



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

◆ FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ◆ YEAR B ◆ 21 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 choir 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

Cf. Ps 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING

Jer 31:31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt.
and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)

2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)

3. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. (R.)

SECOND READING

Heb 5:7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Jn 12:20-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

‘Now the hour has come
for the Son of Man to be glorified.
I tell you most solemnly,
unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,
it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies,
it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it;
anyone who hates his life in this world
will keep it for the eternal life.
If a man serves me, he must follow me,
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.
Now my soul is troubled.
What shall I say:
Father, save me from this hour?
But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.
Father, glorify your name!’

A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.



‘Now sentence is being passed on this world;
now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.
And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I shall draw all men to myself.’

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jn 12: 24

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

HOMILY

By Richard Leonard

If ever you get the chance to travel to Turkey make sure you go to the Roman ruins at Ephesus. The trip is instructive for all sorts of reasons, not least because two thousand years ago Ephesus was a seaport and now you have to drive inland for over an hour to get there. I wonder what our cities will look like in another two thousand years? But Ephesus is worth the trip. The Roman ruins there, especially the library, are extraordinary. For Christians, however, three other places there capture the imagination. It's the place to which the great letter in the New Testament was addressed. There are the ruins of the hall in which the important Council of Ephesus met, and there are ruins of a monastery built over what is claimed to be the final home of St John, the Beloved Disciple. There is also the much more dubious claim that Mary's final house, and the site of her Assumption, is on top of the mountain overlooking the ancient city.

There are good reasons to believe that the Gospel of John, from which we have just read, was written in Ephesus, 70 years after Jesus' death. I like to think about the context in which the Scriptures were written, not just because it helps me understand some things in the text, but also to appreciate that our Scriptures were inspired by the experience of a flesh and blood community.

Ephesus was a centre of learning, trade, government and religion in the ancient world. We also know that the early Christians were greatly persecuted and martyred there. The early church was filled with stories of betrayal, torture, death and heroic witness to the faith. The stakes for believing in Jesus were very high. And it was the heroic witness of these martyrs that eventually led to the conversion of the Roman Empire to Christianity. It should come as no surprise to us then that John's Gospel should have a special focus on sharing in the sufferings of Jesus and the glory to come.

The words of Jesus in today's Gospel must have been very important to a community that was awash with the blood of their fellow believers. Our foremothers and forefathers in the faith counted themselves blessed to die as Jesus died, alive in the faith of God's love for the world. Just imagine how that community of martyrs first heard these words, 'Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.'

By comparison we have it easy today, but martyrdom comes to all believers in different ways. In the broadest sense a martyr is one who is prepared to pay the price for holding true to Christ. For us now this might mean making serious choices about the company we keep, the business ventures we enter into, the non-violent protests we mount, foregoing luxuries so that others in our world might have necessities, and even remaining faithful to the vows and promises we have made. Christian faith sometimes bites hard, and when it does we know we are sharing in the martyr's lot.

And what should be our response when our faith in Christ costs us something big? Jesus models it for us in today's Gospel, '...what should I say? "Father, save me from this hour." No, it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.'

May this final week of Lent, then, see this flesh and blood community be like our forebears in Ephesus and actively seek out ways of sharing in the martyr's lot by letting go of what is not essential and focusing on the One who loved us to the end.

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REFLECTION

By Dianne Bergant

Each reading provides us with an example of divine mercy. God's use of Cyrus to deliver the Israelites, even though he was not a believer, shows that every circumstance and any person can demonstrate the scope of God's love. In fact, it is often the situation or the individual that we least expect that has been chosen to manifest God's mercy to us. This same mercy is seen as God brings us to life with Christ even when we were dead in sin.

Mercy means that strict justice is set aside in favour of compassion. Dispossessed people are raised out of defeat and given another chance. Sinners condemned to severe punishment are raised out of despair and offered a reprieve. The whole world is raised up out of darkness when God's own Son is sent into that world as saviour rather than as judge. God's mercy raises us out of loss and hopelessness, out of darkness and sin, so that we might enjoy the blessings of life.

