Bergant CSA

REFLECTION

by Fr Michael Tate

Painting the Picture of God

When he was crucified Jesus uttered: 'It is finished.' What had finished? His earthly ministry during which he painted a picture of the most intimate communion between Himself, the Father, and the Holy Spirit, so intimate that the Church needed a new word: 'Tri-Unity' or 'Trinity' for short.

God is pulsating, shimmering light, dancing in threefold exchange of love, each being simultaneously poured into the other. God is 'Being-In-Love' and love is always relational.

'You are made in the image and likeness of God'? Because of the ministry of Jesus Christ, we know what that really means. We are made to live in relationship – not in solitary.

If we think that the ultimate good is to be self-sufficient/autonomous, that leads to a hellish existence. When we live with as much self-giving as is possible, we are on the way to a heavenly existence.

We could pause for a moment to give thanks for the revelation of the nature of God, and consequently of the true nature of human beings.

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REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

The second reading is like a greeting card from Paul. It is a note of encouragement and love. In Paul's day they don't have 'smiley faces' that say, 'Have a nice day', but Paul still cares enough to send the very best. He sends greetings and blessings in the name of God as Trinity – our Creator, our Saviour Jesus, and the Spirit they share. We share in that holy and divine Spirit whenever we greet and bless one another.

When was the last time you sent someone a greeting card that your parents didn't make you send?

When was the last time you received a card that wasn't a Christmas or birthday card?

Prayer is like a greeting card to God and from God. Greeting cards do not create love and friendship between people, but they are a channel so that feelings and thoughts can be shared and expressed more easily.

What feelings and thoughts does God express to you? How do you know?

What feelings and thoughts do you express to God? How do you do it?

A VOCATION VIEW

Each of us experiences a story of God's self-revelation in a unique way. Tell your story. Add to the beautiful mosaic of God's life in this world by the story of your life. Name the way the Lord has gifted you. For more information regarding vocations phone 02 4979 1112 or email vocations@mn.catholic.org.au.



FEAST DAYS

7 Jun:	The Most Holy Trinity
14 Jun:	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
19 Jun:	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
29 Jun:	Saints Peter and Paul
3 Jul:	Saint Thomas, Apostle
22 Jul:	Saint Mary Magdalene
25 Jul:	Saint James, Apostle
6 Aug:	The Transfiguration of the Lord

◆ PRAYERS ◆

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Light a Candle

Light a candle to symbolize the Light of Christ and Light of the World.



Introduction: My brothers and sisters, let us pray to the God who sustains all life for our needs and for those of the world.

1. That the church, baptised into the life of the triune God, promote the unity of humanity. Let us pray to the Lord.

2. That governments and assemblies of elected representatives act with compassion for the common good. Let us pray to the Lord.

3. That those who sin against humanity repent of their choices and embrace reconciliation, justice and restitution. Let us pray to the Lord.

4. That people of other religious traditions continue to grow in faithfulness to God. Let us pray to the Lord.

5. That all churches and ecclesial communities work toward the peace and unity desired by Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.

6. That all people share the life of Jesus in everyday events. Let us pray to the Lord.

7. That those who have died receive the reward of eternal life. Let us pray to the Lord.

Conclusion: O God, giver of every good gift, receive the prayers we offer you this day. Strengthen us in faith and spirit that we might be united as one people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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WE REMEMBER

Please Pray for:

Sick: Ross Moxon, Libby O'Neill Oates, Bernadette Coffey, Michael Payne, Fred Stanwell, Sheila Bell, Robert Watson, Paul Mowbray, Maureen Ashlett, Gary Herschel, Shelley Smith.

Recently Deceased: Marie Connors, Marie Heather, Gerard Harvey, Maurice Mason, Cathy Lawrence, Lex Loas, Dulcie Maude Waugh Doyle.

Anniversaries: Fr Patrick Murphy, Fr Martin O'Connor.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them. + May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen



During this time "Intentions" for publication may be submitted by email (or phone) by midday Monday each week ahead. Reminder that you need the person or family's permission to enable us to publish names.

GLORY BE

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR UNITY

O Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; look not on our sins, but upon the faith of your Church and grant to her that peace and unity which is according to your will; who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER TO GUARDIAN ANGEL

O angel of God my guardian dear
to whom God's love commits me here.
Ever this day be at my side,
to light and guard,
to rule and guide. Amen

◆ RESOURCES ◆

Catholic Schools

[Request a Catholic Schools Enrolment Pack](#) via www.mn.catholic.edu.au or phone 02 4979 1200 for general enquiries.

