



The Catholic Community of HOLY TRINITY PARISH BLACKBUTT NORTH



St John the Evangelist Church
Dickson Street Lambton Est. 1873



Corpus Christi Church
Platt Street Waratah Est. 1917



St Therese's Church
Royal Street New Lambton Est. 1954

◆ THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD ◆ YEAR B ◆ 25 DECEMBER 2020 ◆

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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 no longer essential to attend Mass, however people will still need to sign in as they enter the church. The maximum capacity for each church, under the new 2m square rule, and maintaining 1.5m distance is Lambton **50**, Waratah **82** and New Lambton **130**. We have no choice but to turn people away if we exceed capacity. 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.

Pastoral Visitation

If you would like a priest to visit your home, 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.

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 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.

◆ MASS AT HOLY TRINITY PARISH ◆

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 now allowed, with the recommendation that you wear a mask. A group of singers may sing together in a large well-ventilated space, provided they all face forward and not towards each other, maintain physical distancing of 1.5 metres between each singer, and must be 5 metres from the congregation and not above the congregation
- ✓ There can be Presentation of the Gifts under the guidance of the priest
- ✓ 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

◆ NOTICES ◆

Christmas Message: On behalf of myself, Fr Camillus, Liza, Justine, and Johanna, we wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas. May God's Blessings fill your days. *Fr Sabu*

Thankyou: A very special thank you to all our volunteers who are assisting with our Christmas Masses; and to those who have loyally served the parish through ministry past, present and future; all of whom the parish would not function well without you....again, our grateful thanks.

Parish Office Closure: Please note our Parish Office will be closed and staff will be on much needed respite from Christmas Day and will re-open on Monday 4 January 2021. In an emergency, please phone Fr Sabu on 4956 1953 or Fr Camillus on 4955 9364.

Christmas Offering: Offering envelopes are available from the Church entrance. Your generous donation goes towards supporting the sick and retired priests of our diocese.

Christmas Mass Collections: There will be two (2) collections:
1st collection: Supports our diocesan clergy
2nd collection: Supports our parish charities

Planned Giving: Our grateful thanks to those who continue to financially support our parish which has enabled us to continue to meet our financial dues. Anyone wishing to join our Planned Giving Program, either electronically or envelopes, please contact the Parish Office.

Becoming Catholic: If you would like to enquire about becoming a Catholic please feel free to speak to our priests or contact the Parish Office.

◆ 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; however, communal celebrations of the Anointing of the Sick are not to take place, either in parishes or aged care facilities.

BAPTISM

The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is possible, though liturgical adaptations are required.

Parish Baptism Preparation programs will soon recommence.

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

COMMUNION MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Communion to the Sick is currently limited to the priests.

FUNERALS

The celebration of funerals is possible 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.

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 that is equivalent to one person per 2 square metres of space in the building. 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. Priests are exhorted to honour any reasonable request to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance.

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 can now take place; however, the Third Rite of Reconciliation, should not take place.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The celebration of Christian Initiation for children will recommence in 2021.

Excerpts from [Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle COVID-19 Pandemic Event – Advice, Guidance and Instructions to Parishes](#). Anyone without internet who would like a copy can request one from the Parish Office.

◆ CHRISTMAS DAWN ◆

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Is 9:1,5; Lk 1:33

Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us;
and he will be called Wondrous God,
Prince of peace, Father of future ages:
and his reign will be without end.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

FIRST READING

Is 62:11-12

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Your Saviour is born.

This the Lord proclaims
to the ends of the earth:
Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Look,
your saviour comes,
the prize of his victory with him,
his trophies before him'.
They shall be called 'The Holy People',
'The Lord's Redeemed'.
And you shall be called 'The-sought-after',
'City-not-forsaken.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 96:1. 6. 11-12

**(R.) A light will shine on us this day:
the Lord is born for us.**

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
the many coastlands be glad.
The skies proclaim his justice;
all the peoples see his glory. (R.)
2. Light shines forth for the just
and joy for the upright of heart.
Rejoice, you just, in the Lord;
give glory to his holy name. (R.)



SECOND READING

Ti 3:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus
His own compassion saved us.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to God in the highest,
peace to his people on earth.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 2:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger.

Now when the angels had gone from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.' So they hurried away and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Zec 9:9

Rejoice, O Daughter Sion; lift up praise, Daughter Jerusalem:
Behold, your King will come, the Holy One and Saviour of the world.

Today is born our Saviour

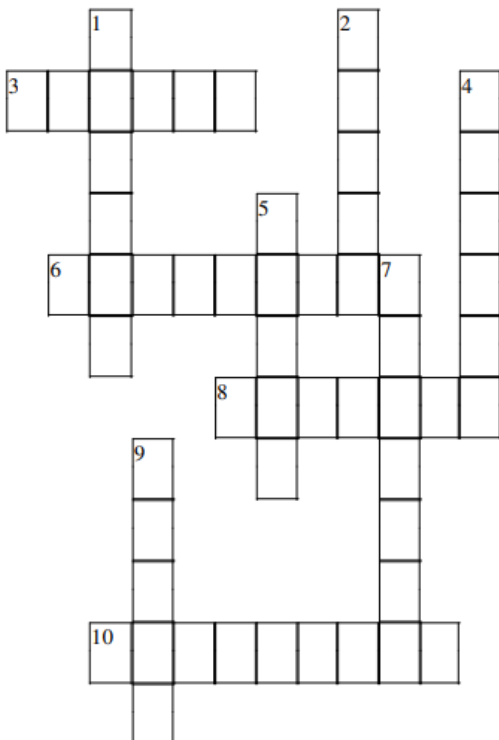
The Nativity of the Lord



Draw a picture of the newly born Jesus lying in the manger.



In the Manger Luke 2:15-20



Across

- 3. Where the angels went.
- 6. Where the shepherds went.
- 8. As they returned home the shepherds _____ God.
- 10. As they returned home the shepherds _____ God.

Down

- 1. A bed for Jesus.
- 2. The shepherds went with _____. (another way to say hurried)
- 4. The reaction of the people.
- 5. Mary kept these things in her _____.
- 7. What the shepherds told Mary and Joseph.
- 9. baby