Who would like a priest to visit, please encourage them to contact us by phone or email at the Parish Office. If you would like a visit, please encourage them to contact us.

If you are 65 years or over, have pre-existing health conditions, or have a compromised immune system, you are essential and maintaining 1.5m distance.

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.

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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 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.

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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 2 square metre 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.
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 of 1.5 metres at all times
- Use hand sanitiser provided
- 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 up to fifty (50) 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 single file
- 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

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**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. 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 though liturgical adaptations are required. Parish Baptism Preparation programs are suspended for the duration of the current circumstances. Pastors are 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**
Taking 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 Plan, both general and funeral specific, for your church building. The maximum number of guests at a wedding held in a church building is the number of persons 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. 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.

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**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 number of persons equivalent to one person per 2 square metres of space in the building.

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**Next Week’s Readings**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- First Reading: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7
- Responsorial Psalm: Ps 146:1-6, R. v.3
- Second Reading: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23
- Gospel Acclamation: Mt 8:17
- Gospel: Mk 1:29-39

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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.
Entrance Antiphon
Ps 105:47
Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading
Dt 18:15-20
A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again," you said, "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v. 9
(R.) If today, you hear 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 kneel 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
1 Cor 7:32-35
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation
Mt 4:16
Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

Gospel
Mk 1:21-28
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: The Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said, 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon
Cf. Ps 30:17-18
Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.
**Homily**

By Fr Chris Hope

We've all had to put up with boring speeches or sermons from time to time, whether it be from politicians, preachers, at school speech nights or the local service or sports club. Every now and then we come across someone who really arrests our attention. It mightn't be only that he or she puts words together well; it's often a combination of that and something in the content that strikes a chord. Maybe we are even envious of the obvious gift that person has. This is surely how Jesus came across to those people in the synagogue. This was someone quite different; they had had their share of the run of the mill scribes with their tired old platitudes. Here was someone who really meant what he said and was able to back it up with fearless engagement with a power from which they shrank in ignorance and doubt.

It is not without importance that this is the first public appearance of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. Over the next few weeks we will witness the popular acceptance of Jesus as he battles with a force that takes various forms – physical sickness, opposition from entrenched mindsets, the accusation of collusion with the enemy itself. This is the ‘gospel’, the good news that Jesus invites the people to accept readily by changing their lives.

The same ‘gospel’ is offered to us for we are dealing with a power that can change our lives, not merely a set of nice, pious sayings. Too often we reduce the gospels to that and so remain relatively unmoved by the dynamic challenge they contain.

As we know, in that society possession by ‘unclean spirits’ was a general term that covered all kinds of conditions for which we today have medical or social explanations and sophisticated labels. We can therefore approach these stories with a type of superiority as if they either don’t occur anymore or are best left to experts to deal with. Yet isn’t it true that all of us are ‘possessed’ in different ways by forces over which we have to admit to having little or no control? Some people are enslaved by addictions to drugs, alcohol, food, gambling and so on. Many of us suffer from more subtle addictions so that we don’t even want to admit to ourselves, let alone to anyone else, that we are virtually powerless to control them. All of us know deep down that many of our habits and ways of dealing with others are so much a part of our make up that we can do little to change them.

The people who acclaimed Jesus realised that he had something special that could influence them to change their lives. The authority and healing power of Jesus is present today in his body, the Church, through the Sacraments, but also in the love, care and compassion of every community of faith. We only have to look around us when we are gathered for the Eucharist to name it and accept it. It is when the Church is able to back up teaching and doctrine with the same concern for the troubled lives of ordinary people that it is most effective in continuing the mission of Jesus. That is why in the Gospels he is always accompanied by followers learning how to be genuine ‘fishers of men’.  
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**Reflection**

By Dianne Bergant

Discipleship requires a change in us. We want to change because in so many ways we are being strangled to death by demons. We are caught in dysfunction and sin; we live in the midst of the battle between good and evil, the struggle of human finitude and failure. We are plunged into the throes of human suffering and pain, and there seems to be no escape.

The demonic seduces us in more ways than we can count and we are often caught in its web before we recognise what has happened. There have always been many and varied voices that claim to have the remedy for our ills. Preachers and politicians have stirred up crowds and ignited their emotions. Promises have been made and predictions advanced, yet the conflict goes on, the demons continue to hold sway. The demon recognised the authority in the voice of Jesus. Do we recognise it?

