



# 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

#### Sunday Mass Celebrations

##### Sunday Mass

Saturday: 5:00PM Lambton  
Sunday: 7:30AM Waratah  
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

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. We have no choice but to turn people away if we exceed capacity. 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.

#### 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](http://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 on TV

*Mass For You at Home* is broadcast at 6:00AM every Sunday on Channel 10 (WIN), or on Catch Up TV at 10 play.

#### 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. If you know someone who would like a visit, please encourage them to contact us.

# 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
- ✓ 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. You are encouraged to bring your own, however, disposable masks will be available

## Mass

- ✓ Congregational singing is suspended until further notice. A group of up to five (5) singers may sing together in a large well-ventilated space, facing forward and not towards each other, maintaining physical distancing of 1.5 metres between each singer, and 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

## ◆ SACRAMENTS ◆

### ANOINTING AND VIATICUM

Pastoral Care of the Sick and Dying continues 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. However, 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.

### COMMUNION MINISTRY TO THE SICK

We are considering the possibility of taking Communion to the Sick to include our Extraordinary Ministers in November. However, this will depend on the circumstances at the time. Communion to the Sick is currently limited to the priests.

### FUNERALS

The celebration of funerals is 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.

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

#### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

First Reading: Ez 34:11-12. 15-17  
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22:1-3. 5-6. R. v.1  
 Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-26. 28  
 Gospel Acclamation: Mk 11:9-10  
 Gospel: Mt 25:31-46

### 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 the number of persons that is equivalent to one person per 4 square metres of space in the building, or 150 persons.

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

### PENANCE

The celebration of the Sacrament of Penance is possible.

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

The communal celebration of the Sacrament of Penance, that is, 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.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

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

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

### FEAST DAYS

22 Nov: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe  
 30 Nov: Saint Andrew, Apostle  
 8 Dec: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 25 Dec: Nativity of the Lord  
 26 Dec: Saint Stephen, The First Martyr  
 27 Dec: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
 28 Dec: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Jer 29:11,12,14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

**FIRST READING**

Prv 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

**A reading from the book of Proverbs**

*Give her a share in what she has worked for.*

A perfect wife – who can find her?  
She is far beyond the price of pearls.  
Her husband’s heart has confidence in her,  
from her he will derive no little profit.  
Advantage and not hurt she brings him  
all the days of her life.  
She is always busy with wool and with flax,  
she does her work with eager hands.  
She sets her hands to the distaff,  
her fingers grasp the spindle.  
She holds out her hand to the poor,  
she opens her arms to the needy.  
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;  
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.  
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,  
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

**(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.**

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R.)
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem  
all the days of your life. (R.)

**SECOND READING**

1 Thes 5:1-6

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians**

*The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.*

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about ‘times and seasons’, since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, ‘How quiet and peaceful it is’ that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The Word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Jn 15:4. 5

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Mt 25:14-30

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

*Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.*

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. “Sir”, he said “you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.” Next the man with the two talents came forward. “Sir,” he said “you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.” Last came forward the man who had the one talent. “Sir,” said he “I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back.” But his master answered him, “You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Ps 72:28

To be near God is my happiness,  
to place my hope in God the Lord.

**WORK FOR THE LORD!**



## HOMILY

By Richard Leonard

As Catholics we have no problem with the time-bound nature of the Bible. In fact we appreciate it, believing that the scriptures deserve to be read within their context, and also need careful interpretation. And while the Catholic Feminist Association may not choose to have today's first reading as the opening text at their next convention, we would be mistaken to hear it only in terms of our world today.

The Book of Proverbs is a distillation of sayings and teachings which had grown up over hundreds of years, most probably from Rabbis and Scribes. Its world is a vastly different one to ours. This is clearly seen in the tasks of the 'capable wife'. She is praised for her work with wool, flax, in the vineyard and in real estate. It's only in the context of an agrarian society that the power of this text makes sense.

