



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

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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 St Therese's New Lambton at 9:15AM Sunday via [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/holytrinityparishblackbuttnorth). 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.

If you visited any of the local venues recently compromised by the virus, as detailed under 'Notices' (page 6), we ask that you please **do not** attend Mass this week or next, as you need to be in isolation for fourteen (14) days and to have yourself tested for COVID-19.

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.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/covid-19-update) 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.

FIRST READING

1 Kgs 19:9.11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Rom 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 19:38

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear.

But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Next Week's Readings

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| First Reading: | Is 56:1.6-7 |
| Responsorial Psalm: | Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4 |
| Second Reading: | Rom 11:13-15. 29-32 |
| Gospel Acclamation: | Mt 4:23 |
| Gospel: | Mt 15:21-28 |

HOMILY

By Richard Leonard

A conservative Protestant Church in a sleepy fishing village had to find a new minister. Over the protests of Jimmy, the senior Elder, a woman was hired as the new Pastor.

After the Reverend Gayle had been there a few weeks, Tom, a member of the congregation, offered to take her out fishing. Jimmy reluctantly agreed to allow them to use his boat for the day's outing, but insisted that he lead the expedition.

The trio got into the boat and motored out on the lake. When they got ready to fish, they realised that all their tackle had been left on the dock.

Tom concluded that they would just have to go back and get it. Reverend Gayle said that wouldn't be necessary, and she got out of the boat and started walking across the water toward the dock. Jimmy, who refused to be impressed by Gayle's miraculous abilities observed, 'See I told you we never should have hired that woman. She can't even swim.'

The hit animation film Shrek was praised by critics for many things but most especially for the clever way it quoted from several other much-loved animation films. When writers do this it's called 'intertextuality', where one text uses another text to tell the story. Some of the references in Shrek were obvious; others took a little longer to reveal themselves. Some were used in a new way that turned the original story upside down. Whether any of us got all or none of the references didn't affect the enjoyment we derived from the film, it only added to what was already a great tale.

The story of Jesus walking on the water is in a similar vein to Shrek. In eleven verses Matthew quotes several other stories in the Old Testament, uses them in his own way and re-interprets all of them in reference to Jesus. It might be lost on some of us who just enjoy the power of the story, but none of this intertextuality would have been lost on Matthew's first hearers.

Poor old Job found God in the midst of a storm, and winds and waves are a usual Old Testament shorthand for the perils of life. The image of the boat was an early symbol for the Church and Matthew has all Jesus' disciples in it. Jesus hovering over the waters has echoes of the action of the Spirit in the first account of creation in Genesis. Even Jesus restoring calm to the sea follows on from what the Prophet Jonah had done before. For the keen student there is much more besides.

Matthew's account is magnificent on its own terms, but with these details we can see he is also interested in a theological message. Jesus, the Son of God and Lord of creation, remains faithful to the disciples, no matter how treacherous the seas or how great their fear. He has come to them so that they may be saved and recreated as the Church who recognises that he is the fulfilment of creation, the one whom Israel has been longing to see and embrace.

And what does all this mean for us?

We are inheritors of Matthew's faith. We're here because we believe that Jesus is the Son of God who has saved us from ourselves and from destruction. But it also means that in every storm that threatens our lifeboat Jesus comes to call us to faith, to catch us when we think we're drowning, to accompany us back to safety and to bring calm to the troubled seas of our life.

Aren't we lucky Jesus never learnt to swim?

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REFLECTION

By Dianne Bergant

Although divine power is manifested in dramatic ways, it is also present in what is unassuming. Traces of God can be seen in the delicacy of a violet, in a cool summer breeze, in the blush of innocence, in the fiery eyes of justice. Every one of us lives in the midst of God, breathes the breath of God's life, and is constantly touched by the exquisite artistry of God's creativity. Life itself is a mountain experience of God.

As wonderful as life may be, it can also be very frightening at times. There are misunderstandings and rancour, jealousy and vindictiveness, greed and a hunger for power. Our personal lives can come unravelled and we can feel that we are genuinely 'at sea'. Every human being is tossed about by the exigencies of life. It is at times like these that we need faith in Jesus. Even though we do not recognise him, he is there in the midst of our chaos. Having the power of God, he is the definitive champion of all chaos, and so he is able to allay our fears and calm the sea.

