



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

◆ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER [DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY] ◆ YEAR B ◆ 11 APRIL 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, or register using QR code at entrance
- ✓ Pick up a bulletin

Entry

- ✓ **Enter** from the main entry only
- ✓ There will be **no Holy Water**
- ✓ Select your **seat as directed** by the signs
- ✓ You are welcome to wear a mask, as recommended by the NSW Government. You are encouraged to bring your own, however, disposable masks will be available

Mass

- ✓ **Congregational singing** is now allowed. However, singing is still a high-risk activity, and care should be taken to observe and maintain physical distancing of 1.5 metres to minimise risks
- ✓ **Readers** are currently limited to one per Mass
- ✓ 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.

◆ LITURGY OF THE WORD ◆

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

1 Pt 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' (R.)

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;

his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. (R.)

3. The stone which the builders rejected

has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;

we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Jn 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St John

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Jn 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.



◆ HOMILY AND REFLECTION ◆

HOMILY

By **Richard Leonard**

The earliest Christian community focused strongly on the wounds of the Risen Lord for two reasons: to affirm the fact that Christ, now raised from the dead was the same person who had lived with them; and to make sense of the physical wounds being inflicted on them for Christ's sake.

The story of Thomas, even with its mystical details, counters a magical notion of what the resurrection is about. Jesus bears the marks of his torture and death. His glorified body, though different, is connected to how the disciples knew and loved him. They can recognise him through his words and his wounds.

We know the community of Ephesus, for which this Gospel is written, was experiencing great persecution. Is it any wonder, one generation after the earliest disciples, that the sign of Christ's Risen presence are his marks of suffering?

Our own world continues to be intrigued by manifestations of Jesus' wounds. Over recent years films like *Stigmata*, *Dogma*, *Agnes of God* and even the appalling *Daredevil* give a hysterical and cynical prominence to the stigmata. There are regular 'believe it or not' documentaries that usually follow suit. Even some pilgrims flocked to Padre Pio's monastery in the south of Italy to see if his hands really bled, or if his wounds really wept. This desire to see outward signs of inner faith is a long way short of Jesus telling us today, 'Happy are those who believe without seeing.'

Our day-to-day lives should be the clearest manifestation of the cross and resurrection of Christ.

It seems, however, that words and wounds still make a claim on us today. You and I know that we don't have to go to a stigmatic to see Christian battle wounds. We carry within us the death of the Lord. We all have our wounds. And we also know that, for

many of us, it is precisely when we are wounded most deeply by life, that our doubts in the presence of God can be greatest.

The Easter story is not that we should be ashamed of this, or pretend it doesn't happen. Today's Gospel reminds us that it is into this chaos that Christ comes with words of peace, with empathy from the one who was wounded for our sake and with the mission to forgive as we are forgiven.

Years ago I remember struggling with some personal issues during a retreat. One day, when I felt lowest about myself, the retreat director, adapting today's psalm, 117, said to me, 'you realise that the stone rejected by the builder becomes the corner stone'. By this he meant that often God takes that part of ourselves we don't like, forgives it, heals it, and uses it most powerfully to demonstrate that the pattern of the life, death and resurrection of Christ continues in all believers who bear his name and carry his wounds.

And that's what happened to Thomas. Christ took his fears, doubts and disbelief and transformed them into a powerful Christian witness that has sustained generations of us who struggle with life and faith.

So at this Easter Eucharist we are offered the same opportunity to discover that the stone rejected within us, or among us, is the one which God wants to use as the cornerstone. When we see this happening, when we see God taking the part of us we consider most unlovable and using it for good, then we want to cry out with the psalmist, 'This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.'

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REFLECTION

By **Dianne Bergant**

Today we consider the presence of the Risen Lord. Where is he found? Each of the readings offers an answer to this question. The Risen Christ is found in the community of believers who follow the example of Jesus. Even non-believers recognised something marvellously different about the Christian community, and they exclaimed: These Christians, see how they love one another.

The Risen Christ is found in those who accept the truth of the resurrection on the word of others. The word of God preached by others has often brought us out of darkness into light, from the stranglehold of death to the birth of new life. The preaching of the disciples has been not only instructive, it has also been transformative.

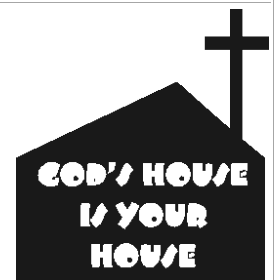
The Risen Christ is found in the forgiveness of sin. Jesus made the frightened disciples ministers of divine forgiveness. The Spirit reconciles sinners with God and, thereby, with the rest of the believing community. Forgiveness is a tangible sign of Christ's mystical presence.

