



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 ◆ THIRD SCRUTINY ◆ 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 17:5-7

The waves of death rose about me;
the pains of the nether world surrounded me.
In my anguish I called to the Lord;
and from his holy temple he heard my voice.

FIRST READING

Ez 37:12-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 129. R. v.7

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. (R.)

2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. (R.)

3. My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) (R.)

4. Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. (R.)

SECOND READING

Rom 8:8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Jn 11:25. 26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Jn 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the resurrection and the life.

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,
and whoever lives and believes in me
will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me,
but I speak
for the sake of all these who stand round me,
so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of Lord.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Jn 11:26

Everyone who lives and believes in me
will not die for ever, says the Lord.

HOMILY

By Richard Leonard

The plunging of an adult or an infant into the baptismal font three times is the most important moment in the ceremony and meant to be the most moving one as well. Most of us think that this action is associated with the Trinity. It is. But the more ancient association is with the three days Jesus lay in the tomb. This is one reason why the Church now encourages candidates for baptism to be fully immersed wherever practicable. The sprinkling of water over a catechumen's head just doesn't capture the drama which the ritual intends. But when we see a person take a breath, plunge under the water and come up for air three times, we can powerfully see the identification between Jesus' time in the tomb and the person rising to new life in Christ.

The season of Lent has its origins in 3rd century Egypt where there was a commemoration of Jesus' forty days in the desert. In the 4th century these forty days are moved to their present location in the Church's calendar as the final preparation time for baptismal candidates at Easter and by the 5th century these penitential and baptismal focuses came together as one season for all believers to observe. Even the word Lent, from the old English word Lencten meaning Spring, alerted Christians in the northern hemisphere that this season was linked to the waking of nature after the long sleep of winter. Lent is about waking up to see that light and life have come in Christ.

Over the centuries the Church has tended to place more emphasis on penance than baptism. The Second Vatican Council, however, went back to the most ancient sources of this season, re-established the Rite of Christian Initiation of

Adults and encouraged us to see the link between our acts of penance and our ongoing conversion to Christ expressed in the baptismal promises made for us many years before.

On this last Sunday in Lent Lazarus is given to us to help us think about the tombs in which we lie hidden and the life to which we are called. The bad spirit seduces most of us into having some form of secretive life. It might be a secret we can't tell, a sin we can't confess or a memory we want to bury. At its worst it can be a lifestyle or a pattern of unethical behaviour we have divorced from the rest of our lives. We may even con ourselves into believing that all of this is normal and 'not so bad'.

These tombs often look similar. They seem small on the surface, but as we get away with our secrets we bury ourselves in them more deeply. We jealously guard the entrance, displacing energy to defend our tombs and we're ashamed if anyone rolls away the stone and sees the mess inside.

But this Sunday Jesus stands at the entrance of our tombs and calls us out of them. We're asked to face down the bad spirits that keep us locked in secrecy, to move away from shame, embrace repentance, recognise the price to be paid for being true to what's best in ourselves, and we're invited to know the light and life of Christ's healing and forgiveness.

No one can pretend that this journey is easy, but it's what Lent is all about: the journey from the tomb of our own particular deaths, through penance to the new life of Easter. May this Eucharist allow us to see the Lord stand at our tomb and gently call us by name, 'Come forth'. And at His word may we be unbound and let go free.

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REFLECTION

By Dianne Bergant

As a metaphor, death can stand for many things. The prophet Ezekiel witnessed the death of the nation. The gospel reports the death of Lazarus. Although Paul refers to the mortal character of our physical bodies, he is more concerned with spiritual life and death. Death attacks each one of us in all three of these ways. We are all mortal and subject to physical death; we are all sinners and must deal with the implications of spiritual death; we are all subject to the consequences of social sins such as terrorism, violence, group hatred, greed and ecological exploitation. The question before us is whether or not we are going to allow death to reign in our lives and in our communities.

All three readings for this Sunday, as well as the psalm response, point out our inability to raise ourselves out of the deaths that afflict us. In the passage from Ezekiel, it is God who promises to open the graves of the people; the people are helpless to do anything. The psalmist cries to God from out of the depths of pain and helplessness. Acknowledging human propensity to sin, Paul credits the Spirit of God with transforming death into life. Finally, it is Jesus who calls Lazarus out of the grave and returns him to his life. We can see that God does not leave us to languish in our various deaths. Instead, God offers us new life out of the tombs. All of this is accomplished through the mercy and compassion 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

Know that I am God

Ez 37:12-14
Ps 130:1-2, 5 & 7bcd
Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 31-45

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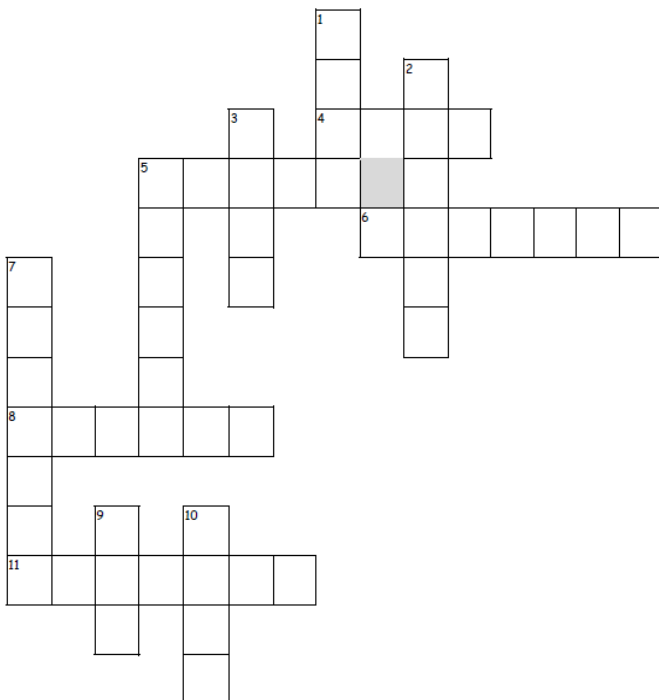
Try to find these words:

- breath
- Ezekiel
- home
- Lazarus
- Martha
- Mary
- promise
- sea
- sick
- Spirit
- stone
- tomb

CROSSWORD

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Across

- 4: Martha's sister
- 5: rock
- 6: Jesus raised him from the dead
- 8: Lazarus' sister
- 11: the Lord spoke to this prophet

Down

- 1: a place where we live
- 2: exhalation of air
- 3: a place where the dead are laid to rest
- 5: the Lord said, "My _____ will give them breath"
- 7: to give someone your word
- 9: a large expanse of water
- 10: unwell



Jesus brings Lazarus back to life

5th Sunday of Lent, Year A

Fill in the missing word on each strip of cloth to find out what the letters in each box spell.

Jesus' good _____ r ___ n ___ Lazarus was very sick.

Martha and M _____ were sad when their brother died.

"Lazarus will _____ v ___ again", said Jesus.

Jesus went to the opened _____ b and prayed.

Lazarus walked out of _____ s tomb alive.

Draw Lazarus leaving the tomb wrapped in strips of cloth.

Martha and Mary were sad when Lazarus died. They missed their brother, but still they showed faith in Jesus. What do you think Martha and Mary said to Lazarus when he came out of the tomb?

