



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

◆ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT ◆ FIRST SCRUTINY ◆ 7 MARCH 2021 ◆

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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.

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.

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 not recommended at this time. A group of up to thirty (30) singers may sing together 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 and in single file
- ✓ Communion Host will only be placed in the hand, not the tongue and 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 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 25 February 2021, the Public Health Order has set the number of persons who can be present in our church buildings at any one time to be equivalent to one person per 2 square metres of space in the building.

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.

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

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

Currently, limited number of Baptisms can take place on the second, third, and fourth Saturdays of the month and are held between St John the Evangelist Lambton, Corpus Christi Waratah, and St Therese's New Lambton. Bookings are made through the Parish Office. Whilst Baptism Preparation Sessions are essential, advice around this will be provided at the time of a booking.

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 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 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 celebration of the Second Rite of Reconciliation and Penitential Services may resume subject to appropriate care and precautions.. The Third Rite of Reconciliation is not permitted.

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 will resume.

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

Ez 36:23-26

When I prove my holiness among you,
I will gather you from all the foreign lands
and I will pour clean water upon you
and cleanse you from all your impurities,
and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

FIRST READING

Ex 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

Give us water to drink.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(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 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

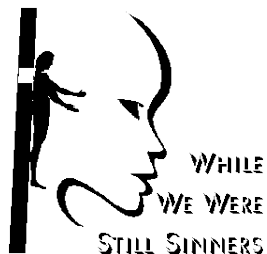
Rom 5:1-2. 5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The Word of the Lord



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Jn 4:42. 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Jn 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering
and who it is that is saying to you:
Give me a drink,
you would have been the one to ask,
and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water
will get thirsty again:
but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give
will never be thirsty again:
the water that I shall give
will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming
when you will worship the Father
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.
You worship what you do not know;
we worship what we do know;
for salvation comes from the Jews.
But the hour will come – in fact it is here already –
when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth:
that is the kind of worshipper
the Father wants.
God is spirit,
and those who worship
must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jn 4:13-14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him a spring
welling up to eternal life.

HOMILY

By Richard Leonard

In recent years the Ten Commandments have become an unusual staging ground for various groups within the Church. Some people complain that young Catholics don't know them off by heart. This position is countered by those who say that rather than being able to recite them we should live them, though it's hard to see how we can do one without the other. Still, others rightly claim that Jesus summarised them in his new commandments, 'To love God with all our heart, mind and soul and to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.'

The problem with teaching the Ten Commandments is not what they say, but how they say it. The idea of 'coveting' anything, but especially 'wives, slaves, ox and ass' are all a bit dated these days.

In an article entitled 'Preaching to the Modern Pagans' journalist Bryan Appleyard tells how he interviewed a person who kept quoting them at length. Later he decided to read them for the first time since childhood and he was struck by their insightfulness into the human character. Appleyard thought all the Ten Commandments needed was a makeover so that we can reclaim the power of them.

'You shall have no other gods beside me.'

Be serious!

'You shall not carve idols for yourselves ... nor bow down before them.'

Get real!

'You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.'

Be humble!

'Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day ...'

Be quiet!

'Honour your father and your mother ...'

Respect age!

'You shall not kill.'

Do not kill, for all murder is suicide!

'You shall not commit adultery.'

Mean what you say!

'You shall not steal.'

Do not steal, or all the world will die!

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.'

Honour others, their frailties are usually your own!

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house or wife ...'

Be kind, be generous and don't play around!

So by putting some ancient words into the modern vernacular we are exhorted this Sunday to seriousness, facing reality, humility, creating space, respecting age, honesty, and fidelity, and we are bluntly told to stop killing and stealing. There is nothing old fashioned about these challenges. As in other instances, we can see that it's not what our tradition has to say but the way we say it that can be the problem.

And today's Gospel tells us of the consequences of moving away from these guiding principles. I think we need to take Jesus' anger very seriously. Rightly we have emphasised the love and compassion of Jesus over recent decades because for far too long the steadfast love of Christ was under-emphasised. We should never think, however, that it cancels out the anger God feels when he sees an unjust world filled with people who know better and do nothing.