When we are released by Jesus from the demons that possess us, we are freed from the stranglehold of evil and liberated to live far less encumbered and divided lives. No Earthly reality will possess us, neither relationships nor obligations nor even religious practices. Rather, we will be possessed by Christ who liberates us for the reign of God. Therefore, whether married or unmarried, whether in the midst of the community or at its margins, we will be able to heed the voice of God in our hearts and to recognise Jesus in our midst.  
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**Reflection**

By Fr Michael Tate

**Evil Spirits versus the Holy One of God**

The word ‘diabolical’ comes from a Greek word referring to something broken in two, shattered. Looking at persons and societies torn apart, it is obvious that the diabolical spirit is powerful. However, it harbours a fear that a more powerful Holy Spirit could reintegrate a personality, could make a community out of divided groups.

‘Have you come to destroy us?’ indicates that this fear was realised in the coming on to the scene of Jesus Christ. Jesus’ answer was a resounding ‘Yes’, not in words but in action, healing a man torn apart by a diabolical spirit.

Jesus Christ invites and empowers us to join in his healing mission to overcome whatever it is which tears people apart, whether at the individual, community or global levels. We do so in the confidence of His Resurrection which overcame the diabolical tearing apart of His body and soul.

We could pause for a moment to commit ourselves to joining Jesus’ mission, so putting the fear of God into the devil!  
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**PRAYERS**

**Light a Candle**

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

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

1. That church leaders everywhere will guide their people with wisdom and faith. Let us pray to the Lord.

2. That messengers and prophets will remain safe as they seek to expose corruption and injustice. Let us pray to the Lord.

3. That cultural and ethnic diversity be appreciated as a source of strength and harmony. Let us pray to the Lord.

4. That this community will come to know Christ more deeply and listen to his voice. Let us pray to the Lord.

5. That the sick and housebound will experience the love and support of our community. Let us pray to the Lord.

6. That those who have died will enter God’s heavenly kingdom. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Conclusion:** God of all goodness, you sent Jesus to be our teacher and saviour. Hear our prayers and help us prepare for the coming of your kingdom.

**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:** Marie Monica Hands, Marie Lawrence, Archbishop Philip Wilson

**Anniversaries:** Campofranco Michele, Francesca Costantino, Acquaro Antonio, Costantino Giuseppa, Campofranco Sebastiano, Fr Michael John Hanrahan, Fr Robert O’Shea, Fr James Hanly, Fr John O’Connor, Fr Philip Ryan

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.

**SAINTS**

**Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**

St Agatha has been honoured since ancient times, although very little is known about her other than legend. Early tradition describes her as a young, wealthy virgin who was devoted to Christ. During times when Christians were persecuted, she refused the advances of the consul Quintinian, who threatened to have her charged. Agatha held firm to her beliefs and was subsequently tortured and martyred.

**A VOCATION VIEW**

Let us not get confused that power and authority are two very different things. We must imitate Jesus and use these gifts in service of the poor. It is this power that is at work in us. For more information regarding Vocations email vocations@mn.catholic.org.au or phone 02 4979 1112.

**FEAST DAYS**

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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.


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

**WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS**
If you are new to our Parish, we invite you to complete a Census Form, available from the Parish Office.

**Thinking of becoming Catholic?** Please speak with one of our Priests.

**PARISH NEWS**

**Ash Wednesday Mass Times**
Wednesday 17 February:
- 7:00AM Lambton
- 12:00PM Waratah
- 7:00PM New Lambton

Promoters of Safeguarding: We are pleased to announce that Paul Rosser and Teleisia Lolohea have agreed to be our Promoters of Safeguarding. This is a new role that will help us to establish and action a safeguarding implementation plan for the parish, in order to meet the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards.

Volunteer Needed: If anyone can assist an elderly parishioner by accompanying him so that he may walk from the Bethel aged care facility to Mass at Corpus Christi and back again, please contact the parish office.

2021 Volunteer Rosters: The rosters for February and March 2021 are now available at the back of the Church. Please also note the roster for upcoming readings on page 2. Our grateful thanks to all who volunteered during 2020 and those who are continuing.

Daily Mass Books: Due to COVID-19 safety measures, the new Daily Mass book weekday Cycle 1 are not available in the Churches. Instead, we offer 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. Please ensure you write your name inside the cover of your book and always take it home with you.

Weekly Bulletin: The bulletin is available for free via email subscription 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 veranda, Waratah Presbytery veranda, 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.

Aurora Magazine: Aurora, the official magazine of the Diocese. The December issue is now available at the back of the church or by subscription.

