



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

◆ SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ◆ YEAR A ◆ 19 JULY 2020 ◆

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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Parish Mass Celebrations

Restrictions on Public Mass attendance have been lifted so that now the only limit on numbers is the 4 square metre rule. This means that bookings are no longer essential in order to attend Waratah (75 capacity) or New Lambton (90 capacity), and people will instead sign in as they enter the church. However, **bookings are still essential for Lambton** (35 capacity) at this time, and those wishing to attend should **phone** the Parish Office by 3:00PM Thursday, giving your name and contact phone or email.

Mass times are as follows:

Saturday: 5:00PM Lambton
Sunday: 9:15AM New Lambton
Sunday: 5:30PM Waratah
Monday: 7:00AM Waratah*
Tuesday: 7:00PM New Lambton*
Wednesday: 7:00AM Lambton
Thursday: 7:00AM Waratah
Friday: 7:00AM Lambton
Saturday: 8:00AM New Lambton

*We are currently considering swapping the venues for Monday morning and Tuesday evening Masses.

Mass will continue to be streamed from each of our three (3) Churches every weekend via [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/holytrinityparishblackbuttnorth) **until the end of this month**. Please stay at home if you are experiencing any flu-like symptoms. Please consider staying at home for your own health and safety if you are 65 years or over, have pre-existing health conditions, or have a compromised immune system.

Communion to the Sick: Please note that Communion to the Sick is **still on hold**, to be reviewed next month.

Dispensation: 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 are encouraged to keep Sunday holy through the use of the resources still available on the [Diocese website](http://www.diocese.org.au) and at www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/covid-19-update.

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.

From the Bishop's Office

This week is a timely reminder that we are not yet at the end of the COVID-19 pandemic. There remains a need to be both vigilant and prudent in the way we conduct our 'normal' activities as well as keeping one eye on the future possibility of the situation worsening before it improves. The public health advice provided by [NSW Health](http://www.nsw.gov.au) should be followed stringently.

FIRST READING

Wis 12:13.16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned

and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. **(R.)**

2. All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. **(R.)**

3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Rom 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 13:24-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'"

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: 1 Kgs 3:5.7-12
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97
 Second Reading: Rom 8:28-30
 Gospel Acclamation: See Mt 11:25
 Gospel: Mt 13:44-52

HOMILY

By Richard Leonard

Today's Gospel gives us both a parable and then an interpretation of that parable. I'm very grateful for this pattern in the 13th chapter of Matthew's Gospel. It indicates to us that not everything that Jesus says should be taken literally. Clearly the disciples were sometimes confused and needed some private coaching to bring them up to speed with what Jesus was on about.

As much as I respect the faith of our fundamentalist Christian brothers and sisters, it is at this point, on the way we interpret the Scriptures, that we cannot agree. The catholic community has always taken the process outlined in Matthew's gospel very seriously. We have always held that the full richness of the scriptures needs careful study and tested interpretations.

Unfortunately, in previous generations, the anxiety over people's private interpretations of the scriptures led Catholics to be suspicious of the Bible and the private reading of it. To read the Bible was often seen as a 'very protestant thing to do'. Given that Jesus, Mary, the apostles and the disciples are all recorded in the New Testament as reading, meditating on, or hearing the scriptures, nothing could be further from the truth. To be a Christian is to ponder the Word of God.

That's why the Second Vatican Council encouraged us all to return to regular private reflection on the Bible. Along with this encouragement they also reminded us, however, that as strong as the feelings and revelations we experience in our private scriptural prayer may be, these may have little or no consequence for the wider community of faith. We believe that the whole Church has the task to discern where the Word of God is leading us.

