



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

◆ TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ◆ YEAR A ◆ 6 SEPTEMBER 2020 ◆

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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Sunday Mass Celebrations

At this time bookings are still essential for Lambton (35 capacity) and those wishing to attend need to phone the Parish Office by 3:00PM Thursday, giving your name and contact phone or email. Bookings are no longer essential in order to attend Waratah (75 capacity) or New Lambton (90 capacity), however people will instead sign in as they enter the church. 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.

Sunday Mass

Saturday: 5:00PM Lambton
Sunday: 9:15AM New Lambton
Sunday: 5:30PM Waratah

Weekday Mass

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.

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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 118:137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING

Ez 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

**(R.) O that today you would listen to 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 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

HOMILY

By Richard Leonard

When couples who are going to be married in the Church come to see me for the first time I get them to fill out a brief questionnaire. The last two questions on the form ask:

'What do you like best about your partner?'

'What do you like best about yourself?'

The first question usually presents no problems, although it can hold a few surprises and sometimes a playful punch if the right answer is not forthcoming!

The second question seems to present all sorts of difficulties, especially for prospective grooms. Some of us find it hard to name the God-given qualities we value most in our character. Some couples try to pass it off, 'That's for others to say' or, 'I don't want to blow my own trumpet.' Others try to dismiss the question as being new age or trendy.

But the question does, in fact, cut to the heart of both today's second reading and Gospel. 'You must love your neighbour as you love yourself.' We cannot say in the same breath, 'I hate myself, but I am a good Christian.' For St Paul, love of self was not indulgent, but the cornerstone of our mission to love as Jesus loves us. Paul knew the difference between self-love and self-adoration. Our love of God is expressed in the healthy and appropriate esteem we have for ourselves. Put another way, we cannot love anyone else if we don't love ourselves. If we have poor self-esteem then often we need others to fill up this gap in our self-love. Most relationships cannot sustain such a demand.

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The Church has to take some responsibility for this state of affairs. We used to be taught that mortification and self-denial were good Christian virtues, and indeed they can be. When properly understood they are never opportunities for self-hatred. The sanest spiritual writers in our tradition saw these virtues as paths of closeness with God and service of our neighbour.

One such writer was St Ignatius Loyola who in the Spiritual Exercises saw that it was precisely as sinners that God loves us. He saw that one of the greatest gifts the Lord can give us is when we see our sinfulness for what it is, but are not overwhelmed by it, and that we experience the power of God's love for us who calls us to walk as children of the light.

Jesus in today's Gospel attends to this destructive side of our human nature. Jesus teaches us that those who do not love their neighbour as they should are to be treated with dignity and respect and offered every opportunity to seek forgiveness until it is clear they can no longer be a part of the Christian family.

The challenge and hallmark of the Christian life is the way in which we live out God's love and forgiveness. And, although the Christian community should be the last group to exclude anyone, even we have to have our boundaries. Sometimes this involves holding others to account for what they say and do, especially if they claim to be a follower of Christ. The love and forgiveness of God does not mean that 'anything goes'. It is a love that calls for constant conversion. We can witness to it only to the degree that we have experienced it, from God, from others, and in the way we love and forgive ourselves.

And we know when these qualities are taking deep root in us because answering a question like, 'What do you really like about yourself?' is a piece of cake!

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REFLECTION

By Dianne Bergant

It is difficult for leaders to call people to accountability. Such is the unenviable responsibility of pastors in the parish, coordinators of religious education, members of the parish council, principals in the school, directors of liturgical ministry, to name but a few.

Disciples must also engage in the very difficult process of reconciliation. Differences of opinion, misunderstandings, and actual offences tend to alienate people. We see this happen in families, neighbourhoods, parish communities, workplaces. It is not enough to say that we must try to forgive from our hearts.

The process of reconciliation requires significant movement toward the admission of guilt as well. Both the one offended and the offender must be willing to be transformed.

Gathering two or three together in prayerful collaboration is not as easy as it sounds. If collaboration is to be effective, we have to be open and honest about our opinions and our biases, and respectful of the opinions and biases of others.