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

Masks: Masks ($10.00) and ear savers ($2.00) are on sale at the Parish Office. Proceeds go towards the Bell Tower Appeal. Thank you to our volunteers who provide these.

**PARISH GROUPS, TEAMS AND COUNCILS**

Parish Pastoral Council: The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be Tuesday 23 February 2021, 5:30PM at Parish House New Lambton.

Finance Council: The next Finance Council meeting will be Thursday 4 February 2021, 6:00PM at St John's Lambton Hall.

Liturgy Team Meeting: The Liturgy Team will meet on Tuesday 9 February, 4:30PM at Parish House New Lambton.

**DIOCESE NEWS**

**Sacred @ Seven:** You are invited to celebrate the next Sacred @ Seven on Wednesday 10 December at 7:00PM at St Therese's New Lambton. This holy hour of adoration is organised by the Diocesan Council for Ministry with Young People.

**Catechist Mass:** The annual catechist mass will be held on Saturday 20 February at 2:00PM, Sacred Heart Cathedral. Refreshments will be served in the Victor Peter Suite after the Mass. RSVPs including dietary requirements are essential for this event, by 5 February to Natasha on 02 4979 1193 or natasha.brotherton@mn.catholic.org.au.

**Building the Kingdom of God Together, Our Journey – Diocesan Contemplative Dialogue Reflection Program:** From Lent until Pentecost the people of the diocese will be invited, through a process of contemplative dialogue, to discern more fully the framework for considering 'Building the Kingdom of God Together, Our Journey' in our diocese. The purpose of these reflections during Lent (17 February – 31 March) is to enable all members of the diocesan community to respond to the papers developed by the Synod Working Party. The Church of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is centred on Christ, the Cornerstone, and seeks always to live as a community of people who believe and are missionary disciples. Explore our life and mission through our five foundations with the following component parts: Virtual launch of Project Compassion (Tuesday 16 February); Identity and Community (Week 1); worship and Prayer (Week 2); Formation and Education (Week 3); Mission and Outreach (Week 4); Leadership and Structure (Week 5); Holy Week, Virtual The Way of the Cross (Week 6). Synod delegates will be facilitating the Program throughout Lent in parishes, schools and online. To connect online please register at https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/diocesan-lenten-reflection-groups-registration-136552114049.

**South East Asia Crisis:** With your help, and with our church and non-profit organisation partners on the ground, Caritas Australia can provide vital support to those affected by this and other disasters as part of our Asia Emergency Appeal. Donate today at www.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free.

**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. 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/

**Message from the Council for Catholic Women:** There is much to look forward to for the women of our Diocese in 2021. Earlier this year the Council of Catholic Women was disbanded. However, some members of the former contact group have written to Bishop Bill in the interest of forming a Diocesan Council for Women. Whilst awaiting a response, a meeting has been scheduled for Thursday 11 February 2021 at 4:00PM in the Toohey Room. We aim to include all Diocesan women through conversations, visits or Zoom to all parts of the Diocese and interest groups that are inclusive, reflective and fun.

**Art Competition:** Artists are invited to create a work based on the themes found in the Social Justice 2020–21 Statement To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today. Works can be 2 or 3 dimensional, no larger than 1 x 1 metres with name, title of work, school, parish and phone number clearly labelled on the back. A 150 word (maximum) artist statement must also accompany the work, emailed before Thursday 19 June to rose.mollister@mn.catholic.org.au. For more information email Rose. Exhibition date Saturday 17 July at the Veritas Centre, San Clemente High School, Mayfield NSW.

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JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH
The prophet will speak in God’s name

Try to find these words:

answer
Capernaum
choose
destroy
evil
message
Moses
obey
powerful
prophet
Sabbath
speak

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

CROSSWORD
The prophet will speak in God’s name

Across
1: talk
3: Jews taught the law of this man
5: make a choice
6: to do what you are told to do
7: someone who speaks on behalf of God
11: a man with an __ __ spirit yelled at Jesus
12: Jesus was teaching in this town

Down
2: a reply to a question
4: the day of rest
8: strong
9: information that is passed on to someone else
10: ruin, break apart, wreck

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
Jesus taught with great authority and people listened to him. We too are more likely to listen to someone who really believes in what they say. Draw a picture of someone who you listen to.

Help spread the good news by connecting all the aces 😊. Only use straight lines - including diagonal lines - but do not pass through crossed boxes 🕳️. Complete the sentence below by adding each letter that your line passes through.

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People were amazed at his __ __ __ __ __ __ teaching.

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