CatholicCare Social Services

To talk to someone about counselling support call [CatholicCare](#)

P: 02 4979 1120

P: 02 4979 1172

E: ccenquiries@catholiccare.org.au

W: <https://www.catholiccare.org.au/contact-us/>

OR [Lifeline](#) 24/7: **P** 131 114

Development and Relief Agency

[DARA](#) (Development and Relief Agency) is providing the option of a meal home delivered to anyone who is in need. Contact Monday to Friday 9:00AM to 5:00PM:

P: 02 4979 1339

P: 02 4979 1120

E: admin@darar.org.au

W: <https://www.catholiccare.org.au/contact-us/>

Diocesan Website

For more information go to [https://www.mn.catholic.org.au](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au)

◆ NOTICES AND INFORMATION ◆

GATHERINGS UPDATE

The *Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order (No 3) 2020* ('the Order') has given legal effect to the easing of restrictions which remains in force until 31 August 2020 unless revoked before that date. A full copy of the amended Order can be found on the NSW [Legislation website](http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au) (www.legislation.nsw.gov.au). Under the provisions of the Order (No. 3), the following is now possible. Conditions do apply.

Mass congregations of up to fifty (50) people.

Baptisms may take place in our churches, at the discretion of the priest in consultation with the family, and limited to fifty (50) guests. Outside the danger of death, baptisms may be deferred until a fuller celebration is possible.

Wedding services of up to fifty (50) guests.

Funeral services may have up to fifty (50) mourners.

Sacrament of **Penance** may be celebrated in the First Rite in our churches at advertised times without the use of confessionals, and strictly observing the appropriate physical distancing. Spontaneous requests for the Sacrament of Penance can and should be met wherever it is possible.

MASS AT HOLY TRINITY PARISH

Fr Sabu and Fr Camillus have met to discuss the plans for reopening the church doors for Mass. As you can appreciate there is much to consider before this can be done safely and appropriately. As stated in the 'Bishop's Letter' we are to first ensure the big issues are covered:

- maintaining the legal numbers (maximum 25 Lambton, 50 Waratah, and 50 New Lambton)
- having the necessary equipment
- a system that maintains hygiene and cleaning

With these in mind we **will not be reopening the doors this weekend**, instead we aim to celebrate Mass per church next weekend IF a few areas can be resolved, some of which we will need to enlist the help of our registered volunteers for additional duties each Sunday. In particular we need two (2) volunteers per church to disinfect the churches after each Mass.

The question remains how to determine a fair process of nominating who go to Mass. We are currently working on a plan and will be able to advise in due time.

PARISH

Parish Office

Please note that the parish office will be closed Monday 8 June for the public holiday. Our parish office is open by appointment and continues to work within the required guidelines. For all enquiries, including baptisms and marriages, please contact us by phone or email. For Funerals, please contact the Funeral Directors who will contact our Priests.

Parish Venues

We are sorry to advise that our parish venues will not be open to any groups until further notice. This is to ensure our most vulnerable are protected, including our staff.

Weekly Bulletin

Our weekly bulletin is still available **every Thursday after 4:30PM**, in both digital format – via parish website and email – and hard copy – available for pick up on the Church verandah at **Lambton**, Presbytery verandah at **Waratah**, and at the screen door at Parish House **New Lambton** (ramp side).

Tax Receipts 2019-2020

Over the last few weeks, during the absence of Mass and with no knowledge of when we might be able to open our church doors again, we undertook the very important task of contacting all our planned givers individually to ascertain their need of a tax receipt. This was done to ensure no-one would miss the opportunity to elect their tax requirements, usually indicated via a WHITE CARD inserted in each envelope pack around 1 April. For those of you that we could not contact we ask that you make your wishes known to the secretaries without delay. We are grateful to everyone for their willingness to cooperate under these awkward circumstances. We are very mindful that the parish is not in a position to offer tax receipts after 30 June 2020.

New 2020 -2021 Planned Giving Envelopes

Our grateful thanks to all who are committed to supporting the parish. New envelopes will soon be available for collection – further advice soon. Please note the following:

- To save the parish money new numbers have been allocated to all envelope givers.
- As at 1 July 2020 kindly discard all old envelopes to ensure your gift is recorded to your name.
- New contributors are invited to join the program by contacting the parish office.
- If you are a current contributor needing to cancel or change your giving, please advise the office beforehand.
- Please note Direct Debit and Credit Card options are available.