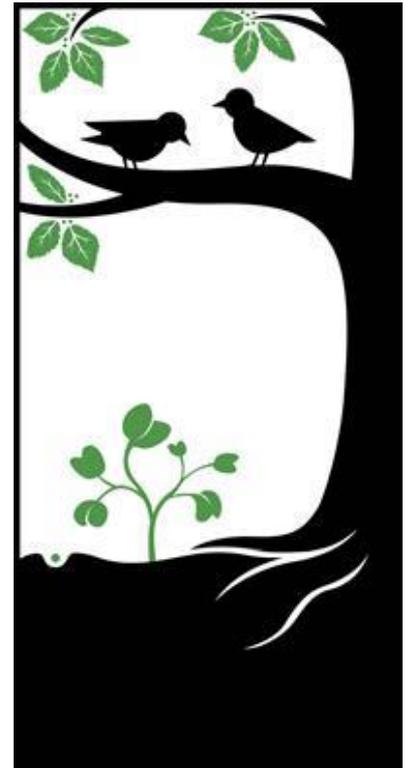
To help this discernment, it's scholars who pay great attention to the history and the literary, textual and cultural issues in and around the Bible have always aided the catholic community. They look at how various interpretations and approaches of the Scriptures have helped or hindered the Church over the centuries. We place great weight on the 'here and now' of the faith community who listens to the Word of God and lives it out.

Our approach is a long way from those who hold that the entire truth of the scriptures is found in the text itself. Fundamentalist interpretations of the scriptures dismiss the importance of studying the scriptures by reducing it to a book of facts. In doing so they tie themselves up in all sorts of textual knots whenever the scriptures seem to contradict themselves.

We hold, however, that the scriptures are not books of facts, though they contain historical information. We believe we have seventy-three sacred books that 'cannot err in leading us to the truth about God'. The Word of God is for us the pathway to faith, a series of revealed and inspired portraits of God and a distillation of God's saving love for us and our response to him.

When there are inconsistencies or differences in any two scriptural texts, rather than unsettle us, we see these differences as examples of the varying rich approaches to the truth of our salvation in and through Christ. This is nicely summed up in the verse, 'The Bible in 50 words':

God made
Adam bit
Noah arked
Abraham split
Joseph ruled
Jacob fooled
Bush talked
Moses balked
Pharaoh plagued
People walked
Sea divided
Tablets guided
Promise landed
Saul freaked
David peeked
Prophets warned
Jesus born
God walked
Love talked
Anger crucified
Hope died
Love rose
Spirit flamed
Word spread
God remained.



At this Eucharist let's give thanks that Jesus often used stories to communicate his truth and that he explained their meaning to those with ears to hear. Let's be grateful that we are inheritors of this intelligent legacy.
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REFLECTION

By Dianne Bergant

Today we hear how the Spirit of God dwells in all of us, helping us in our weakness. The first disciples had Jesus to explain the parables; we have the Spirit to enlighten us. It is the Spirit who helps us to interpret the teaching of Jesus and to be receptive to the challenges that they pose.

The presence of sinners in the kingdom of God is often a stumbling block to good people. There will be a time for separation and judgment, but the time is not now. This means that the righteous will have to live with the sinner and, even more challengingly, show them the same kind of concern that they show to others. The presence of sinners does not necessarily erode the quality of the kingdom. Rather, it provides disciples an opportunity to rise to the occasion of generosity and forgiveness.

There are two images of judgment in the readings. The one in the gospel is terrifying and decisive. The wicked are bound together into bundles and readied for burning. We must remember that this is a parable. In the first reading and in the psalm response the justice of God is said to be lenient, clement and kind. The power of God is demonstrated not in retribution but in mercy. God is said to be 'merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in kindness and fidelity', and repentance is a very real possibility. This is the image that gives us hope.

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REFLECTION

By Fr Michael Tate

When words fail

One loves someone so much – a child, a parent, a spouse or partner – yet when one tries to pray for that person the words seem only a pale shadow of the intensity of feeling and total love one feels. Stop! Simply put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us.

One's heart is breaking with grief for someone close who is very ill or dying. Or one feels a terrible anxiety or anguish. Words don't come easily even though one wants to pray. Stop! Put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us.