We too have been raised up so that we might live in truth and might become the visible sign of God's mercy in the world. We have been made a new people, free from the restraints of the past. Joined with Christ we become God's handiwork, creations that bear the seal of the great creator. We are the very sacrament of God's mercy. The forgiveness that we have experienced and the new life within us shine forth as witness to the mercy of God.

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A VOCATION VIEW

Unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat. Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we first dry out and die to our selfish ways, we can never expect to be people who will 'lay down their lives for their friends.' For more information regarding Vocations email vocations@mn.catholic.org.au or phone 02 4979 1112.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

First Reading: Is 50:4-7
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2
 Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11
 Gospel Acclamation: Phil 2:8-9
 Gospel: Mk 14:2 – 15:47

FEAST DAYS

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
 3 May: Saints Philip and James, Apostles
 14 May: Saint Matthias, Apostle
 23 May: Pentecost Sunday
 30 May: The Most Holy Trinity

◆ MINISTRIES ◆

ROSTERS	LAMBTON	WARATAH	NEW LAMBTON	WARATAH
20/21 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	Ann Morris	Sr Janice Duggan Judy Buchhom Bill Horton	Greg Smith
Readers	Diana Dolan	Paul Rosser	Joy Loas	Helen Clough
Prayer of the Faithful	Diana Dolan	Paul Rosser	Joy Loas	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
27/28 March 2021	Saturday 5:00PM	Sunday 7:30AM	Sunday 9:15AM	Sunday 5:30PM
Flowers / Sacristy	Diana Dolan	Group	Margaret Wheeler	
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	Bronwyn Melville & United in Song	Marc Grimer
Readers	Emma Conserdyne	Mary Tobin	Denis Prendergast	Dennis Carroll
PASSION READERS	Pam Howland [Narrator] Peter Dolan [Other]	Mary Tobin [Narrator] Elizabeth Buckles [Other]	Joy Loas [Narrator] Carmel Smart [Other]	Dennis Carroll [Narrator] Helen Clough [Other]
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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, God is the source of our salvation. Let us offer our fervent prayers to the God of mercy.

1. That the Church will follow Christ's path of service and self-sacrifice. Let us pray to the Lord.
2. That nations will seek peace and reconciliation. Let us pray to the Lord.
3. That Asher will be renewed with a steadfast spirit as he prepares for baptism. Let us pray to the Lord.
4. That the cries of those who suffer poverty and homelessness will be heard by those who have plenty. Let us pray to the Lord.
5. That the sick, and those who care for them, will be drawn into the loving embrace of Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.
6. That we will serve Christ by our Lenten prayer, fasting and good works. Let us pray to the Lord.
7. 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.
8. That the dead will be raised to eternal life. Let us pray to the Lord.

Conclusion: God of the covenant, you have written your law deep within our hearts. Hear these prayers and help us to die to ourselves that we may rise to new life. 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: Paul Brendon Ryan, Ted Laurence, Billy Abdo

Anniversaries: Louis Hinton, Frank and Maria Teresa Patti, Peter and Fay Baran, Gerard Luke Pius Tobin, Fr John Foley, Fr Patrick Grace, Fr William Hourigan

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.

REFLECTION DAY WITH BISHOP BILL

Day	Date	Venue
Tuesday	13 April	St Joseph's High School Segenhoe Street Aberdeen
Wednesday	14 April	All Saints College - St Mary's Campus 16 Grant Street Maitland
Thursday	15 April	St Mary's Immaculate Parish 11 Milson Street Charlestown
Tuesday	20 April	Holy Name Parish 33 Lake Street Forster
Thursday	22 April	St Joseph's Parish 140 Wangi Road Toronto
Tuesday	4 May	Cathedral House - Sacred Heart Cathedral 841 Hunter Street Newcastle West

Anyone from anywhere across the diocese can attend any of these sessions. Each day has two Reflection sessions at 2:30PM - 4:00PM and 6:00PM - 8:00PM, and Mass at 5:00PM - 5:30PM

◆ NOTICES ◆

PROJECT COMPASSION

Halima is raising two children in a Bangladeshi refugee camp while caring for her mother, who has a disability. A Caritas Australia-supported program helped her with a shelter, cooking equipment and hygiene training. Halima now earns a small income as a trainer, helping to maintain the health and cleanliness of her community. Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them. You can donate through the Parish boxes or phone 1800 024 413 or visit www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.

