



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



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◆ TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ◆ YEAR B ◆ 22 AUGUST 2021 ◆

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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Parish Mass Celebrations

In compliance with the [NSW Health](https://www.nsw.gov.au/health) lock down which is in effect as of 5:00PM Thursday 5 August, our church buildings are currently **closed to members of the public**.

You can join our 5:30PM Sunday Mass via our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/holytrinityparishblackbuttnorth>.

Sunday Mass Celebration

Mass continues to be celebrated 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 continue 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 pm.

Sunday Obligation

The general dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass previously given to the lay members of the Diocese by the Bishop is withdrawn. HOWEVER, the obligation only applies when it is possible for it to be complied with, a situation that presently is not possible. Those who are still unable to attend are encouraged to keep Sunday holy through the use of the resources still available on the [Diocese website](https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/covid-19-update) and at <http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/covid-19-update>.

Keeping the Sunday Holy and What we can do

<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/media/4197/keeping-sunday-holy-what-can-we-do.pdf>

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.

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.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Dt 4:1-2. 6-8
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1
Second Reading: Jas 1:17-18, 21-22. 27
Gospel Acclamation: Jas 1:18
Gospel: Mk 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING

Jos 24:1-2. 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

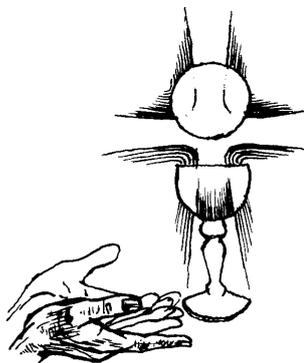
The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. (R.)
3. They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. (R.)
4. Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. (R.)
5. Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R.)



SECOND READING

Eph 5:21-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.
The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.

HOMILY

By Richard Leonard

I have some sympathy for the response of the Jews to Jesus' hard teaching in today's Gospel! For a Jew to be asked to drink blood is as abhorrent as it gets. It is the same as demanding that an ultra Orthodox Jew eat pork!

In almost all the stories in the Gospel of John there are insiders and outsiders, those who understand the message and those who take Jesus too literally and are offended or confused. The flesh and blood given for the life of the world is at one and the same time the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus celebrated in the Eucharist. Jesus was not, literally, offering his arm for his followers to chew! He was referring to the gift he was soon going to give his followers: the example of utter fidelity to God's Kingdom even unto death, and the meal of that Kingdom, the Eucharist. We are the recipients of both gifts and the commission to live them out. The Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation is given to us for our mission in the world today and for our journey toward the World to come.

The other response in today's Gospel gives us great hope. In spite of being confused and deserted by his friends Peter hangs in there with Jesus. He holds on to faith when all the signs show that a hasty retreat may be a better course of action. We all know people who remain faithful in the most extraordinary of circumstances. Some of these we can understand – parents with sick children or spouses with ill partners. It's heroic, but understandable. But sometimes fidelity is heroic and inexplicable: when a spouse welcomes back his or her partner after an adulterous affair; when a foreign-born priest or religious will not abandon an oppressed

community; when a person will fight a just cause and be persecuted all the way to the end. These are powerful signs of faithful love at work too. It's a fine line to know when fidelity is 'dying to self' not 'killing self'. We are called to the former and often seduced by the latter.

James Keenan in his excellent book, 'Virtues for ordinary Christians' says that fidelity is the bottom line of the Christian life. He argues that the Church has spent too much time preaching about 'infidelities' and too little time teaching about those things that strengthen fidelity. 'Each person', he says, 'has two major moral goals in life: to be just and to be faithful'. Being faithful to his Father, and to us, sums up what Jesus does for our salvation and is exactly what He calls forth from the disciples in today's Gospel. Perhaps because we too easily think it is something difficult, we presume that being faithful to our friends is hardly a moral issue. Yet once we see that friendship is the key to the moral life then we can come to see that living the moral life is about the ordinary interactions of our day.