Perhaps accentuated by the constant messaging of social media, when trying to pray we can get anxious when there is a lull in the noise and no words come.

We could pause for a moment to relax and to allow the Spirit to express our plea in a way which could never be put into words.

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REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

It's lucky for us that God is the only one who distinguishes the weeds from the wheat.

Think of your teachers at school. Would all of them completely agree on whether you should be characterised as a weed or as wheat? If so, what would they say? If not, how might they disagree? What would the 'wheat voters' say about you? What would the 'weed voters' say about you? Do you think any of the wheat voters might convince the others of your good qualities? Or do you think it would be more likely that the weed voters would be the convincing ones? Why?

Think of a person you might consider to be a weed. Can you see any positive characteristics in that person? If you concentrated on those positives for a whole month, do you think your opinion of this person might change? Why or why not?

Do you know anyone who is perfectly good, perfectly wonderful all the time? Do you know anyone who isn't perfect but who could be called saintly? Describe why you see this person in this way. Would anyone disagree with your opinion? If so, why?

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A VOCATION VIEW

There are many weeds growing with the wheat in our lives. Sometimes the weeds strangle our growth, or prevent us from hearing clearly God's voice. We need time to reflect on the garden of our life. For more information regarding Vocations phone 02 4979 1112 or email vocations@mn.catholic.org.au.

FEAST DAYS

- 22 Jul: Saint Mary Magdalene
- 25 Jul: Saint James, Apostle
- 6 Aug: The Transfiguration of the Lord
- 8 Aug: Saint Mary of the Cross, Virgin
- 10 Aug: Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
- 15 Aug: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 24 Aug: Saint Bartholomew, Apostle
- 8 Sep: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Light a Candle

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



Introduction: God is our help and our strength. Let us bring our prayer before the God who knows everything in our hearts.

1. That the Spirit of God will lead and guide an imperfect Church. Let us pray to the Lord.
2. That nations will show mutual tolerance and respect for those with whom they disagree. Let us pray to the Lord.
3. That those who sow goodness by their work for those in need will be rewarded hundredfold. Let us pray to the Lord.
4. That those who make small beginnings in responding to the Gospel will have faith that grows like a mustard seed. Let us pray to the Lord.
5. That the prayer of this community will be strengthened by the Spirit who can express more than words. Let us pray to the Lord.
6. That those who have gone before us will be judged among the righteous. Let us pray to the Lord.

Conclusion: God most powerful and ever patient, you sustain us by the word your Son Jesus has planted. Hear our pleas and send your Spirit to become the leaven in our lives. We ask this in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

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WE REMEMBER

Please Pray for

Sick: Derek Orrin, Robert Watson, Donna Collins, Ross Moxon, Elizabeth Mary Oates, Bernadette Coffey, Michael Payne, Fred Stanwell, Sheila Bell, Paul Mowbray, Shelley Smith.

Recently Deceased: Terry Hart, Warren Sheppard.

Anniversaries: Peter Torpey, Joan Torpey, Maria and Josephus Gyselhart, Fr Roland Smyth, Bishop Roger Kennedy

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.

PRAYERS

In Thanksgiving

My God, from my heart I thank you for the many blessings you have given to me. I thank you for having created and baptised me, and for having placed me in your holy Catholic Church; and for having given me so many graces and mercies through the merits of Jesus Christ. And I thank you, dear Jesus, for having become a little child for my sake, to teach me to be holy and humble like you; and for having died upon the Cross that I might have pardon for my sins and get to heaven. Also I thank you for all your other mercies, most of all for those you have given me today.



◆ NOTICES AND INFORMATION ◆

PARISH NEWS

St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal: Our annual Winter Appeal will be held over three (3) weekends – 26 July, 2 and 9 August. Collection boxes will be available when you exit from each of the churches. Please give generously.

Parish Office: The office is open and working within the required guidelines. Most enquiries can be met over the phone or via email, including baptism and marriage bookings. If you do need to come in please use hand sanitiser provided, sign the visitors book and observe physical distancing. For funerals, please contact the Funeral Directors who will contact our Priests.