The Risen Christ is found in the physical manifestation of Christ's own wounds, the wounds that he offered to be touched. Since the community is the body of Christ, we touch the wounds of Christ when we touch the wounds of the community, when we go out to the sick and infirm, the dispossessed and the violated. As shocking as these wounds may appear, they are really glorious, because the Risen Lord has identified with them and has made them his own. © Dianne Bergant CSA



A VOCATION VIEW

Easter: resurrection and new life; to be begotten by God. A new life, achieved from a conquered tomb. Meaning for life for people for thousands of years. Nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. "As the Father sent me, so I am sending you...". For more information regarding Vocations email vocations@mn.catholic.org.au or phone 02 4979 1112.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15. 17-19
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7
Second Reading: 1 Jn 2:1-5
Gospel Acclamation: See Lk 24:32
Gospel: Lk 24:35-48

FEAST DAYS

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
31 May: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6 June: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
11 June: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

◆ MINISTRIES ◆

ROSTERS	LAMBTON	WARATAH	NEW LAMBTON	WARATAH
10/11 April 2021	Saturday 5:00PM	Sunday 7:30AM	Sunday 9:15AM	Sunday 5:30PM
Flowers / Sacristy	Diana Dolan	Fane Falemaka	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	Anne Morris	B Melville & United in Song	Marc Grimer
Readers	Assunta Baran	Elizabeth Buckles	Carmel Smart	Helen Clough
Prayer of the Faithful	Assunta Baran	Elizabeth Buckles	Carmel Smart	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
17/18 April 2021	Saturday 5:00PM	Sunday 7:30AM	Sunday 9:15AM	Sunday 5:30PM
Flowers / Sacristy	Diana Dolan	Monu Pifeleti		
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	Anne Morris	Sr Janice Duggan Judy Buchhorn Bill Horton	Greg Smith
Readers	Anne Maree Mitchell	Teleisia Lolohea	Sr Maureen Torpey	Dennis Carroll
Prayer of the Faithful	Anne Maree Mitchell	Teleisia Lolohea	Sr Maureen Torpey	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, God calls us to respond in faith to the risen Lord. Let us bring our needs and those of the world before the God of all.

1. For the Church: that it be a visible sign of Christ's presence. Let us pray to the Lord.
2. For peace on earth: that nations will put aside division and hate and seek peace. Let us pray to the Lord.
3. For those who do not believe that their doubt will turn to faith. Let us pray to the Lord.
4. For those who are sick, that the peace of Christ will dwell in their hearts. Let us pray to the Lord.
5. For this community: that we always place our trust in the risen Lord and bear witness to our faith. Let us pray to the Lord.
6. 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.
7. For those who have died, that they will live forever with the risen Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.

Conclusion: Lord God, you breathe your Spirit on your people and strengthen the hearts of believers. Hear our prayers and help us who have not seen to be messengers of Christ's peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

WE REMEMBER

Please Pray for

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

Recently Deceased: Charles Goodwin, Raymond James Adams

Anniversaries: Joyce Margaret Tobin, Marie Doreen Buckley, Aubrey Edward Buckley, Annie May Charlton, Edward Charlton, Margaret Buckley, Albert Edward Buckley, Albert John Charlton, James Joseph Struck, Maria Teresa and Frank Patti, Peter and Fay Baran, Fr Patrick Hallinan, Fr Leo Daniel Driscoll, Fr Michael Dwyer osb, Fr Michael Barron



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.

PRAYER TO THE DIVINE MERCY

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.

O Fountain of Life,
Unfathomable Divine Mercy,
envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water,
which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus
as a fountain of mercy for us,
I trust in You. [3 times]

Jesus, I trust in You!

◆ NOTICES ◆

PROJECT COMPASSION

Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2021. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online. Through your generosity you will be empowering the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of poverty. You can donate through the Parish boxes or phone 1800 024 413 or visit www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion. **Project compassion boxes can be returned to the Mass or the Parish Office. Closing date is 30 April 2021.**

PARISH NEWS

Easter Holy Water: Small bottles of water were blessed at Easter Vigil, and there are still some available from each of the churches and parish office to take home.

Thank You: The beautiful flower arrangements adorning our church sanctuary at St Therese's at the Easter Vigil were donated by Tony from Belfora Florist in Broadmeadow. Tony generously sends flowers to St Therese's at both Christmas and Easter. Our gratitude and blessings go to Tony and his family.