We must work for the common good and not merely for what we personally think is best. We must be willing to accept and implement decisions with which we may not totally agree, and we must live with them gracefully. All of this calls for unselfish love. © Dianne Bergant

REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Ezekiel and Jesus both have good advice for dealing with people when wrong things are done.

How easy is it to confront a friend when you think you have been wronged or treated badly? Do you tend to ignore the wrong? Do you talk about it honestly? Or do you tend to hold a grudge?

Does the advice in today's readings relate to today's situations, or do you think we need to look at other alternatives when dealing with modern wrongs? How so?

Jesus assures us that whenever two or three pray together, Jesus is always there, and our prayers are always answered.

Do you think that prayers are always answered? Or do you think it depends on the type of prayer and what is asked for? Or do you think that prayers are always answered, but sometimes the answer is no? How do you think prayer works?

What kind of prayers do you most often pray? Do your prayers ask for something? Do you pray for strength and guidance? Do you ever pray with one or two others?

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◆ PRAYERS ◆

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Light a Candle

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



Introduction: Let us turn to the Lord and place our needs before the God who saves us. Let us pray to the Lord.

1. That the Church will actively seek reconciliation and work collaboratively. Let us pray to the Lord.
2. That those who mediate international disputes will be blessed in their work. Let us pray to the Lord.
3. That those who suffer and grieve as a result of violence will be strengthened and supported by caring communities. Let us pray to the Lord.
4. That we who are gathered will live unselfishly, carrying out God's commandment of love. Let us pray to the Lord.
5. That those who are sick will be lifted up with Christ in their suffering. Let us pray to the Lord.
6. That the dead will be bound to Christ in eternal glory. Let us pray to the Lord.

Conclusion: God of love, where two or more gather in your name you are in their midst. Hear these prayers that we may bear witness to the love that is the fulfilment of your law. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord

All: Amen.

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WE REMEMBER

Please Pray for

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

Recently Deceased: Luis Miguel Fernandez, Teresa Losurdo

Anniversaries: Anthony Buchtmann, John Cochrane, Lina and Luigi Nadalin, Hidi and Kazi Smolarek, Valeria and August Arlt, Fr Marti Kehoe, Fr Rene Cusse, Fr Edward Troy, Fr James O'Brien, Fr James O'Donnell, Fr John Francis Kelly, Fr Peter Julian Brock

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

Father's Day Prayer

God our Father,

We give thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

◆ SACRAMENTS ◆

ANOINTING AND VIATICUM

Pastoral Care of the Sick and Dying should continue with appropriate care and precautions being observed. Visits to the sick and dying, and the celebration of Viaticum, are possible and permissible provided any necessary health and hygiene guidelines are followed.

Communal celebrations of the Anointing of the Sick are not to take place, either in parishes or other places, e.g. aged care facilities.

BAPTISM

The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is possible under the current Public Health Order, though liturgical adaptations are required.

Parish Baptism Preparation programs are suspended for the duration of the current circumstances. Pastors are strongly urged to be pastorally supportive of those members of the faithful who are seeking to celebrate Baptism and to accommodate the genuine concerns of parents as far as possible.

Baptisms may legitimately be delayed or deferred in the current circumstances.

CONFESSION

The celebration of the Sacrament of Penance remains possible.

Celebrations of the First Rite of Reconciliation should take place with appropriate care and precautions.

The communal celebration of the Sacrament of Penance, i.e. the Second and Third Rites of Reconciliation, should not take place.

Priests are exhorted to honour any reasonable request to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance.

MARRIAGE BOOKINGS

The celebration of weddings remains possible under the current Public Health Order, subject to the general requirements around physical distancing, the capacity of church buildings, and the provisions of the COVID-19 Safety Plan, both general and wedding specific, for your church building. The maximum number of guests at a wedding held in a church building is 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. 150 persons.

These revised limits also apply to gatherings immediately before or immediately after the wedding itself.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Parents enquiring around the Sacramental Program are advised that this year's program is suspended until further notice.

COMMUNION MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Under the current circumstances we wish to advise Communion to the Sick is limited to the priests until further review and advice.

FUNERAL BOOKINGS

The celebration of funerals remains possible under the current Public Health Order, subject to the general requirements around physical distancing, the capacity of church buildings and the provisions of the COVID-19 Safety Plans, both general and funeral specific, for your church building.