Weekly Bulletin: As you may be aware, we are still emailing our bulletin and providing hard copies at 3 locations in an effort to reach those not yet able to come to church. With a possibility of another lockdown in the future, we are inviting people to spread the word and provide their email to the parish office to receive weekly communication. Most importantly, if you know of someone nearby without email please take the opportunity to pre-arrange some way of sharing bulletin with them, for example, printing a copy and dropping to their door or letter box. Please feel free to contact the office should you need assistance.

New 2020-2021 Planned Giving Envelopes: If you have specified a preferred collection point, your new giving envelopes are now available at that church for pickup.

Old Planned Giving Envelopes: Kindly discard all unused old envelopes as new numbers have been assigned for the new financial year and continued use of old envelopes may result in your giving being credited to someone else's number.

Tax Receipts: Thank you again to all who support the Parish through their generous giving. Tax receipts are now available for pickup at your nominated church.

Parish Venues

We are sorry to advise that our parish venues still remain **CLOSED TO ALL GROUPS** until further notice. This is to ensure our most vulnerable are protected, and our staff.

DIOCESE NEWS

Special Religious Educators Needed: Special Religious Education (SRE) is an important ministry within our Diocese which supports parents, students, clergy and parishes in the religious education of approximately 2,500 students attending government schools. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has had an impact on this ministry, with all SRE paused as of 23 March. SRE is now allowed back in schools from the beginning of Term 3. However, many of those involved in the SRE ministry fit into the vulnerable category according to [NSW Health guidelines](#) and [AHPPC guidelines](#). We need your help! Do you have a calling to spread the good news and joy of the Gospels to children in 2020? Can you assist with SRE in the short and/or long term and support the children in the SRE classroom and the Catechists who are unable to return? Watch the [Be There for Me Campaign](#) video. For more information on how to become a trained Special Religious Educator visit <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/childrens-ministries/sre-scripture/>

Deaconate Ordination of Solomon Okovido: Bishop William (Bill) Wright will be ordaining Solomon Okovido to the Order of the Diaconate on the 15 August 2020, the Solemnity of the Assumption. Please place this date in your diary so you can support Solomon. Due to restrictions on numbers, not all will be able to attend. Many of you will know Solomon from his time in our Parishes while in the Seminary. Please continue to pray for Solomon as he prepares for his Ordination and for his new Ministry.

Hello Hunter: This initiative helps people who are feeling isolated, lonely or anxious. Volunteers are available to make a friendly call, deliver essentials, assist in finding specialised help or on request pray with the person. *Hello Hunter* has a call centre, which takes requests for assistance, then neighbourhood hubs mobilise their

volunteers. Hubs are formed according to suburb and postcode. The goal is to have the person in need assisted by their nearest neighbour. *Hello Hunter* are now looking for hub leaders and volunteers. Volunteers need to submit a form, validated by their local parish priest or parish leader. Go to <http://cityserve.com.au/hello-hunter/> for more information.

ACBC Catholic Men's Gathering: This year's Catholic Men's Gathering will be an online event, available to registered participants from Saturday 15 August 2020. For more information and to register for free, please go to bit.ly/cm2020event

Aurora Magazine: [Aurora](#), the official magazine of the Diocese, is now available at the back of the church.

Catholic Weekly: We are pleased to advise that *Catholic Weekly* has recommenced the production of print editions which are now available at the church. The digital edition is still available [HERE](#) for free online access.

GATHERINGS UPDATE

New *Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order (No 4) 2020* ('the Order') has given legal effect to the easing of restrictions. A full copy of the current Order can be found on the NSW [Legislation website](#) (www.legislation.nsw.gov.au). Under the provisions of the Order (No. 4), the following is now possible. The following apply in accordance with the size of the church. Conditions do apply.