James Keenan writes, 'To this end we may need to make more calls, write more letters, cook more dinners, take more strolls, linger a little longer with a friend. We may also need to disengage ourselves from the habit of counting or measuring what the other does or does not do or say'.

May this Eucharist enable us to respond to the invitation of the Holy One of God to place fidelity and friendship at the centre of our moral life and attend to the everyday activities that will see us live it out.

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REFLECTION

By Dianne Bergant

The decisions called for in today's readings are life decisions. The people at the time of Joshua had to decide which god they would worship. The disciples of Jesus had to decide if he was the one who would fulfil their messianic expectations. We have life decisions to make as well. How will we choose?

The choices we make determine the character of our union with God. God called us out of the slavery of sin and protected us throughout the journey of our lives. Jesus walked with us through the challenges of life and performed wonders for us. Why should we look elsewhere? Because we face new challenges. The new demands placed on us may be so great, or the commitment required of us may be so demanding that we feel that we can no longer walk with him. The church may be changing in ways we do not appreciate, or it may not be changing in the ways we believe it should, and so we may feel that we can walk with him no longer.

If we decide to commit ourselves, we will enter into a union with God that is deeper than anything we have previously known. However, this union will be based on faith. We may understand no more than we did in the past, things may be no more to our liking. But, 'to whom shall we go?' Jesus is God's holy one; he has the words of eternal life.

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REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

When Joshua tells the tribes of Israelites that he and his family have chosen to serve the one true God, he is able to speak on behalf of his wife and children. In his culture children and women are property. Whatever the husband and father says, the wife and children have to agree with.

Do you disagree with any of the opinions that your parents have? Do you and your parents have the same preferences in the area of religious beliefs and practices? Or do you have different styles of faith and prayer? If there are differences, how are they dealt with at home?

Do you think that life would be simpler, better and easier if all children were required to agree with their parents and go along with whatever they say? Why or why not?

When children disagree with parents, what are some respectful and courteous ways to communicate with parents and discuss important issues? How can children and parents get along and deal with huge differences that can separate them and cause negative feelings?

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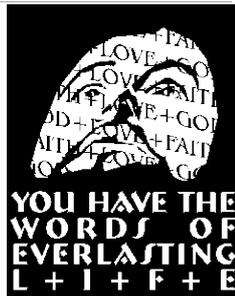


◆ MINISTRIES ◆

ROSTERS	LAMBTON	WARATAH	NEW LAMBTON	WARATAH
21/22 August 2021	Saturday 5:00PM	Sunday 7:30AM	Sunday 9:15AM	Sunday 5:30PM
Flowers / Sacristy				
Liturgical Assistant	Volunteer ministries are postponed this week. Please note that next week's ministries are subject to change if the current restrictions are extended.			
Greeters				
Musician				
Readers				
Prayer of the Faithful				
Procession of the Gifts				
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion				
28/29 August 2021	Saturday 5:00PM	Sunday 7:30AM	Sunday 9:15AM	Sunday 5:30PM
Flowers / Sacristy	Diana Dolan	Elizabeth Buckles	Barbara Strang	
Liturgical Assistant	Joe Weber	Tim O'Brien	Stephen & Alison Morris	Graehame Alexander
Greeters	Volunteer ministry postponed	Volunteer ministry postponed	Volunteer ministry postponed	Volunteer ministry postponed
Musician	Naomi Smith Suzanne Ryan	Ann Morris	Bronwyn Melville & United in Song	Alison Llewellyn
Readers	Assunta Baran	Elizabeth Buckles	Carmel Smart	Dennis Carroll
Prayer of the Faithful	Assunta Baran	Elizabeth Buckles	Carmel Smart	Dennis Carroll
Procession of the Gifts	Volunteer ministry postponed	Volunteer ministry postponed	Volunteer ministry postponed	Volunteer ministry postponed
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Volunteer ministry postponed	Volunteer ministry postponed	Volunteer ministry postponed	Volunteer ministry postponed
ROSTER CONTACTS	Ann Gunn M 0407 571 197	Elizabeth Buckles P 02 4967 4363	Joy Loas 02 4952 2664	Volunteer needed

