



# 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**  
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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 play.

#### **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from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass previously given to the lay members of the Diocese by the Bishop is withdrawn.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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading: Is 35:4-7  
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1  
Second Reading: Jas 2:1-5  
Gospel Acclamation: cf. Mt 4:23  
Gospel: Mk 7:31-37

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Cf. Ps 85:3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.  
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of mercy to all who call to you.

**FIRST READING**

Dt 4:1-2. 6-8

**A reading from the book of Deuteronomy**

*You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.*

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The Word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

**(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?  
He who walks without fault;  
he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart. (R.)

2. He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)

3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

**SECOND READING**

Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

**A reading from the letter of St James**

*Be doers of the word.*

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The Word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Jas 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,  
that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Mk 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

*You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.*

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

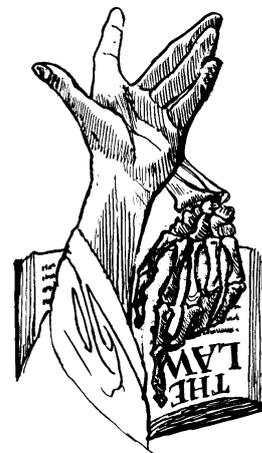
This people honours me only with lip-service,  
while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless,  
the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Ps 30:20

How great is the goodness, Lord,  
that you keep for those who fear you.

## HOMILY

By Richard Leonard

I read a terrific book the other day entitled 'Shadows and the Dark'. It is by Australian Jesuit Fr John Cowburn who is Professor of Philosophy at Jesuit Theological College, Melbourne. This book explores how we can hold to a loving God in the face of evil.

The idea for the book came when Fr John fell from his bicycle, broke his collarbone and was awaiting surgery in hospital. While there, an old religious sister came to his room to give him Holy Communion before going to the operating theatre. Fr John told her about the accident. Sister said, 'Well Father, God must have known you needed a little holiday, so he arranged for your fall'. John replied, 'If that's true Sister I'm pleased God didn't want me to take a sabbatical!' From Jesus' day to ours, when bad things happen to good people it seems easier to blame God or Satan. By his own admission Fr John had an accident because he didn't take enough care on his bike. End of story. That God can bring something good out of such an accident is grace building on nature. What Jesus confronts in today's Gospel is 'The-devil-made-me-do-it' theology. And his response is as challenging now as it was in first century Palestine.

For as long as we blame our most destructive behaviour on evil acting upon us in all its guises, empty promises and powers, then we remain some way from taking the sort of responsibility for the condition of our hearts that might see them fully converted by Christ's saving love. This is not to say

that evil does not exist or that it cannot have a powerful effect upon us, quite the opposite. Just as grace builds on love and goodness, evil grows out of estrangement and hatred. As Christians we hold that God has given us free will, and evil's hold on our hearts is often the result of the poor choices and smaller compromises we have made along the way.

The way we look at the evil in our lives and the world also affects our compassion. For if we're not in touch with the greed that leads to theft, the anger that leads to murder, the desire for power that leads to rape, or the alienation that leads to terrorism, then it's hard for us to be compassionate toward the perpetrators of these evil acts. The degree to which we know what our hearts are capable of leads us to be grateful for the graces we receive and cultivate, and to be compassionate toward those who have missed out on this good news and who, by nurture or free will, have chosen evil as their fundamental option.

May this Eucharist enable us to take in the broken body of Christ because we know we are a broken people in need of its power, and as Christ's blood is poured for us, may we be poured out in love, so that, through us, others might hear His call to a conversion of heart.

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## REFLECTION

By Dianne Bergant

The overarching theme of the readings for this Sunday is 'words spoken in truth'. On one level, the laws are the words of the covenant. They are part of the contract that was drawn up between God and the people. They are words of truth, because they are the reliable revelation of God and because they genuinely reflect righteous living. The biblical covenant laws are truly humane. Obedience to the words of the covenant leads to life and blessings, while disobedience results in the opposite.