God has given us the Ten Commandments, the Law, the Prophets and Jesus his Son, so that we might know the Way, the Truth and the Life. When we are called to account for how we spent our lives, whom we loved and how we made the world a better place for all, most of us will not be able to plead ignorance. May our Eucharist this Sunday enable us to be mindful of what the Ten Commandments say, but even more may it give us the courage and strength to live them out in a world that needs witnesses to them more than ever.

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REFLECTION

By Dianne Bergant

All people thirst for meaning, but of what does that meaning consist? The people in the desert thirsted for water, but they misunderstood their thirst. The woman of Samaria thirsted. Her conversation with Jesus showed that she thirsted for understanding and insight as well as water. For what do we thirst in this world of such great excess and unmeasured need? Life has not become simpler with all of our advances. We still thirst for more – for the newest, the fastest and the best. How much is enough, and when do we cross the line into 'too much'?

The gospel readings for the scrutiny Sundays very clearly lay out the choices that are placed before the catechumens and the rest of the believing community as well. This Sunday it is between water that quenches thirst and water that does not. Jesus identifies himself as the source of water that guarantees eternal life. He places before the Samaritan woman a choice that requires a step of profound faith. She knows the thirst-quenching quality of the water from Jacob's well, but she is not acquainted with the water promised by this stranger who is also an enemy of her people. The choice is not an obvious one. A similar choice is placed before us. We know the demands of our culture and the circumstances of our lives. Are we able to acknowledge the sins of which we are guilty, recognise the grace that is being offered to us, and make the right choice?

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A VOCATION VIEW

Moses heard God's call from a burning bush. What is your passion, your burning bush? Take time to know what God is sending you to do and be. For more information regarding Vocations email vocations@mn.catholic.org.au or phone 02 4979 1112.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Fourth Sunday in of Lent

First Reading: 2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 136. R. v.6
 Second Reading: Eph 2:4-10
 Gospel Acclamation: Jn 3:16
 Gospel: Jn 3:14-21

FEAST DAYS

17 Mar: Saint Patrick, Bishop
 19 Mar: Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 25 Mar: The Annunciation of the Lord
 28 Mar: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 1 April: Thursday of Holy Week
 2 April: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
 3 April: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
 4 April: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
 26 April: Saint Mark, Evangelist

◆ MINISTRIES ◆

| ROSTERS | LAMBTON | WARATAH | NEW LAMBTON | WARATAH |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| 6/7 March 2021 | Saturday 5:00PM | Sunday 7:30AM | Sunday 9:15AM | Sunday 5:30PM |
| Flowers / Sacristy | No Flowers (Lent) | | | |
| Liturgical Assistant | Joe Weber | Tim O'Brien | Stephen & Alison Morris | Graham Alexander |
| Greeters | Volunteer ministry postponed | Volunteer ministry postponed | Volunteer ministry postponed | Volunteer ministry postponed |
| Musician | Naomi Smith Suzanne Ryan | Judy Nolan | Sr Janice Duggan Judy Buchhom Bill Horton | Alison Llewellyn |
| Readers | Margaret Wheeler | Paul Weber | Sr Maureen Torpey | Helen Clough |
| Prayer of the Faithful | Margaret Wheeler | Teleisia Lolohea | Sr Maureen Torpey | Helen Clough |
| Procession of the Gifts | Volunteer ministry postponed | Volunteer ministry postponed | Volunteer ministry postponed | Volunteer ministry postponed |
| Holy Communion | Volunteer ministry postponed | Volunteer ministry postponed | Volunteer ministry postponed | Volunteer ministry postponed |
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| Musician | Naomi Smith Suzanne Ryan | Ann Morris | Brynwyn Melville & United in Song | Marc Grimer |
| Readers | Ann Gunn | Teleisia Lolohea | Noel Franks | Dennis Carroll |
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| ROSTER CONTACTS | Ann Gunn M 0407 571 197 | Elizabeth Buckles P 02 4967 4363 | Joy Loas 02 4952 2664 | Volunteer needed |

◆ PRAYERS ◆

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, with contrite hearts, let us draw near to the well of life and place our needs before the God of all.