- **All religious services** the number of people present is determined on the basis that there must be 4 square metres available per person on the premises.
- **Funeral services** in a church building that does not have sufficient space to allow 50 persons can lawfully allow up to 50 persons to attend.
- 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 may be arranged.

MASS AT HOLY TRINITY PARISH

Welcome. In reopening of church doors for Mass, parishioners are asked to observe the following:

Arrival

- Please arrive fifteen (15) minutes early
- Maintain physical distancing at all times
- Use hand sanitiser provided
- Lambton: Only attend if you have a confirmed booking
- New Lambton and Waratah: Sign in upon entry
- Pick up a bulletin

Entry

- Enter from the main entry only
- There will be no Holy Water
- Select your seat as directed by the signs

Mass

- Congregational singing is suspended until further notice
- There will be no Presentation of the Gifts
- The Sign of Peace will be given by a smile, nod or a wave
- When receiving Communion maintain the required 1.5 metres physical distance in a single line
- Communion Host will only be placed in the hand, not the tongue.
- There will be no Chalice

After Mass

- Take home any bulletins that you handle
- Contributions to the 1st and 2nd Collections may be left in collection baskets near the church exit as you leave
- Observe physical distancing as you leave, and refrain from socialising on the church grounds
- We need two (2) volunteers per church to disinfect the churches after each Mass

This arrangement will be in force until 31 August. We thank you for your cooperation.

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JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

God is good and forgiving

Wis 12:13, 16-19
Ps 86:5-6, 15-16de, R. v.5a
Rom 8:26-27
Mk 13:24-30

G A O H D U D O U B T H F G E
F G U K R H R Y H I B U R N X
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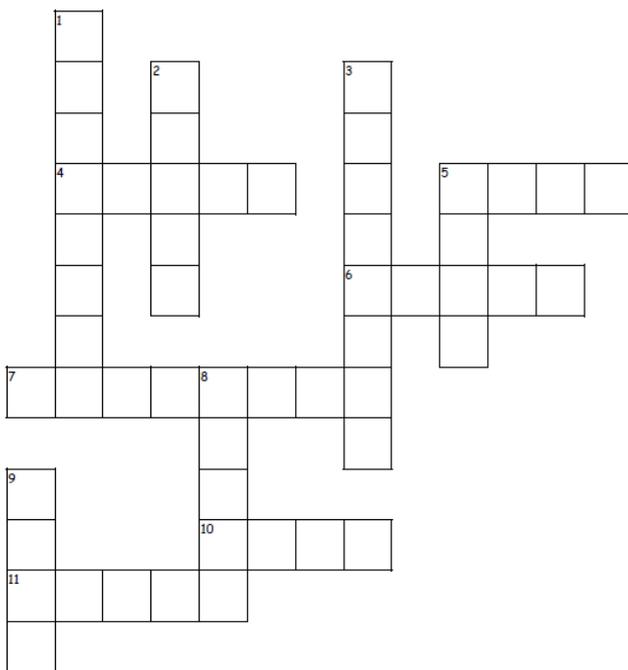
Try to find these words:

- barn
- burn
- children
- doubt
- enemy
- field
- prays
- right
- sleeping
- strength
- weak
- weed

CROSSWORD

God is good and forgiving

Wis 12:13, 16-19
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Across

- 4: someone who is not your friend
- 5: a type of plant that grows wildly and chokes other plants
- 6: someone who talks to God does this
- 7: very young people
- 10: a farmer stores wheat in one of these
- 11: correct

Down

- 1: if you are strong you have this
- 2: Jesus told the parable about the farmer's enemy who scattered weed seeds in the _____
- 3: the weed seeds were scattered while everyone was doing this
- 5: lacking strength
- 8: to be unsure about something
- 9: what you do to wood to make a fire



The farmer scattered good seed



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

What are some of the "weeds" in our lives that stop us from growing?

Circle the things plants need in order to grow.



Write down or draw some of the things we need to make ourselves grow.

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Help the farmer scatter the seed and find the path to the wheat. Keep a look out for weeds!