Our religious customs always carry some profound religious meaning, but we may not know or care what it is – and yet we perform them. Do people know or care why we stand or sit or kneel during liturgy? Do people have a 'church' wedding because it is a religious event, or because 'that's the way we have always done it'? Religious practices do not always flow from a deep religious conviction. But once we realise our need for God, these practices become genuine expressions of religious sentiment.

When the word of God has taken root in us, everything becomes a religious practice. This word can come to us through the teachings of our faith, through the example of good people around us, through the wonder and mystery of creation. When it does take hold of us, our inner eye is opened, our hearts are softened, and we turn instinctively to God like a flower turns to the sun. When we are brought to birth in this way, covenant law becomes sacred, religious practices are cherished, and we are filled with the power that saves.

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## REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Jesus emphasises the purity that is in our hearts and the purity reflected by our actions. The people criticising him emphasise the appearance of purity and the cleansing rituals required by Law in order to avoid becoming 'ritually unclean'.

How much time, money, and energy is invested in cosmetics, hair products, fashionable clothing, and the like – just so we have the appearance of being popular and successful? Can any of these products actually make someone a better person? How so? What would Jesus say about our addiction to these products?

As a society and a culture, do you think we are more interested in actual success or in the appearance of success? What is your definition of success?

How much energy or effort goes into making ourselves better people? What opportunities are there for people to address what's on the inside of a person? What steps do you take (or can you take) to improve yourself from the inside out?

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## ◆ MINISTRIES ◆

| ROSTERS                                   | LAMBTON   | WARATAH                          | NEW LAMBTON                       | WARATAH                      |
|---|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 28/29 Aug, 4/5 Sep 2021                   | Saturday 5:00PM   | Sunday 7:30AM                    | Sunday 9:15AM                     | Sunday 5:30PM                |
| Flowers / Sacristy                        |   |                                  |                                   |                              |
| Liturgical Assistant                      | Volunteer ministries are postponed.<br>Please note that the ministries listed below 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 |   |                                  |                                   |                              |
| 11/12 September 2021                      | Saturday 5:00PM   | Sunday 7:30AM                    | Sunday 9:15AM                     | Sunday 5:30PM                |
| Flowers / Sacristy                        | Diana Dolan   | Teleisia Lolohea                 | Gwen Fuge                         |                              |
| Liturgical Assistant                      | Joe Weber   | Tim O'Brien                      | Stephen & Alison Morris           | Græhame 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 | Mark Grimer                  |
| Readers                                   | Pam Howland   | Paul Rosser                      | Noel Franks                       | Malia Piccione               |
| Prayer of the Faithful                    | Pam Howland   | Paul Rosser                      | Noel Franks                       | Malia Piccione               |
| 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 |
| <b>ROSTER CONTACTS</b>                    | Ann Gunn M 0407 571 197   | Elizabeth Buckles P 02 4967 4363 | Joy Loas 02 4952 2664             | Volunteer needed             |

### A VOCATION VIEW

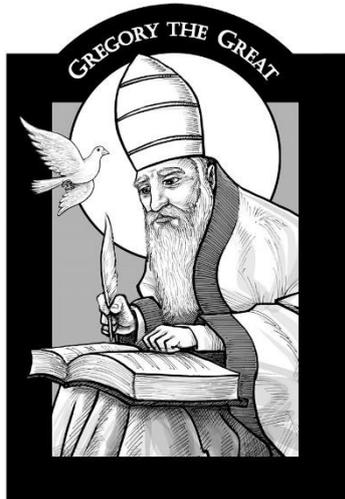
Thank God our struggles of faith can be ultimately overcome through prayer, perseverance and love. 'Do what the word tells you.' Be doers of the word. For more information regarding Vocations phone 02 4979 1112 or email [vocations@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@mn.catholic.org.au).



### SAINTS

#### Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Gregory the Great was born in Rome in 540 AD. He used his own money to establish monasteries in Rome and Sicily, and became a monk at the age of 35. In 590 he became the first monk to be elected pope and the first pope to take the name Gregory. He was known as a great statesman and is accounted the fourth of the great Latin doctors of the church. His influence on church music gave rise to plainsong becoming known as Gregorian chant. Gregory was the father of the medieval papacy and was instrumental in helping Western Europe rise from the ashes of the fallen Roman Empire. He referred to himself as 'the servant of the servants of God', a term which popes have used ever since.