Until quite recently, women in Palestinian society, and in wider society for that matter, were considered the 'possessions' of their husbands. They could be bought, sold, divorced, or killed without any appeal to the law. Wives in this society had no legally recognised human rights. They were expected to serve and shut-up.

By contrast, then, this text from the Book of Proverbs, which can seem so old-fashioned to us, was a liberating text in its day. A woman's right to work is not only defended, but also extolled. She is praised for her creativity, wisdom, goodness, strength, sense of justice, generosity, joy and faith. In any age and for either gender this is not a bad list of virtues toward which we should all aspire.

And these days of course, through the ongoing revelation of the Spirit, we believe that what the Book of Proverbs expects and praises in a capable wife, we should equally look for in a capable husband.

It is almost possible that Jesus had women in mind when he shared the parable of the talents in today's Gospel. What can often get lost in the debates about who should be ordained in today's Church, is that women have always and still 'lead' the Church in powerful and long-lasting ways. From the extraordinary abilities of religious and lay women in Catholic welfare, education, healthcare, overseas missions and theological reflections, to wives and mothers whose daily witness to the fidelity and goodness of God, this all reveals in innumerable ways the power of the parable of the talents. The reality is that if it were not for women's leadership, commitment and faith, it would be hard to see how the Church could survive. We would not be able to continue almost all of our ministries.

None of this minimises the pain and hurt some women have experienced at the hands of the Church. Some feel as though their particular contribution to the life of the Church has not been fully realised.

All we can hope and pray for is that we may find ways to use everyone's talents for the building up of the Kingdom of God, and that we may see that everyone's contribution, irrespective of gender, is precious and worthy of praise.

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## REFLECTION

By Dianne Bergant

It is not enough that we wait patiently. We are expected to be industrious as we await the advent of the reign of God. We have all been entrusted with talents that really belong to God, and we must use these talents to the best of our ability in the interim between the Lord's departure and his final return. The ideal wisdom figure in the first reading is a model of such industriousness.

Fidelity to the reign of God requires that we be willing to take risks. We do not know the time of the Lord's coming, and so there will have to be a kind of tentativeness to all of our plans. We will never be able to be certain that they will be brought to fruition. We must spend and be spent without the assurance that we will be able to reap the rewards of our investment. To refuse to risk is to refuse to trust.

If we have been wise and have industriously employed the Lord's talents, which were entrusted to us, we will be richly rewarded. However, if we have not realised the potential that is possessed by our talents, and if we have not employed them as they were meant to be employed, we will be punished. The foolish man in the gospel knew that the householder was exacting. He had some idea of what to expect. He made his choice and he had to accept the consequences of that choice.

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## REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

In the parable that Jesus tells in today's Gospel, the master praises the efforts of the first two servants, who used the talents they were given and improved upon them. The master criticises the action of the third servant, who hid the talent, did nothing, and was paralyzed with fear.

When have you been like the first and second servants, using your talents in a way that benefits yourself and others?

When have you been like the third servant, not using your talents and not bringing benefit to yourself or others?

The last few lines of this Gospel passage might seem to contradict Jesus' usual message about the last being first. This passage appears to be saying that the first will be even further ahead, and the last will be left behind.

Is this contradiction troubling to you? Why or why not? How do you see it?

When Jesus speaks of the first becoming last and the last becoming first, he is usually speaking of humility and boastfulness. Those who pump themselves up are usually just full of hot air. Why would Jesus say that the humble ones are really the great ones?

When Jesus speaks of the rich ones getting more, and the poor ones losing what they have, he is speaking in terms of laziness and activity. Those who act in a lazy way usually become more lazy, and they lose any initiative they once had. What kind of activity is Jesus encouraging us to do?

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## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

### Light a Candle

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



**Introduction:** Brothers and sisters, alert to our needs and the needs of the world let us bring our prayer before the God of all.