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus, teach us about life everlasting: "Your words Lord are spirit and life ..." It is this that gives us hope when we despair, a way of living when we stray from God's way. "The words I have spoken are spirit and they are life." It is God's words that we need to hear to lift our spirit and give life. Pray for vocations. For more information regarding Vocations phone 02 4979 1112 or email vocations@mn.catholic.org.au.



SAINTS

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Bartholomew was one of the twelve apostles, but very little is known about him. Scholars believe that he was the man known as Nathanael, who was introduced to Jesus by St Philip. In the synoptic Gospels he is named Bartholomew, which means 'son of Tolmai'. Some believe that he may have preached in India where a Hebrew copy of Matthew's Gospel was found, believed to have been left by Bartholomew. He is also believed to have preached in Armenia where he was martyred. Bartholomew is mentioned in the gospels as Jesus' apostle and is often associated with Philip. Tradition holds that he preached widely in parts of Asia.



SAFEGUARDING

Our Children and Vulnerable Adults: The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults. If you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult please contact the Office of Safeguarding: P 02 4979 1390 or E childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au or visit their website for further information www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au.

Our Parish Promotors of the Office of Safeguarding are Teleisia Lolohea and Paul Rosser.

Safeguarding Standards: During 2021 the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has been actively implementing the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards and the NSW Child Safe Standards and preparing for an external audit of these standards. The Diocese is expected to proceed with the external audit in 2022 and so will continue the implementation processes for these Standards.

FEAST DAYS

- 24 Aug: Saint Bartholomew, Apostle
- 8 Sep: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 14 Sep: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- 21 Sep: Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
- 29 Sep: Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
- 18 Oct: Saint Luke, Evangelist
- 28 Oct: Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
- 1 Nov: All Saints
- 2 Nov: The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed
- 9 Nov: The Dedication of the Latern Basilica
- 21 Nov: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

◆ 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 all life. Let us bring our needs before the God of all.

1. That the Church will faithfully preach the Gospel in times of trial. Let us pray to the Lord.
2. That nations beset by consumerism will become more open to the workings of the Spirit. Let us pray to the Lord.
3. That husbands and wives will be strengthened in their love and care for each other. Let us pray to the Lord.
4. That the sick will rest in Christ who comforts the afflicted. Let us pray to the Lord.
5. That this community, nourished at the Eucharistic table, will choose to serve God and each other. 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. That the dead will rise again with Christ for ever. Let us pray to the Lord.

Conclusion: God most holy, in Jesus you have revealed the depths of your love for us. Hear these prayers that we may follow your message of eternal life. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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WE REMEMBER

Please Pray for

Sick: Joy Hatherall, Soane Tupou, Malia Piccione, Julie Cartwright, Cheryl Corbett, Giuseppi Piccione, Milan Parker, Sharon Arkinstall, Robert Watson, Donna Collins, Bernadette Coffey, Michael Payne, Fred Stanwell, Paul Mowbray, Shelley Smith, Dorothy and Jessica.

Recently Deceased: Terry Skippen, Cecil Rex Ingram.

Anniversaries: Margaret Lyons, Elizabeth Casey, Allen Feenan, John Gleeson, Geoff Bailey, Edward Franks, Romeo Luistro, Neil Devey, Fr Florence Richard Ryan, Fr Cornelius McAuliffe, Fr Patrick Joseph Flanagan, Fr James Brennan, Mgr Francis Coolahan.

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

"Intentions" for publication need to be submitted by email or phone by midday Monday Reminder that you need the person or family's permission to enable us to publish names.

A CORONAVIRUS HEALING PRAYER

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well.

Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with the doctors, nurse, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare.

In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us.

Amen.

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◆ SACRAMENTS ◆

SACRAMENTS IN HOLY TRINITY PARISH

Sacramental Program: This year's program has been completed.

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 allowable. Communal celebrations of the Anointing of the Sick are not to take place, either in parishes or other places.

Baptism: The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is not available under the current Public Health Order. When available, baptism is only to be celebrated by the pouring of water which needs to be changed between each baptism. Baptism by immersion is not celebrated 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.

Funerals: A maximum of ten (10) people can attend a funeral or memorial service or gathering afterwards. In addition to the 10 people attending there may also be:

- a person conducting the service
- other people who are necessary for the preparation and conduct of the service.

Liturgical adaptations are required in the current circumstances.

Marriage Bookings: The celebration of weddings is not possible under the current Public Health Order.

Penance: To make enquiries regarding celebration of the First Rite of Reconciliation, please contact the Lambton Presbytery or the Parish Office.

The celebration of the Second Rites of Reconciliation is not possible under the current Public Health Order.

The Third Rite is not permitted.

Communion Ministry to the Sick: Taking Communion to the Sick is currently limited to the priests.

◆ NOTICES ◆

PARISH NEWS

Social Justice Sunday: We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 29 August. For information visit www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call 02 6201 9845.

Parish Office: Our office is currently closed in compliance with the NSW lockdown that remains in effect. Please do feel free to contact us by phone or email during normal office hours for all your enquiries, or by post any time.

Planned Giving: We appreciate that many of you wish to continue giving during this time. Please wait until we can gather again. Alternatively, you can visit <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/parishdiocesan-payments/> to make a one-off payment, remembering to include your envelope number if you have one.

Weekly Bulletin: The bulletin is available via email subscription triparish@mn.catholic.org.au. Paper copies can be collected at three (3) locations – Lambton Church veranda, Waratah Presbytery veranda, and New Lambton Parish House front door.

PARISH GROUPS, TEAMS AND COUNCILS

Parish Finance Council: Parish Finance Council meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday 2 September, depending on the circumstances.

Parish Pastoral Council: The Parish Pastoral Council meets bimonthly on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 24 August, 4:30PM at Parish House. To be confirmed.

Centenary Event Planning Committee: These meetings are held over until restrictions have been lifted.

St Vincent de Paul: This week's meetings are postponed.

Caring Group: The Caring Group Committee meets bimonthly at 10:00AM on the first Friday at Parish House New Lambton. Next meeting is scheduled for Friday 1 October 2021.

Caring Group – Exercises: Sessions are currently postponed. Contact Coral on 02 4957 5338 or Barbara on 0400 537 073.

Ladies Social and Craft Group: The group will be discontinued until further notice.

DIocese NEWS

Australian Catholic Men's Gathering: On Saturday 31 July, the Australian Catholic Men's Gathering was launched online. Hundreds of men and men's groups have already signed up to be a part this inspirational event. The gathering aims to encourage all men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, church, and the world.

The Australian Catholic Men's Gathering is a free event and all the pre-recorded events can be downloaded and watched individually, or as part of a small group.

The opportunities to gather at this time are complicated by the need to act safely during the pandemic, and yet, it is important to gather and connect.

Our Diocese will be hosting four (4) online meetings to watch and discuss the four (4) sessions of the Men's Gathering. These sessions will be an opportunity to engage with the material and with other men, while also being an opportunity to explore men's ministry in our diocese and our local communities.

These online meetings will take place on Wednesday 8, 15, 22, 29 September and each session will run from 7:30PM to 8:30PM.

If you would like to be a part of our Diocesan online gatherings, or if you would like to explore how you could run the sessions in your own local community, please email brendon.mannyx@mn.catholic.org.au to register your interest, or for more information, visit www.catholicmensgathering.com.au.