### 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](mailto:childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au) or visit their website for further information [www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au](http://www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au).

Our Parish Promoters 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

- 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
- 30 Nov: Saint Andrew, Apostle
- 8 Dec: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## ◆ PRAYERS ◆

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

#### Light a Candle

Light a candle to symbolize the Light of Christ and Light of the World.



**Introduction:** Brothers and sisters, with confidence in God's love and mercy let us intercede for the world.

1. That with a pure heart, the Church will observe the commandments of the Lord. Let us pray to the Lord.
2. That governments will be guided by God's law and promote justice and fairness. Let us pray to the Lord.
3. That those who live through deceit and dishonesty will change their ways and live in the truth. Let us pray to the Lord.
4. That victims of evil and abuse will be shown kindness and compassion. Let us pray to the Lord.
5. That the sick will find healing and comfort. Let us pray to the Lord.
6. That we will remove obstacles that prevent us from conforming our lives to Jesus Christ. 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 faithful departed will reach their eternal reward. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Conclusion:** God of justice and mercy, your law guides our hearts in the path of holiness. Hear our prayers and may our words be matched by our loving deeds. We make this prayer in Jesus' name.

**All: Amen.**

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### WE REMEMBER

#### Please Pray for

**Sick:** Therese Maree Doenau, 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:** Ronald Joseph Taylor, Helen Humphry, Terry Skippen.

**Anniversaries:** Jack Franks, Christine Mary Cunningham, John Alfred Cunningham, Kevin John Cunningham, Mary Margaret Cunningham, Alfred Stephen Cunningham, Mary Anne Doenau, Fr Clive Peter Damian Magill, Fr Patrick Ryan, Fr Brian Quillinan CSsR.

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 ◆

### SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Today is Social Justice Sunday. The theme is: [Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor](#). The 2021-2022 Statement affirms that "we human beings need a change of heart, mind, and behaviour". It draws from Scripture, from the theological tradition, from Catholic Social Teaching, and from the wisdom of the world, including the insights of the First Nations. In the Statement, the Bishops invite the whole Catholic community to join them in taking up Pope Francis' invitation to a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability, guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals. For a copy of the statement go to <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Social-Justice-Statement-2021-22.pdf> or see attached copy. For more information visit [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or P 02 6201 9845.

### PARISH NEWS

**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 hold on to your contribution 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](mailto: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. A date for the next meeting is yet to be confirmed.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** The Parish Pastoral Council meets bimonthly on the fourth Tuesday of the month. A date for the next meeting is yet to be confirmed.

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

**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 and is yet to be confirmed.

**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.

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

### DIocese NEWS

**Join our Diocesan Councils:** Becoming a Council volunteer is a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow members who share your interests, and to make a difference in an area you are passionate about! Pastoral Ministries are seeking expressions of interest for various Diocesan Councils. To find a Council that interests you, visit <https://www.mnnews.today/media/2860522/32429-pm-diocesan-council-info-pack-a4-flyer-web.pdf>. For an Expression of Interest form call Jenny on 02 4979 1334 or email [jenny.harris@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:jenny.harris@mn.catholic.org.au).

**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](mailto:rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au).

**National Child Protection Week:** National Child Protection Week begins next week from 5 to 11 September. This year's theme is *Every child, in every community, needs a fair go*.

**Australian Catholic Men's Gathering:** The Australian Catholic Men's Gathering is a free event. All the pre-recorded events can be downloaded and watched individually or as a small group.

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](mailto:brendon.mannyx@mn.catholic.org.au), or for more information, visit [www.catholicmensgathering.com.au](http://www.catholicmensgathering.com.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:** 'This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.' *Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23*

Unless we train ministers capable of warming people's hearts, of walking with them in the night, of dialoguing with their hopes and disappointments, of mending their brokenness, what hope can we have for our present and future journey?