Liturgical adaptations are required in the current circumstances.

Welcome

As we reopen our churches for Mass, parishioners are asked to observe the following which will be in force until further notice. 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 and choral singing is suspended until further notice
- ✓ Musicians and any soloist singer must be 5 metres from the congregation and not above 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

UPDATE

Under the current Public Health Order, our church buildings are able to be opened for both the public celebration of the liturgy and for private prayer and meditation.

The opening of our church buildings is dependant on the availability of a COVID-19 Safety Plan for the building, and the registration of the church as a COVID-19 Safe business.

Effective 24 July 2020, the Public Health Order has set the number of persons who can be present in our church buildings at any one time 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.

These limits apply to all services conducted in our church buildings and include having them open for private prayer.

Anyone in a church building for the purposes of engaging in work at the request of, and on behalf of, the Parish is excluded from the limit.

Excerpts from Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle COVID-19 Pandemic Event – Advice, Guidance and Instructions to Parishes.

A VOCATION VIEW

How much would the world be changed if everyone were completely forgiving? Probably totally! Jesus' stories of forgiveness are so loved because they are so needed. Re-tell them! Re-live them!

For more information regarding Vocations phone 02 4979 1112 or email vocations@mn.catholic.org.au.



READERS ROSTER

We have reintroduced a roster for readings, in a very simplified form. In doing so, we wish to ensure that our volunteers are able to return to this ministry as safely as possible. Therefore, the new readers roster will be limited to one person per church per month, as detailed below. The reasoning behind this method is to minimise the number of people using a particular space, so as to minimise any chance of cross contamination. There is, of course, room to be flexible should the rostered volunteer be unable to attend Mass for whatever reason. This is a temporary arrangement, which will be revisited at the end of the year, when our situation may have hopefully improved.

READERS ROSTER	LAMBTON	NEW LAMBTON	WARATAH
	Saturday 5:00PM	Sunday 9:15AM	Sunday 5:30PM
September	Ann Gunn	Denis Prendergast	Helen Clough
October	Diana Dolan	Sr Maureen Torpey	Laurel Movigliatti
November	Emma Conserdyne	Noel Franks	Elizabeth Buckles
December	Peter Dolan	Joy Loas	Helen Clough
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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sir 27:30 – 28:7
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8
 Second Reading: Rom 14:7-9
 Gospel Acclamation: Jn 13:34
 Gospel: Mt 18:21-35

FEAST DAYS

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

PARISH NEWS

Staff Training: The office will be closed during the morning of Tuesday 15 September for Office of Safe Guiding training.

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: We are still emailing our bulletin weekly and providing hard copies at 3 locations – Lambton Church verandah, Waratah Presbytery verandah, and New Lambton Parish House front door – in an effort to reach those not yet able to come to church. Please consider dropping a copy into the letter box of a neighbouring parishioner who might not have email or internet. Please feel free to contact the office should you need assistance.

Volunteer Ministries: You will notice from the Readers Roster on page 5 that we are slowly beginning to ease into including our volunteers in ministry again. However, it will be a while before procedures are back to the way they used to be. 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. This can only apply to fully 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. This is to ensure our children, our most vulnerable, and our staff are protected and to ensure our Parish complies with our legal obligations.

Masks: We now have masks (\$10.00) and ear savers (\$2.00) available for sale at the Parish Office, with all proceeds going towards the Mater Bell Tower Appeal. Masks, made by Laurel Movigliatti, are double layered in tightly woven cotton, with a nose wire for added protection. Ear savers, crocheted by Margaret Metcalfe, are used to hold mask ear loops back from your ears.

Planned Giving Program: A parish is dependent on the generosity of its parishioners to sustain itself and its charitable and pastoral works. Generally, this support is through two (2) collections at each Sunday Mass.

- The FIRST COLLECTION supports our priests(s).
- The SECOND COLLECTION supports our parish community through Planned Giving, which includes envelopes and direct debits; and any loose cash donated. This collection is banked into a parish account which then pays the many costs of running a parish.

If you wish to join the parish Planned Giving Program, please contact the Parish Office. Envelopes, Direct Debit, and Credit Card options are all available.