PARISH NEWS

Palms for Palm Sunday: Please note that this year it is advisable that parishioners bring their own palms. There will be a small supply in case you forget.

Easter Sunday Masses

Please note that, due to the Triduum being held at New Lambton this year, there will be no Mass at New Lambton on Easter Sunday. Instead there will be Mass at 9:30AM at Lambton, as well as 7:30AM at Waratah. There will be no evening Mass on Easter Sunday.

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.

Contemplative Dialogue Reflection Group

These groups are meeting over Lent. It is not too late to join, so please come along to any night. The next meeting at Parish House New Lambton is scheduled for Wednesday 24 March, 7:00PM-8:30PM (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.

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 meets bimonthly on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be held Tuesday 27 April, 4:30PM-6:00PM at Parish House New Lambton.

Parish Finance Council: Parish Finance Council meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the month. Due to Holy Thursday, the next meeting will be held Thursday 6 May 4:00PM at Waratah Presbytery.

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

DIOCESE NEWS

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: The Diocese will hold a pre-recorded online experience of the Way of the Cross, available on the Diocesan website during Holy Week, focusing on *A Journey with St Mary of the Cross MacKillop*.

Conversation Invitation – Sacraments of Initiation for Children 2021: Join in conversation to explore resuming normal practice in 2021. Physical gathering Sunday 18 April, 2:30PM to 4:30PM, Toohey Room 841 Hunter St, Zoom gathering Monday 19 April 4:00PM to 5:00PM. Register by Monday 12 April to sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au.

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>.

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>.

Consultation for Women: Catholic women are being invited to participate in a national consultation via Zoom on 27 March, to articulate and celebrate their contribution to and vision for the mission of the Catholic Church in Australia. Visit www.nce.catholic.org.au/catholicwomen for further information.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TIME TABLE

DAY	DATE	MASS	CHURCH	TIME
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	PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASS AT ST THERESE'S NEW LAMBTON, AND NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS.		

SENIOR WORDSEARCH

I will write my laws on their hearts and minds

Jer 31:31-34
Ps 51:1, 10, 12, R, v.12a
Jn 12:24-26

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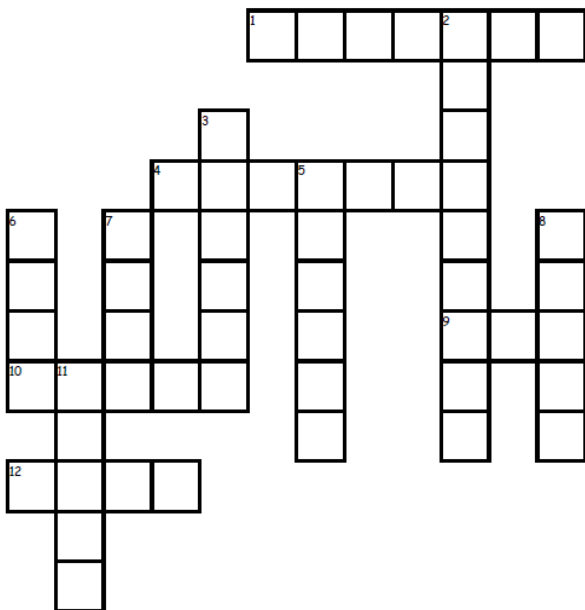
Try to find these words:

- ancestors
- certain
- Egypt
- fall
- forget
- forgive
- grain
- ground
- obey
- one
- time
- wheat

CROSSWORD

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Across

- 1: sure
- 4: God will _____ our sins
- 9: the number before two
- 10: God led the people of Israel out of this place
- 12: tumble

Down

- 2: family members who lived a long time ago are called a _____
- 3: the opposite of remember
- 5: grass and other plants grow out of the _____
- 6: you use a clock to tell the _____
- 7: to do as you are told
- 8: one grain can produce lots of this if it dies
- 11: if this falls on the ground and dies it produces lots of wheat

The grain that dies gives much wheat



5th Sunday of Lent, Year B



In the grains of wheat, draw or write some of the ways that you can serve Jesus.

Draw or write about a person that you know who serves and follows Jesus.

These children want to follow Jesus. Help them find their way to him through the maze