A true experience of God, whether it be within the ordinariness of life or one of life's tribulations, is both transformative and effusive. It is a reality that cannot be contained; it must be proclaimed. Disciples must be ready to do what they can in order that the good news of God's revelation be made known to others. © Dianne Bergant CSA

REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Peter takes a big risk. Trusting Jesus, he steps out onto the lake in the middle of a storm. But when the wind frightens him, he begins to sink. Jesus is disappointed that Peter's faith isn't greater.

When did you ever take a big risk because you trusted someone? Did it work out, or did you get into trouble?

Is it wrong to have doubts and fears when you take a big risk, even when you trust the person you are with? Or is that just a healthy, practical, safe way to live?

Do you think Jesus is being a bit harsh with Peter? After all, Peter did get out of the boat and walk on the water! Or do you think Jesus is justified in his comment, because Peter is already doing the impossible?

A boat is often used as a symbol of the church. In this story it is easy to understand the symbolism of Jesus coming across the stormy waters and winds of modern times in order to help the church stay afloat.

What do you think are the biggest problems for the church today? What is causing the worst storm?

Are you afraid we will all sink? Do you think we will be rescued? Do you think most concerned people will jump off the boat and weather the storm of life alone or on some other type of craft? What do you think will happen?

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

By Greg Sunter

A "one hit wonder" from 1989 was the song by Bobby McFerrin, Don't Worry, Be Happy. It was a laid-back, a cappella song that still frequently appears in film and television soundtracks. In some ways, the song became the catchcry of a generation who were overwhelmed by the pace of change that was occurring in society, technology and the world in general. A glance at today's gospel may leave the reader thinking that Jesus, too, is basically saying to us, don't worry, be happy. But the message of Jesus is not as simplistic as that. Instead, he says to us, set your hearts on God's kingdom first and on following God's will for justice in the world and, then, don't worry, be happy. It is not the same throwing of one's hands into the air as the 1980's song. It is not an abandonment of responsibility. Jesus says to us, trust in God, work to bring about the kingdom in our lives and in our world and only then leave the rest to God.

This gospel passage was aptly chosen by the Church to mark the feast of St Mary of the Cross – Mary MacKillop. The teaching of Jesus, conveyed through the gospel passage, characterised much of the life and work of Mary MacKillop. Mary was a prolific writer, sending messages to her sisters in the schools and communities across Australia. We are fortunate that many of these letters have been preserved and provide an incredible insight into the attitude of Mary MacKillop. One of the quotes attributed to Mary MacKillop that captures the essence of today's gospel is, "Do all you can with the means at your disposal and calmly leave the rest to God." (1891) Surely this is a more energising and empowering motto for life than don't worry, be happy?

Historical Context – Mary MacKillop

Mary MacKillop is not only the first Australian to be recognised by the Church as a Saint, she is truly a very Australian saint. She characterises the spirit of the Australian mythology. She was a prodigious hard worker who put the needs of others before herself. She exhibited something of the larrikin spirit: constantly in dispute with authority but pressing on, regardless. She used the strengths of others but also didn't tolerate those who were not genuine. Her commitment to the schooling of children from poor and rural communities established a model of Catholic education that continues to today. A Saint for and of Australia!

Scriptural context – The Sermon on the Mount

Often, the Sermon on the Mount is understood purely as the Beatitudes (Mt 5:3-12), but in the gospel of Matthew this sermon stretches over all of chapters 5 to 7. These chapters provide a solid core of the explicit teaching ministry of Jesus in this gospel. The gospel writer begins the section with the Beatitudes and then, in a very Jewish style, presents Jesus as a rabbinic teacher reinterpreting and refocusing the Law of Moses for his listeners. Unlike the parables that are more familiar, this portion of the gospel seeks to spell out some very explicit teachings of Jesus about life and the kingdom.

A VOCATION VIEW

Why is it that we lack real trust when the Lord calls us? We think we may drown, or have to give up too much, or fear failure. These attitudes can help to strengthen our faith in the Lord. For more information regarding Vocations phone 02 4979 1112 or email vocations@mn.catholic.org.au.

Living the Gospel – Don't be distracted

When we read in today's gospel that we are "not to worry", the word, *worry*, might better be translated as *distracted*. Jesus says to not be distracted or consumed by the pursuit of money, food and nice clothes. He says that it is the gentiles – those who do not know the love of God – who set their hearts on attaining these things. We are immersed in a culture in society that values these outward signs of success above all else. The challenge is to avoid being caught up in the *distractions* of our material society. One way to do that is through regular prayer and reflection.