1. That the Church, entrusted with God's kingdom on earth, will work with creativity and zeal. Let us pray to the Lord.
2. That nations and global corporations will use the earth's resources responsibly. Let us pray to the Lord.
3. That men and women will treat each other with dignity and respect. Let us pray to the Lord.
4. That those who use their gifts and talents for others will be abundantly blessed. Let us pray to the Lord.
5. That we who are gathered will remain faithful in little things. Let us pray to the Lord.
6. That the dead will be rewarded for their goodness. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Conclusion:** Generous God, you lavish us with gifts so that we may work for the coming of your reign. Hear these prayers and help us to remain faithful to your word. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

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## A VOCATION VIEW

Don't just bury your talents. Dream your best dream about your life and then live it to the full. God calls you to live in happiness. For more information regarding Vocations phone 02 4979 1112 or email [vocations@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@mn.catholic.org.au).

## 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:** Jeffrey Greentree, Ann Imelda Johanson.

**Anniversaries:** Margaret O'Dwyer, Lupe Fonua, Campofranco Sebastiano, Frank and Maria Teresa Patti, Fay and Peter Baran, the Marigiliani and Patti families, Fr Denis Corrigan, Mgr Francis O'Gorman, Fr John Marshall.

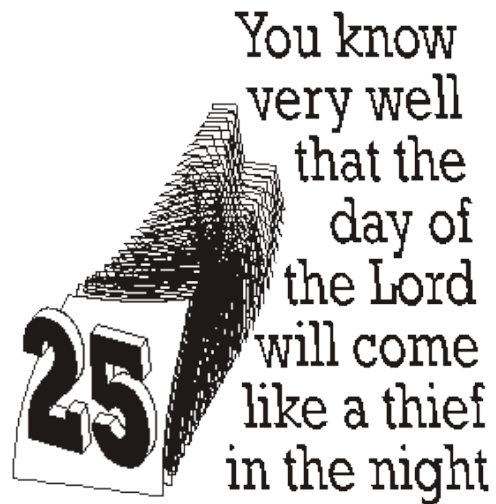
Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them. + May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen



**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

<https://www.catholic.org.au/prayers/>



## READERS ROSTER

READERS ROSTER	LAMBTON	WARATAH	NEW LAMBTON	WARATAH
	<b>Saturday 5:00PM</b>	<b>Sunday 7:30AM</b>	<b>Sunday 9:15AM</b>	<b>Sunday 5:30PM</b>
<b>October</b>	Diana Dolan	Elizabeth Buckles	Sr Maureen Torpey	Laurel Movigliatti
<b>November</b>	Emma Conserdyne	Teleisia Lolohea	Noel Franks	Elizabeth Buckles
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## 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 dependent on the availability of a COVID-19 Safety Plan for the building, and the registration of the church as a COVID-19 Safe business.

Last updated on 23 October 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) 300 persons.

## CHANGES TO THE COLLECTS

From the First Sunday of Advent, 29 November 2020, the word "one" will be removed from the conclusion to the collect read. For example, instead of the following:

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

the conclusion to the collect would read:

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

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.

A full copy of the Public Health Order can be found on the NSW Legislation website via [www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/information/covid19-legislation](http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/information/covid19-legislation).

*See page 1 for the maximum capacity of each of our churches.*

## ◆ NOTICES ◆

### PARISH NEWS

**Book of Remembrance 2020:** November is the month when we especially remember our loved ones who have gone before us. A Book of Remembrance is available at the church entrance; in which you are invited to write the names of your loved ones who have been called to eternal life.

**November Mass Offerings:** November Mass Offering envelopes are available at the Church entrances during the month of October. Completed envelopes can be placed in the 1<sup>st</sup> collection basket.

**Remembrance Mass:** Due to COVID restrictions and circumstances beyond our control, the Remembrance Mass has been moved from Sandgate Cemetery to St Therese's New Lambton on Saturday 28 November at 9:00AM. There will be no 8:00AM Mass that day.

**Advent Program:** Sunday 29 November is the First Sunday of Advent, and in preparation, the parish has a limited number of Daily Reflection Books. If you are interested in purchasing a book for personal reflection they are now available at the Parish Office. Books cost \$7.00.