August Appeal 2021: Please give a gift to our 2021 August Appeal today. CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning is the official charitable agency of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. At CatholicCare Hunter-Manning, everybody is welcome. Our Community Programs receive no government funding. Your generosity will support those who have nowhere else to turn, ensuring no one goes without and that all are welcomed with food, support, and a smile. After a difficult eighteen months, we expect to be welcoming even more people through our doors. Donate today. Send your cheque to PO Box 775 Newcastle 2300 or give a gift online www.catholiccare.org.au/augustappeal.

Young Adult Formation Group: A group meets for formation opportunities, 4:00PM – 5:00PM on the first Sunday of every month before the 5:30PM Youth Mass, at St Patrick's Church Wallsend. All are welcome! For more information, or alternative arrangements during lockdown, contact Rose on 0408 796 252.

Praying the Gospels: Join in each Wednesday 5:00PM – 5:45PM. Zoom link: <https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/96144217758>. Password: pray. For information contact: rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au.

The Chosen – Series One Discussion Group: To register go to <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-chosen-season-1-discussion-group-tickets-164268530597> or contact via formed@mn.catholic.org.au.

Diocesan Synod: Session Three of the Diocesan Synod – Implementation – will be held Saturday 20 November. Visit <https://www.domnsynod.com.au>.

PLENARY COUNCIL

Fan the Flame Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021: 'The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.' *John 6:60-69*

Through appropriate faith formation, God can shape us into deepening our spirituality within the life of the Church, engaging with scripture, encountering God in worship and prayerfully developing our living relationship with Jesus Christ.

(Prayerful and Eucharistic – Discernment Paper p. 5)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/

OTHER NEWS

Invitation to Light a Candle for Afghanistan: For details visit <https://mnnews.today/your-diocese/2021/54209-lighting-a-candle-for-afghanistan/?source=dio>.

A National Day of Prayer: On Sunday 22 August 2021 from 9:00AM to 9:00PM, the National Day of Prayer and Fasting team will host a Zoom Prayer call featuring Church leaders and Indigenous Christian Leaders. Join in at any time and together let us pray for our nation. To register go to <http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/LordHaveMercy/>.

Amoris Laetitia Family Year 19 March 2021- 26 June 2022: The "Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) Family Year" is an initiative of Pope Francis, which aims to reach every family around the world through several spiritual, pastoral and cultural proposals that can be implemented within parishes, dioceses, universities, ecclesial movements and family associations.

Over the course of ten monthly episodes, hear the Holy Father talk about each of the chapters of the Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia, along with the testimonies of different families who will share some aspects of their daily lives.

This initiative is a joint collaboration between the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life and Vatican News, and aims to facilitate the reading of the Apostolic Exhortation, with the aid of downloadable material prepared for personal and community reflection. To access this resource: <http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia/iniziativa-e-risorse/10-video-amoris-laetitia.html>.

SENIOR WORDSEARCH

We will serve the Lord God

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Ps 34:1-2, 17-18, 19-20, R. v.9a
Eph 6:1-4
Jn 6:60-69

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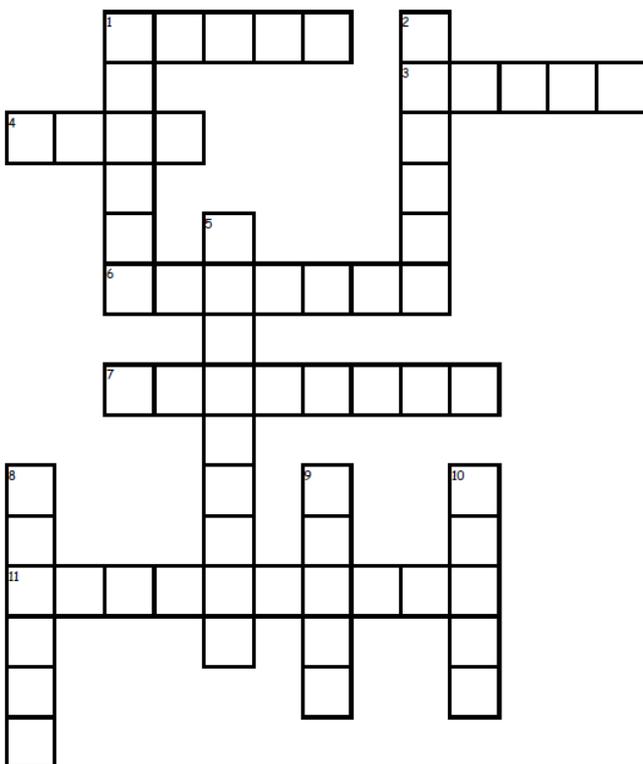
Try to find these words:

- beginning
- bread
- children
- eternal
- Israel
- Joshua
- obey
- serve
- Simon Peter
- speak
- teach
- twelve

CROSSWORD

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Across

- 1: the Lord asks parents to _____ their children about him
- 3: the disciples heard Jesus do this
- 4: to do as you are told
- 6: Simon Peter said to Jesus, 'Your words give _____ life!'
- 7: young people
- 11: this man told Jesus that he was God's Holy One (two words)

Down

- 1: Jesus asked the _____ disciples if they were going to leave him
- 2: Joshua brought together all the tribes of this place
- 5: the opposite of end
- 8: this man told the people to come into the presence of God
- 9: the disciples heard Jesus speak about the _____ of life
- 10: the people said, 'The Lord is our God, and we will _____ him too!'

Lord, your words give everlasting life

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



By listening to Jesus, we too can have everlasting life. What are some things Jesus is telling us? Draw the missing pictures, then circle the correct answers.



Simon Peter said that Jesus' words give eternal life. Can you think of some other things that Jesus gives us? Write or draw your answers.



Love one another

Do anything you want



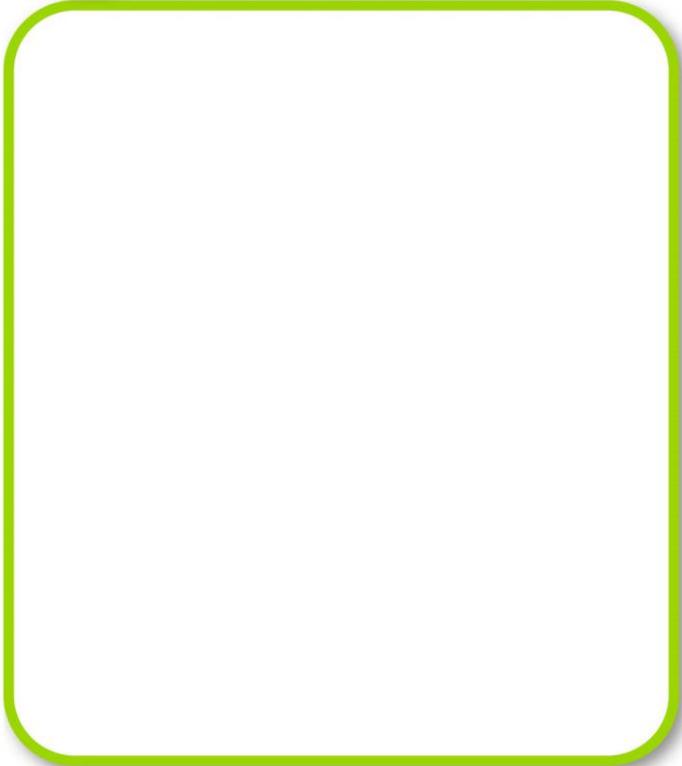
Always be the winner

Help others



Be stronger than others

Pray to God



Jesus spoke to his disciples about the bread of life. It was hard to understand, but those who had faith continued to follow him. Crack the code to find out what Simon Peter said to Jesus.