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.

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

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

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.

Contemplative Dialogue Reflection Group

These groups are currently meeting. It is not too late to join, so please come along to any night. Meetings at Parish House New Lambton scheduled for 14, 21 and 28 April, Wednesday, 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.

NEW groups will be formed soon. If you are interested please let the Office know your contact details; OR to **VIEW** the *Building the Kingdom of God Together, Our Journey – Diocesan Contemplative Dialogue Reflection Program* go to program and resources online, at <https://www.domnsynod.com.au/building-the-kingdom>.

Tax Receipts: If you require a tax receipt for your Planned Giving and Project Compassion, please ensure that you complete the white card in your Planned Giving Packs and return it via the collection plate. Direct Debit and Credit Card Givers without a white card please note that you may collect one from the church entrance to be completed and returned.

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

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.

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. This date needs to be confirmed.

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.

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

St Vincent de Paul: Waratah Conference meets every Monday 5:30PM until 6:30PM; and New Lambton Conference meets on Thursdays at 10:30AM. New members welcome.

DIOCESE NEWS

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.

Reflection Day with Bishop Bill: Anyone from anywhere across the diocese can attend any of these sessions. Please see attachment or copies available at main entrance of the church.

Diocesan Director for Catholic Mission: A new Diocesan Director for Catholic Mission has been appointed in the Maitland/Newcastle Diocese and he has already begun meeting with church leaders. To contact David, about any aspect of the work or operations of Catholic Mission in the Maitland/Newcastle Diocese, please call his mobile on 0431 481 731 or email dmcgovern@catholicmission.org.au.

What about the next TWEC dinner?: Like so many events, the TWEC Dinner was unable to be held in 2020. Until the coronavirus vaccine is freely available, that situation is likely to remain. This initiative is an opportunity for the People of God in Maitland-Newcastle to move closer to the reign of God which was the overarching hope of the Tenison Woods Education Centre from its foundation. Currently suitable dinner venues must adhere to COVID-19 safety requirements and as we all know, that situation can change quickly. Accordingly, the TWEC Dinner Committee has discerned that it is not possible to hold a dinner in 2021. The Committee will certainly monitor the situation and is hopeful of announcing a dinner early in 2022.

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

◆ ACTIVITIES ◆

SENIOR WORDSEARCH

Those who believe are called *God's children*

Acts 4:32-35
Ps 118:2-4, 22-24, R. v.1
1 Jn 5:1-3
Jn 20:19-29

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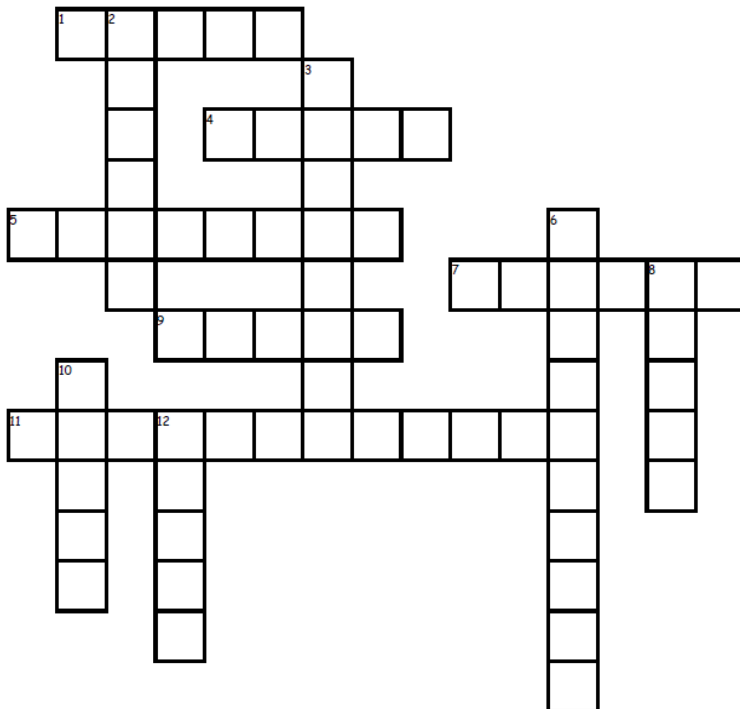
Try to find these words:

- afraid
- alive
- appeared
- children
- commandments
- faith
- happy
- Holy Spirit
- house
- money
- share
- Thomas