Old Planned Giving Envelopes: To avoid confusion, please discard any old planned giving envelopes you may have, as many givers have different numbers and this will affect the recording process. We thank you for your assistance.

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.

DIOCESE NEWS

Season of Creation: Commencing with a world day of prayer on 1 September and concluding with the feast day of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October, this month marks the commencement of the [Season of Creation](#). Join with Christians around the world in joyful celebrations, prayer, formation and activities that focus on our common home. For more resources go to <https://catholicearthcare.org.au/>

National Child Protection Week 6-12 September 2020

This year National Child Protection Week will celebrate its 30th year with the theme: Putting Children First. Under this year's theme of 'Putting children first' we invite all Australians to look at how they can prioritise children in their lives and communities and to engage in National Child Protection Week – as individuals, and as part of families, organisations, communities and society. Putting children first means prioritising the safety and wellbeing of children. To grow up well, children need to feel safe and loved, have a chance to play and explore, have a say in decisions that affect them, and access to essential things like food, shelter and healthcare. Visit the [NAPCAN website](#) to register for and attend online National Child Protection Week events.

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is committed to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. For more information go to the website <https://officeofsafeguarding.org.au/>. In Pope Francis', Letter to the People of God, 20 August 2018, he writes:

“Looking ahead to the future, no effort must be spared to create a culture able to prevent such situations from happening, but also to prevent the possibility of their being covered up and perpetuated. The pain of the victims and their families is also our pain, and so it is urgent that we once more reaffirm our commitment to ensure the protection of minors and of vulnerable adults.”

Safeguarding training: This is for all workers of the parish who have never attended any Safeguarding training or last attended more than 6 years ago. To register, contact Rebecca, on 02 4979 1322 or email HR-Training@mn.catholic.org.au. This training will be delivered in a COVID-safe way. For more information on precautions in place, please go to [Office of Safeguarding COVID-19](#) web page

Local Training Sessions:		
Saturday 12/9/20	9:00AM-1:00PM	MacKillop Hall Charlestown
Saturday 12/9/20	12:00PM-4:00PM	Disney Room Cardiff

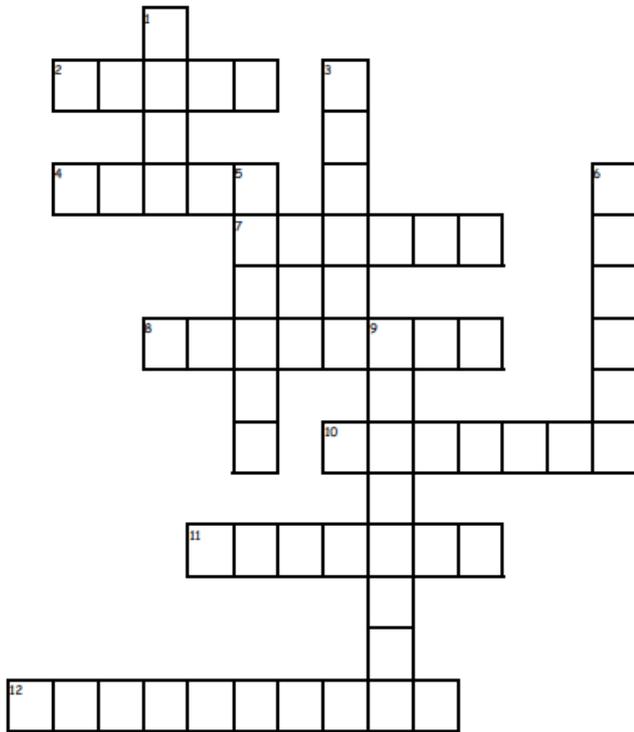
#EndCovidForAll Caritas Campaign: The COVID crisis is not going to end for anyone, until it ends for everyone. Show support for our neighbours around the world, many who are ill-equipped to deal with a pandemic. The worst impact of COVID-19 will be experienced by the communities who were already facing poor sanitation, overcrowding and limited access to healthcare. Overcrowding makes social distancing almost impossible, and puts vulnerable family and community members at risk. The lack of running water, soap and face masks means that communities cannot contain the spread of the virus. During widespread lockdowns, vulnerable families also struggle to put food on the table. Many households are losing all income, which pushes those who were already living at the margins further into poverty and hunger. Caritas Australia has banded together with a group of churches, international aid agencies and thousands of Australians to sign the pledge for the #EndCOVIDForAll campaign. To sign the pledge and show your support for vulnerable communities around the world go to <https://www.caritas.org.au/end-covid-for-all/sign-the-pledge#ECFA> because it's not over until it's over for everyone.

