



# 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) 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.

## ◆ 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 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

## ◆ 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:  
1<sup>st</sup> collection: Supports our diocesan clergy  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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 DAY ◆

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Is 9:5

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;  
his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder,  
and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

### FIRST READING

Is 52:7-10

#### A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*All the ends of the earth shall see the saving power of our God.*

How beautiful on the mountains,  
are the feet of one who brings good news,  
who heralds peace, brings happiness,  
proclaims salvation,  
and tells Zion,  
'Your God is king!'

Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices,  
they shout for joy together,  
for they see the Lord face to face,  
as he returns to Zion.

Break into shouts of joy together,  
you ruins of Jerusalem;  
for the Lord is consoling his people,  
redeeming Jerusalem.

The Lord bares his holy arm  
in the sight of all the nations,  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:1-6. R. v.3

**(R.) All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

1. Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation. (R.)

2. The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel. (R.)

3. All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth,  
ring out your joy. (R.)

4. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,  
with the sound of music.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)

### SECOND READING

Heb 1:1-6

#### A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*In our own time, God speaks to us through his Son.*

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father, or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

The Word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A holy day has dawned upon us.  
Come you nations and adore the Lord.  
Today a great light has come upon the earth.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

Jn 1:1-18

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory.*

In the beginning was the Word:  
the Word was with God  
and the Word was God.  
He was with God in the beginning.  
Through him all things came to be,  
not one thing had its being but through him.  
All that came to be had life in him  
and that life was the light of men,  
a light that shines in the dark,  
a light that darkness could not overpower.

A man came, sent by God.

His name was John.

He came as a witness,  
as a witness to speak for the light,  
so that everyone might believe through him.  
He was not the light,  
only a witness to speak for the light.

The Word was the true light  
that enlightens all men;  
and he was coming into the world.

He was in the world  
that had its being through him,  
and the world did not know him.  
He came to his own domain  
and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who did accept him  
he gave power to become children of God,  
to all who believe in the name of him  
who was born not out of human stock  
or urge of the flesh  
or will of man  
but of God himself.

The Word was made flesh,  
he lived among us,  
and we saw his glory,  
the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,  
full of grace and truth.

John appears as his witness, He proclaims:

'This is the one of whom I said:

He who comes after me

ranks before me

because he existed before me.'

Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received –  
yes, grace in return for grace,  
since, though the Law was given through Moses,  
grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.

No one has ever seen God;  
it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart,  
who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 97:3

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.



# Today is born our Saviour

The Nativity of the Lord



## JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

Today is born our Saviour

Is 9:2-4, 6-7  
Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 11-12a, R. Lk 2:11  
Ti 3:4-6  
Lk 2:1-14

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

Try to find these words:

angels  
celebrate  
flocks  
glory  
light  
manger  
Nazareth  
peace  
power  
rescue  
shines  
sing

**God gives us all that we have. What are some of the gifts you have received from God?**