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Those who believe are called *God's children*

Acts 4:32-35
Ps 118:2-4, 22-24, R. v.1
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Across

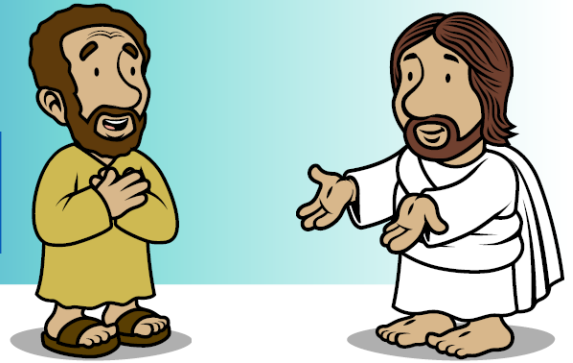
- 1: Jesus asked Thomas if he only had _____ because he had seen him
- 4: the disciples felt this way when they saw Jesus appear
- 5: young people
- 7: this man wanted to see Jesus' wounds before he would believe it was really him
- 9: to let others use your belongings
- 11: we show our love for God by obeying his c_____

Down

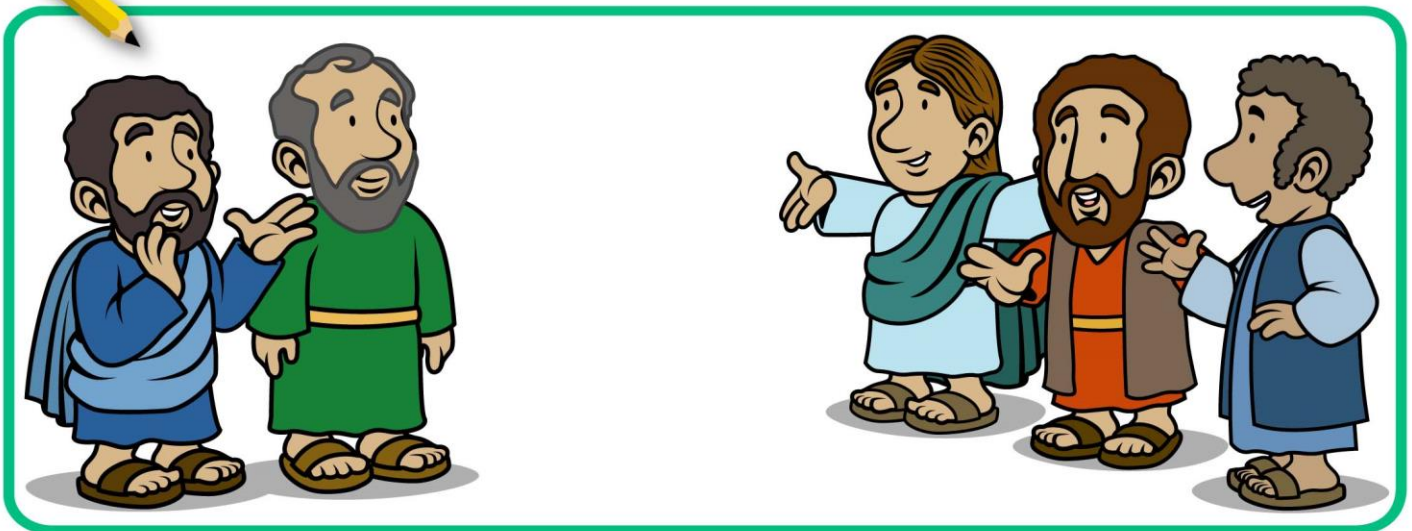
- 2: the disciples were _____ of the Jewish leaders
- 3: Jesus did this after the disciples locked themselves in a room
- 6: Jesus breathed on the disciples and said 'Receive the _____' (two words)
- 8: the apostles told everyone that Jesus was now _____
- 10: a type of building people live in
- 12: the apostles gave _____ to anyone who needed it

Have faith and you will be blessed

2nd Sunday of Easter, Year B



A week after Jesus died he appeared to his disciples. They were very happy to see him. Draw the risen Jesus.



Thomas had doubts about Jesus being alive. He wanted to see Jesus' hands and side before he would believe that Jesus had come back to life. Re-arrange the tiles to discover the important message Jesus gave to Thomas.

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What are some things in today's world that show us that Jesus' spirit is with us?
Circle the correct answers and add some of your own.



poverty

war

people sharing

people who love us

the Church

selfishness