1. That the Church will be the well-spring for all who thirst for God. Let us pray to the Lord.
2. That nations who desire the 'newest', 'fastest' and 'best' will make choices based on fairness and justice. Let us pray to the Lord.
3. That those who are outcast and rejected in our society will be met with acceptance and care. Let us pray to the Lord.
4. That men and women who work in the marketplace will give witness to God's law by what they say and do. Let us pray to the Lord.
5. That those who are frail or endure sickness will cling to Christ, our strength. Let us pray to the Lord.
6. That Asher as he continues his journey towards Christian baptism at the Easter Vigil, will move forward with courage and conviction with the support of our parish family. Let us pray to the Lord.
7. That we who are gathered today will turn away from sin and put our personal lives in order. Let us pray to the Lord.
8. That our Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle be guarded and guided by the goodness of God as we work together to build the Kingdom of God. Let us pray to the Lord.
9. That the dead will be washed in the waters of eternal life. Let us pray to the Lord.

Conclusion: O God, the fountain of life, you offer us living water springing from the rock of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Hear our prayers and increase your gift of faith in us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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WE REMEMBER

Please Pray for

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

Recently Deceased: Dorothy Cecilia Waite, Kevin Winter, Wayne Lawrence

Anniversaries: John Augustin Tobin, Patrick Franks, Sr Bernadette Franks rsm, Fr Patrick Carey, Fr Florence McAuliffe, Fr Harry Cressy.

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

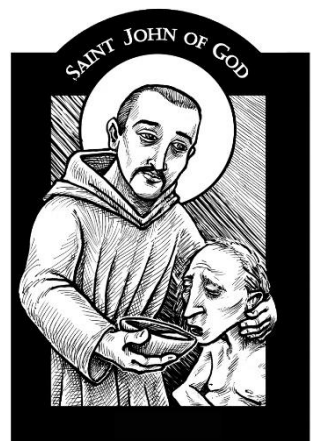


During this time "Intentions" for publication may be submitted by email (or phone) by midday Monday each week ahead. Reminder that you need the person or family's permission to enable us to publish names.

SAINTS

Saint John of God, Religious

St John of God was originally a soldier who fought for Spain against the French and the Turks. Around the age of forty he repented his former life and converted to a life of service to God. In 1539 he bought a house and gave shelter and care to the sick and needy. After his death, John's followers formed a Religious Order of hospitalers, the Brothers of St John of God. He is the patron saint of nurses, hospitals and the sick.



◆ NOTICES ◆

PARISH NEWS

Easter Roster: Sign-up sheets for the Easter roster are now available at the church entrance. Please sign up before Monday 15 March.

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Our Parish Service of Reconciliation, Second Rite, will be held at 7:00PM on:

Tuesday 23 March at Corpus Christi Church Waratah
Wednesday 24 March at St Therese's Church New

Contemplative Dialogue Reflection Group

These groups are meeting over Lent. It is not too late to join, so please come along to any night. Meetings are scheduled for Wednesday 10, 24 and 31 March, 7:00PM-8:30PM at Parish House New Lambton (Dennis Carroll Convenor). There are also meetings on Monday 6:00PM-7:30PM at the St Vincent de Paul meeting room, Waratah (Paul Rosser Convenor). If you would like to take part please contact Dennis on 0407 757 482 or Paul on 0413 124 003.

Project Compassion: Oliva, 22, could not read, write or count, and her business was losing money. Then she attended Caritas Australia-supported literacy and numeracy classes, and set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours. Now her classes, business and family are thriving, and she aims to become a pastor and run for local leadership. Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and support people like Oliva's gain access to education to build a brighter future and live in communities that upholds everyone's dignity. You can donate through the Parish boxes or visit www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phone 1800 024 413.

Sunshine Family Group: The Sunshine Family Group will meet for lunch on Thursday 11 March at the Mark Hotel at 12:00PM. Contact Ellen on 4957 4502.

Weekly Bulletin: The bulletin is available 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.

Masks: Masks (\$10.00) and ear savers (\$2.00) are on sale at the Parish Office. Proceeds go towards the Bell Tower Appeal.

Periodicals: Catholic Weekly and the Diocese official magazine, *Aurora*, are available at the back of the church or by subscription.

Sacramental Programs: Sacramental Programs are now taking enrolments for last year's candidates (2020 – Years 3 and 4), plus current Year 3 (2021).

Parish Office Parking: If using the parking space provided when visiting the Parish Office, please ensure that your vehicle does not encroach on the footpath.

Promoters of Safeguarding: Paul Rosser and Teleisia Lolohea are the parish's 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.