◆ JUNIOR ACTIVITIES ◆

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9
Dn 3:52, 53 and 56 R,52b
2 Cor 13:11-13
Jn 3:16-17

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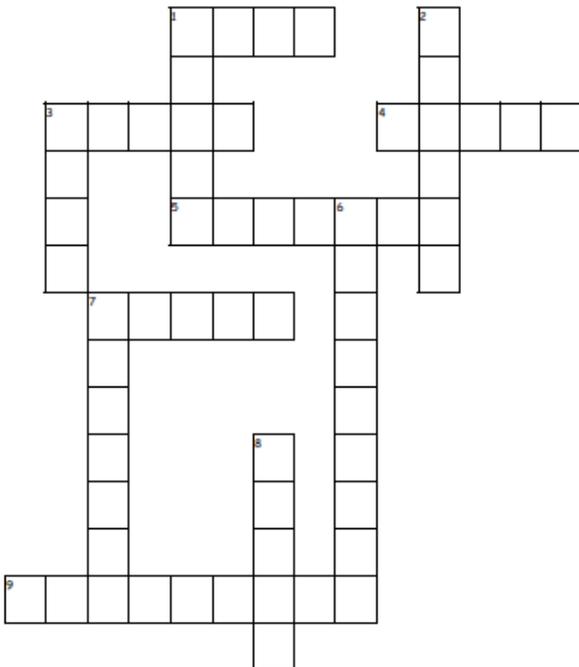
Try to find these words:

- eternal
- faith
- forgive
- greetings
- Nicodemus
- peace
- people
- pray
- save
- Sinai
- stone
- world

CROSSWORD

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9
Dn 3:52, 53 and 56 R,52b
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Across

- 1: speak to God
- 3: Moses received the ten commandments on this mountain
- 4: the planet earth is our _____
- 5: forever and always
- 7: belief in God
- 9: "Hello" and "Welcome"

Down

- 1: when there is no conflict or fighting
- 2: humans
- 3: rescue
- 6: Jesus was speaking to this man
- 7: to pardon an offence
- 8: the commandments were written on two tablets made of this



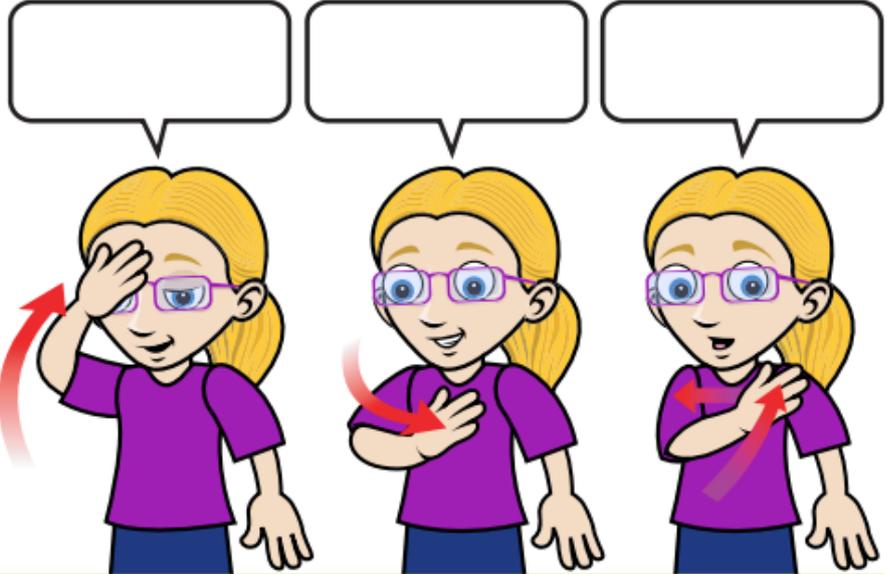
God so loved the world that he gave his only Son

The Most Holy Trinity Sunday, Year A

There is a simple prayer that we say almost every day, which reminds us of the Trinity. That prayer is the Sign of the Cross.

How do I make the Sign of the Cross?

1. Using your right hand, touch your forehead and say....
(fill in the 1st speech balloon)
2. Touch your chest near your heart and say....
(fill in the 2nd speech balloon)
3. Touch your left shoulder, then your right shoulder and say....
(fill in the 3rd speech balloon)



When and where do we use the Sign of the Cross?

Find your way to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