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CROSSWORD

Listen to what I say

Ez 33:7-9
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7abcd, 7e-9, R, v.8
Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-17



Across

- 2: incorrect
- 4: to take something that does not belong to you
- 7: the Lord chose Ezekiel to be a watchman for the people of this land
- 8: someone who keeps a lookout for others
- 10: the opposite of public
- 11: a prophet whose name begins with an 'E'
- 12: sacred texts

Down

- 1: you must _____ others as you love yourself
- 3: the house of God
- 5: to pay attention to what is being said
- 6: to insist on not doing something
- 9: another word for wedding

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

Listen to what I say

Ez 33:7-9
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7abcd, 7e-9, R, v.8
Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-17

T Z Z E Y O H N I S R A E L R
E X A S M A O K P P S L M E E
W R C V C P R I V A T E X Z F
D I H U A G L X A K G E D E U
S Z U W R O N G L I I O D K S
H K R G W A T C H M A N O I E
A D C B H V B F H A L R M E V
R A H Q H Q V R C T O I A L H
S C R I P T U R E S V M R X N
S T O L Z A U F R I E D R S L
T C O K O C L F C M W D I D M
E R J W R Z L M C E Y Z A W C
A O R P P M Q O U W P O G M R
L D C L I S T E N V P X E I L

Try to find these words:

- church
- Ezekiel
- Israel
- listen
- love
- marriage
- private
- refuse
- Scriptures
- steal
- watchman
- wrong



Talk to those who do wrong by you



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Jesus wants us to be peacemakers

When someone does wrong things against me, I can be a peacemaker by....

When I do wrong things against someone, I can be a peacemaker by....



How did Jesus treat sinners?

Matthew was a tax collector and was disliked by many people. Jesus shared a meal with him and other sinners. Matthew became a disciple of Jesus. *Mt 9:9-13*

Draw Jesus sharing a meal with Matthew and his friends

A woman who had sinned was brought before Jesus. The pharisees wanted Jesus to condemn her, but instead Jesus forgave her sins. *Jn 8:2-11*

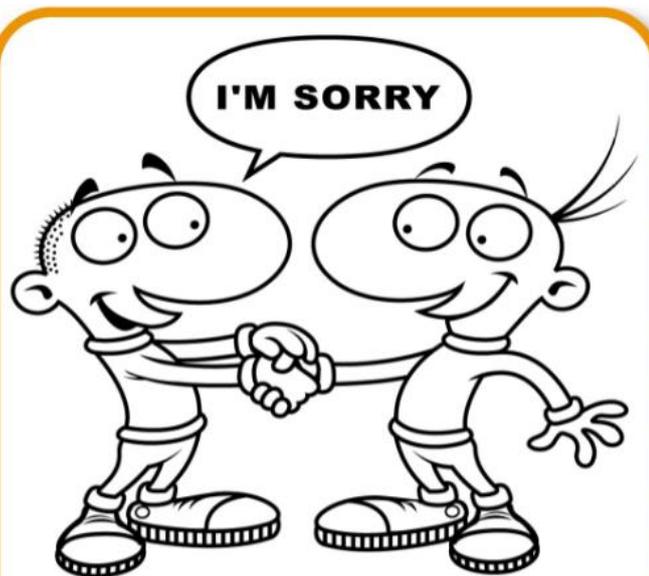
Write a short prayer asking God to forgive our sins

Dear Lord, _____

_____ Amen.

A rich man named Zaccheus climbed a tree to get a better view of Jesus. People became upset when Jesus decided to be a guest at Zaccheus' house, but Zaccheus was so happy he gave half his possessions to the poor. *Lk 19:1-10*

Draw Zaccheus in the sycamore tree



If someone sins against you, speak to them and tell them what was wrong. If they listen to you, you will have won them back.