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PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Introduction: With steadfast hearts let us turn to the Lord, trusting in God's mercy and power.

1. That the Church, inspired by the lives of the saints, will be open to the Spirit in times of change and uncertainty. With the saints we pray.
2. That nations will share their wealth with the poor and oppressed. With the saints we pray.
3. That, through word and example, parents and teachers continue to pass on their faith to the children entrusted to their care. With the saints we pray.
4. That the Sisters of St Joseph may be richly blessed as they continue the work begun by Mary MacKillop. With the saints we pray.
5. That the sick and housebound will know the love of Christ through our care and support. With the saints we pray.
6. That those who have died, including deceased members of the Josephite community, may be received into eternal light, happiness and peace. With the saints we pray.

Conclusion: Loving God, with the promise of eternal life you invite us to the table you have prepared. Hear our prayers that we who taste the bread of heaven will work for the coming of your kingdom. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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FEAST DAYS

- 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
- 14 Sep: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- 21 Sep: Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
- 29 Sep: Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
- 28 Oct: Saint Simon and Jude, Apostles
- 1 Nov: All Saints

◆ PRAYERS ◆

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Light a Candle

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



Introduction: God's help is near for those who fear him. Let us draw near to God who seeks us with outstretched hands.

1. That the Church will remain faithful in times of doubt and fear. Let us pray to the Lord.
2. That nations will proclaim an era of peace and justice. Let us pray to the Lord.
3. That those who are tossed about by misfortune and chaos will be calmed by Christ's healing touch. Let us pray to the Lord.
4. That those who sail the oceans and seas will be returned to land in safety. Let us pray to the Lord.
5. That those who live in constant fear will find comfort in knowing that Christ is always beside them. Let us pray to the Lord.
6. That this community will be ready to place their trust in the faithful who are shy or unassertive. Let us pray to the Lord.
7. That those who have died will be gathered into God's arms. Let us pray to the Lord.

Conclusion: Faithful God, your outstretched hand commands the forces of your creation and calms the savage sea. Accept these prayers we offer today and walk beside us through every storm until we come to rest in you. 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: Anthony Rigby

Anniversaries: Frank and Maria Patti, Fay and Peter Baran, Josephine Mary Bird, Kevin Doyle, Fr William Sullivan, Fr Thomas Rogers, Fr Patrick Flynn

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

Mary MacKillop Prayer

Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop
To live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ
And constant in bringing hope and encouragement
to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.
With confidence in your generous providence,
And through the intercession of Saint Mary MacKillop,
We ask that you grant our request.....
We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit,
So that we too, like Mary MacKillop,
may live with courage, trust and openness.
Ever generous God hear our prayer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ.
Amen.



◆ MASS AT HOLY TRINITY PARISH ◆

Welcome

With our churches open again for Mass, parishioners are asked to observe the following which will be in force, at least, until 31 August. We thank you for your cooperation.

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
- ✚ You are welcome to wear a mask, as recommended by the NSW Government

Mass

- ✚ Congregational singing is suspended until further notice
- ✚ Musicians and soloists must be 3 metres from the congregation
- ✚ 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

GATHERINGS UPDATE

There is a change in the number of people who can be present in our church buildings. With effect from 24 July 2020, the maximum number of people who can be in our church buildings is to be the lesser of:

- (a) The number of persons that is equivalent to one person per 4 square metres of space in the building, or
- (b) 100 persons.

A full copy of the current *Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order (No 4) 2020* ('the Order') can be found on the NSW [Legislation website](http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au) (www.legislation.nsw.gov.au).

PARISH NEWS

Local COVID-19 Concerns: Please note that if you visited **Hotel Jesmond** or **Wallsend Diggers** between Wednesday 29 July and Sunday 2 August, **Lambton Park Hotel** between Thursday 30 July and Sunday 2 August, or you or your children attended **St Pius X, Adamstown** between Monday 3 August and Wednesday 5 August or caught the **No. 26 bus** on the morning of Monday 3 August, we ask that you please **do not** attend Mass this week or next, as you need to be in isolation for fourteen (14) days and tested for COVID-19.

Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross: Mass for the Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross will be celebrated on Saturday 8 August 2020 at 8:00AM New Lambton.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Saturday 15 August 2020 at 8:00AM New Lambton. Whilst the Feast of the Assumption is a holy day of obligation, in this Diocese parishioners are dispensed from this obligation.

Communion Ministry to the Sick: Under the current circumstances we wish to advise Communion to the Sick is limited to the priests until further reviewed and advised.

St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal: Our annual Winter Appeal will be held over three (3) weekends – 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 still email our bulletin and provide 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 the bulletin with them, such as printing a copy and dropping it to their door or letter box. Please feel free to contact the office should you need assistance.

New 2020-2021 Planned Giving Envelopes: Thank you to those of you who were able to pick up the new envelopes from your nominated church. To save on postage, the rest of the envelopes can be collected this week from the Parish Office, otherwise they will be posted.

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

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.

Volunteer Ministries: At present, and up until at least 31 August, the number of volunteers and ministries has been limited so as to work within safe processes. As from September we hope to be able to incorporate more volunteers and ministries. Unfortunately, moving forward, this can only apply to REGISTERED volunteers. If you have not yet completed registration forms, and wish to continue your ministry in the future, please do so as a matter of priority.

Parish Venues: We are sorry to advise that our parish venues still remain **CLOSED TO ALL GROUPS** until further notice. Anyone needing to gain access at any venue, please contact Fr Sabu via triparish@mn.catholic.org.au. This is to ensure our records comply with our legal obligations and to ensure our children, our most vulnerable, and our staff are protected.

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 15 August 2020, the Solemnity of the Assumption. Please continue to pray for Solomon as he prepares for his Ordination and for his new Ministry.

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

Lord, show us your mercy and love

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a
Ps 85:8abc & 9, 10-11, 12-13
Mt 14:22-33

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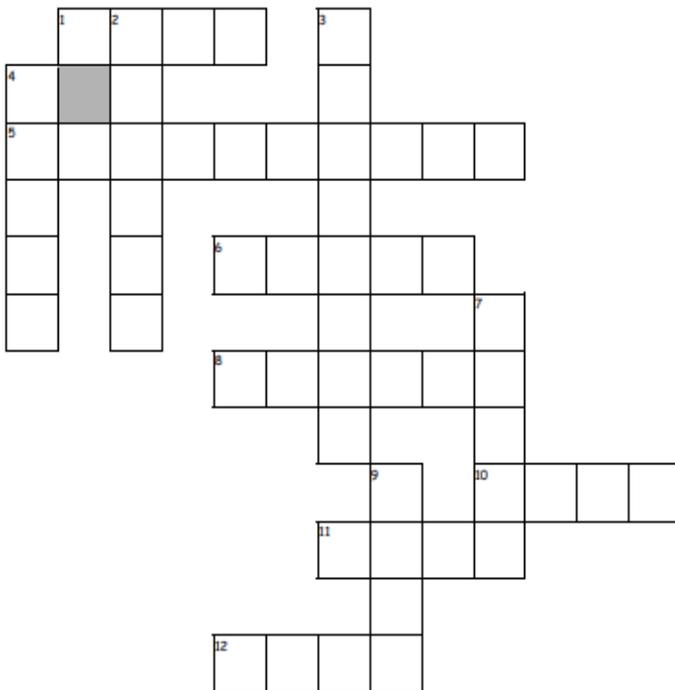
Try to find these words:

- afraid
- boat
- cave
- earthquake
- Elijah
- fire
- ghost
- mountain
- Peter
- robe
- sink
- water

CROSSWORD

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Mt 14:22-33



Across

- 1: Elijah spent the night in one of these
- 5: a violent shaking of the ground
- 6: the sea is made of this
- 8: this man was told to go and stand on the mountain
- 10: to become submerged in water
- 11: a vessel for traveling on water
- 12: the element that can burn things

Down

- 2: scared
- 3: a very tall, large land mass
- 4: this man walked on the water but began to sink
- 7: an apparition of a dead person
- 9: Elijah covered his face with this



Jesus will help us



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Life is a bit like a boat out at sea - on some days life seems good and the sea is calm, but on other days there are storms that rock our boat and try to tip it over. Write or draw some of the things that make life tough for you on those stormy days?



We can have faith that Jesus will always be there to help us in difficult times. Write a prayer asking God to help you when things get tough.

Dear Lord,

Amen.

Help Jesus find his way across the water and onto the boat.
Be sure to pick up St Peter along the way!