PARISH GROUPS, TEAMS AND COUNCILS

Parish Pastoral Council: The Parish Pastoral Council meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday 9 March, 4:30PM-6:00PM at Parish House New Lambton.

Caring Group: The Caring Group meets on the first Friday of the month at Parish House.

DIOCESE NEWS

Sacred @ Seven: The next Sacred @ Seven on Wednesday 10 March 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*. All welcome. Refreshments afterwards.

Building the Kingdom of God Together, Our Journey – Diocesan Contemplative Dialogue Reflection Program:

To access the program and resources online, go to <https://www.domnsynod.com.au/building-the-kingdom>. If you would like to connect with this program online, please register at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/diocesan-lenten-reflection-groups-registration-136552114049>

Climate Action Conference: Future Directions!: A free online event to be held on Saturday 21 March, 9:00AM–5:00PM. Register at <https://www.unitingearth.org.au/2021-synod-climate-action-conference>

Relationships Matter: A free online event on Wednesday 24 March, on relationships and their success. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/relationships-matter-tickets-141917957431>.

Stations of the Cross – Way of the Cross: This year the Diocese will hold a pre-recorded online experience of the Way of the Cross, to be available on the Diocesan website during Holy Week. The focus will be *A Journey with St Mary of the Cross MacKillop*.

Art Competition: For entry information email Rose McAllister at rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au before Thursday 19 June.

Diocesan Synod: The next sessions of the Diocesan Synod will be Session Two – Discernment – to be held on Saturday 22 May, and Session Three – Implementation – to be held on Saturday 20 November. For information visit the website at <https://www.domnsynod.com.au>.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TIME TABLE

| DAY | DATE | MASS | CHURCH | TIME |
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| Tuesday | 23 March | Second Rite Reconciliation | Corpus Christi Waratah | 7:00PM |
| Wednesday | 24 March | Second Rite Reconciliation | St Therese's New Lambton | 7:00PM |
| Sunday | 28 March | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord | As per normal weekend Mass | As per normal weekend Mass |
| Tuesday | 30 March | Chrism Mass – Mass of the Oils | SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL | 7:00PM |
| Thursday | 1 April | Holy Thursday | St Therese's New Lambton | 7:00PM |
| Friday | 2 April | Good Friday Stations | St John the Evangelist Lambton | 10:00AM |
| Friday | 2 April | Good Friday Stations | Corpus Christi Waratah | 10:00AM |
| Friday | 2 April | Good Friday Stations | St Therese's New Lambton | 10:00AM |
| Friday | 2 April | Good Friday Stations | St Therese's New Lambton | 3:00PM |
| Saturday | 3 April | Holy Saturday | St Therese's New Lambton | 7:00PM |
| Sunday | 4 April | Easter Sunday | Corpus Christi Waratah | 7:30AM |
| Sunday | 4 April | Easter Sunday | St John the Evangelist Lambton | 9:30AM |
| Sunday | 4 April | Easter Sunday | PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS | |

SENIOR WORDSEARCH

Harden not your hearts

Ex 17:3-7
Ps 95:1-2, 7e-9c R.v.8
Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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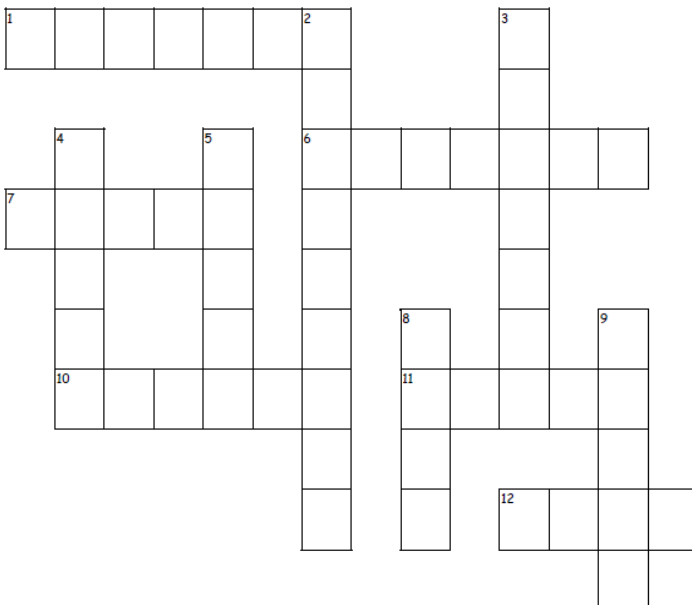
Try to find these words:

- animals
- bucket
- drink
- Egypt
- Jacob
- Messiah
- rock
- Samaritan
- stick
- thirsty
- water
- well

CROSSWORD

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Across

- 1: cows, sheep, pigs, birds, camels, etc.
- 6: Saviour
- 7: clear liquid
- 10: this is used to carry liquids
- 11: Moses took the people of Israel out of this place
- 12: where the water came from at Mt Sinai

Down

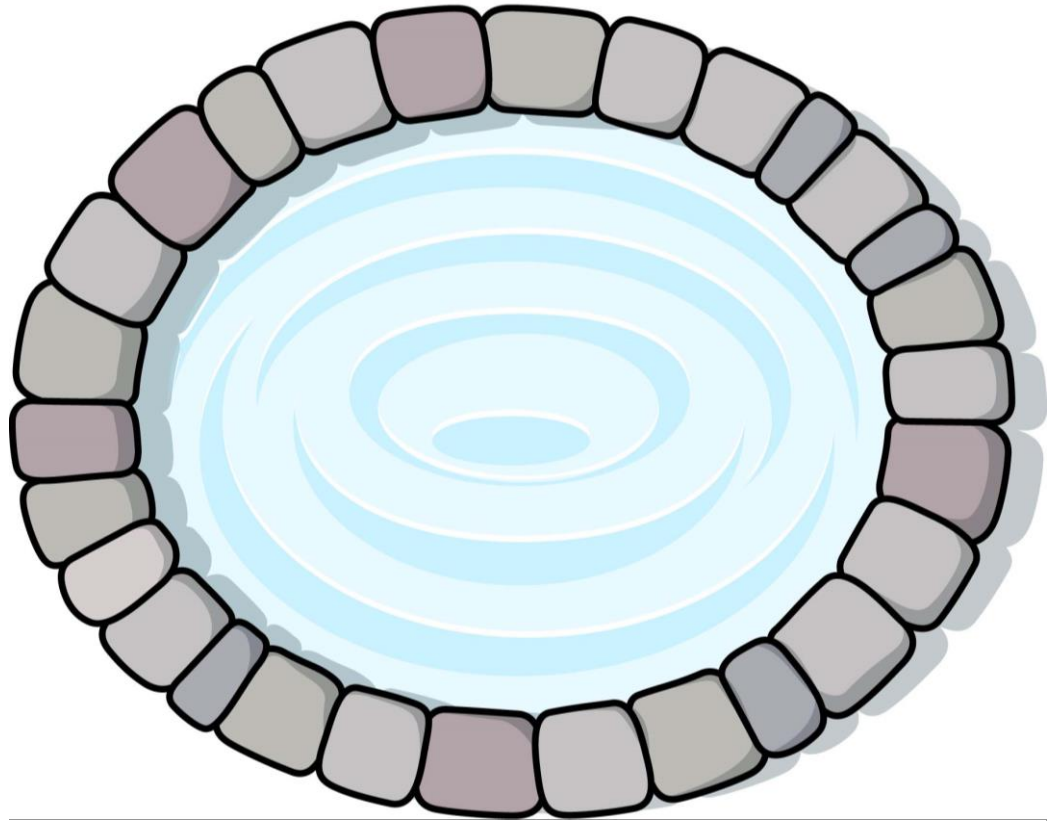
- 2: a person from Samaria
- 3: in need of a drink
- 4: Jesus sat by a well that had been dug by this person
- 5: to consume liquid
- 8: a hole in the ground that people collect water from
- 9: Moses used this to get water from a rock



I offer you life-giving water

3rd Sunday of Lent, Year A

Imagine that you have just met Jesus at the well. Write down what you think Jesus will ask of you, or perhaps share with him something that you are really in need of in your life right now.



Unscramble the letters in the bucket to reveal who the Samaritan woman discovered Jesus to really be.



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The Samaritan woman led many people to believe in Jesus. How can we share our faith with others?

Three empty rectangular boxes for writing an answer.