**Weekday Mass:** Due to COVID-19 safety measures, the new Daily Mass book weekday Cycle 2 will not be available in the Churches during 2021. Instead, we are offering those who attend weekday Mass a personal copy. There is a limited, but generous, number of these available to our parishioners at the low cost of \$10.00 this year. Non-Parishioners may purchase a book at the normal price of \$25.00. Once you have a book please ensure you write your name inside the cover and always take it home with you. The new cycle begins 29 November.

**Christmas Rosters:** We aim to finalise Christmas Mass rosters by mid-December. Please contact your Roster contact or the Parish Office by email or phone if you are available to participate in Ministry during Christmas Masses by Monday 23 November.

**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.

**Parish Venues:** We are sorry to advise that all 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, our parishioners, 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 Bell Tower Appeal. Masks are double layered in tightly woven cotton, with a nose wire for added protection. Ear savers are used to hold mask ear loops back from your ears. Thank you to our volunteers who provide these.

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

**Catholic Weekly:** Catholic Weekly is now available at the church entrance.

**St Vincent de Paul Waratah Conference News:** SVdP Christmas cards and 2021 calendars will be available for sale at the start of next week.

- Pack of 10 Cards \$5
- Calendars \$20

**2021 Volunteer Rosters:** We are currently working on new rosters for 2021 and hope to have them available late December. Our grateful thanks to all who volunteered during 2020 and those who are continuing. If you do not wish to continue on a roster in 2021, please let the Parish Secretary know. Please note that if you have not completed registration then you will not be included in the 2021 rosters.

**Volunteer Registrations:** We are pleased to announce that the Diocese has taken on board your feedback over the last few years, regarding the volunteer registration process, and has developed a new classification scale. Under this new system, the number of checks and balances required to register for volunteer ministries more accurately reflects the degree of autonomy and authority associated with the role in question. This means that for many ministries the registration process is now more relaxed. We are currently reviewing all pending volunteer registrations with this in mind.

**Weekly Bulletin:** Our weekly bulletin is available via email subscription [triparish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:triparish@mn.catholic.org.au). In an effort to reach those not yet able to come to church, paper copies are available for collection at 3 locations – Lambton Church verandah, Waratah Presbytery verandah, and New Lambton Parish House front door. Please consider dropping a copy into the letter box of a neighbouring parishioner who may not have email or internet, or is not back at church yet. Please contact the office if you need assistance.

### PARISH GROUPS, TEAMS AND COUNCILS

**Parish Pastoral Council:** The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be Tuesday 24 November from 5:30PM at Parish House New Lambton.

**Parish Finance Council:** The next Parish Finance Council meeting will be Thursday 3 December from 6:00PM at St John's Hall.

### DIOCESE NEWS

**aMeN caMiNo:** Using intervals of the Great North Walk, this five-day pilgrimage is a journey through the Watagans, around the lake and the beautiful Hunter beaches. This is a 'M' (Maitland) 'N' (Newcastle) Camino for 'e' everyone! Yes! aMeN! Encounter relationship, story, the grace of God in the beautiful landscape of our own backyard. The aMeN caMiNo will stretch your body, mind and spirit and provides an opportunity of transformation. If you are interested in joining the aMeN caMiNo in 2021, please fill an expression of interest form by 30 November. <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/media/4437/31816-dio-amen-camino-flyer-proof01.pdf>

**Christian Formation Course 2021:** The Christian Formation Course (CFC) is a face-to-face learning experience that allows participants to explore their life's journey and their faith within the Catholic Tradition. This one-year course introduces participants to scripture, theology, church history, sacramental life, and liturgy. The course runs across twelve months and comprises of eight units. Commencing on Tuesday 2 February, 2021, no prerequisite formation or qualification is required to enrol. All who complete the Course are awarded a diocesan Certificate in Christian Formation. If you would like to enrol in the Christian Formation Course in 2021 go to: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/christian-formation-course/>

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

The day of the Lord is coming

1 Thes 5:1-5  
Ps 27:1, 13-14, R, v.1a  
Mt 25:14-15, 19-21

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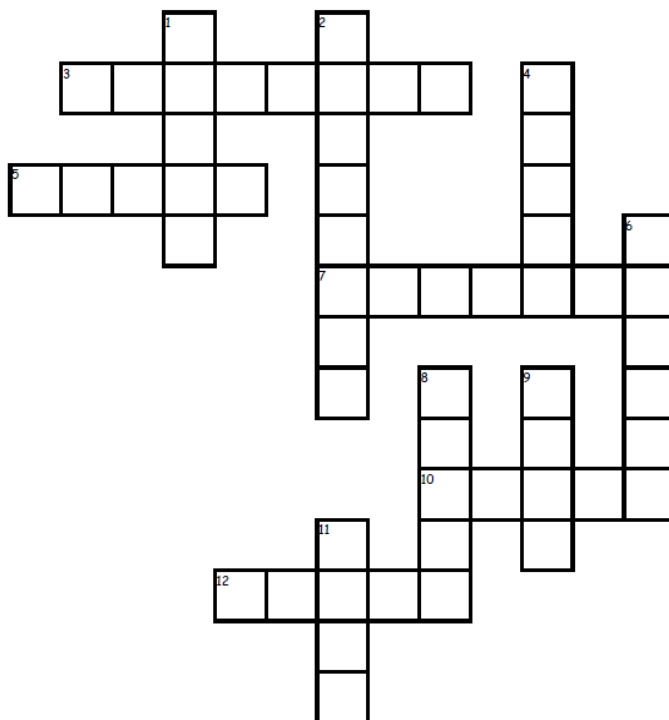
Try to find these words:

- awake
- away
- escape
- faithful
- five
- friends
- money
- share
- thief
- thousand
- woman
- write

CROSSWORD

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Across

- 3: the man gave five \_\_\_\_\_ coins to the first servant
- 5: someone who steals
- 7: people you care about
- 10: when you are not asleep you are this
- 12: you do this with a pen

Down

- 1: you use this to buy things
- 2: dependable, trustworthy
- 4: a female adult
- 6: to get free from capture
- 8: the man invited the servant to \_\_\_\_\_ in his happiness
- 9: absent, gone
- 11: between four and six

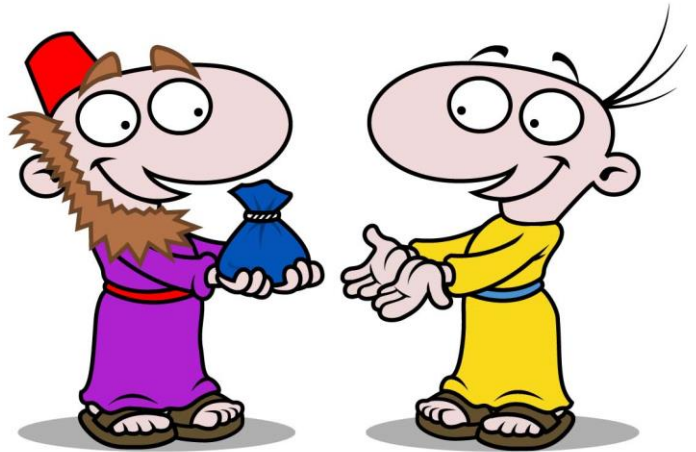


# Come and share in my happiness

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



Jesus tells us that God rewards those who use their gifts wisely. Inside each bag write down a gift God has given you.



In today's gospel, Jesus tells the story of a Master who gives each of his servants responsibility for a large amount of money. Draw a picture that shows you being responsible for an important job.



## COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

"Come and share in my happiness!"

START

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T	I	D	N	J	A	P	P	L	S
M	E	O	M	Y	H	R	E	K	S

FINISH