(Pope Francis, Meeting with the Bishops of Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, 28 July 2013)

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/)

### OTHER NEWS

**Caritas Appeal Middle East Region:** As the situations in Afghanistan and Lebanon deteriorate, you can help support families caught up in the crises. In Afghanistan people have been forced from their homes, with half of the population in urgent need of food, water, shelter, and protection. In Lebanon the country is running out of power, water, fuel, medicine and food. Even hospitals are facing massive fuel shortages and will soon have to turn off the lights. Please donate to Caritas Australia so that we can respond to these crises and others worldwide. To provide much needed support visit [www.caritas.org.au/lebanon](http://www.caritas.org.au/lebanon) or [www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan](http://www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan) or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

**Caritas Appeal Haiti:** The people of the Haiti have been devastated by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake. Over 1,400 people have died, and thousands more left injured. Homes, churches, and schools have been damaged in the quake, and reports indicate that more than 30,000 families have been left homeless. The country also continues to grapple with COVID-19, poverty, and ongoing political instability and violence. There is immediate and urgent need for food, water, shelter, hygiene kits and first aid on the ground. To provide much needed support visit Caritas Australia's Emergency Response Appeal at [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

**Mission 2021 Online Conference:** You're invited to the fifth biennial *Mission: one heart many voices* conference, an online gathering on mission and evangelisation, from Wednesday 1 to Friday 3 September. During these difficult times, this may be a wonderful opportunity to come together and explore matters of faith and spirituality. The program will provide participants with an opportunity of holistic formation and transformation, for personal and professional development and to enable us all to live the joy of the Gospel and lead mission. For more information and to register visit <https://2021.mohmv.com.au/>.

SENIOR WORDSEARCH

Obey the commands of God

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8  
Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc & 5ef, R, v.1a  
Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22  
Mk 7:1-5, 14-16, 21-23

R S N J U X R N S C L D E A J K H  
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V R W J M Z W W C A P F A P Q V R  
O P S T P R G O A G F Z C Q M H T  
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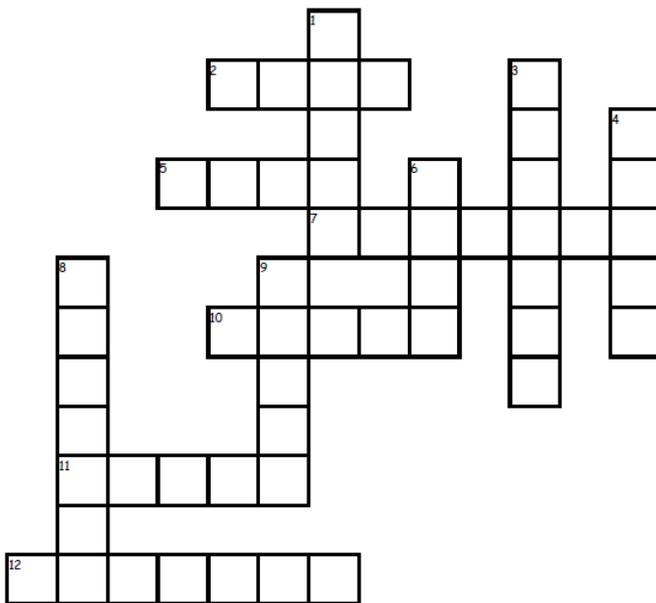
Try to find these words:

- birth
- fair
- hands
- heart
- laws
- Moses
- obey
- special
- teacher
- washing
- words
- worship

CROSSWORD

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Across

- 2: to do as you are told
- 5: the opposite of unfair
- 7: someone who teaches
- 10: Jesus said, 'The bad \_\_\_\_\_ that come out of your mouth are what make you unclean'
- 11: the Pharisees and all other Jewish people always washed these before eating
- 12: God wanted us to be his own \_\_\_\_\_ people

Down

- 1: evil thoughts and foolishness come from your \_\_\_\_\_
- 3: the Pharisees wanted to know why the disciples ate without doing this to their hands first
- 4: God sent the true message to give us new \_\_\_\_\_
- 6: Moses said, 'listen carefully to the \_\_\_\_\_ and commands that I am teaching you'
- 8: Jesus told the crowd that it is not food that makes you unfit to \_\_\_\_\_ God
- 9: this man told the people of Israel about God's commandments

# Keep a clean heart so that you may worship God



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

In each heart draw a picture of someone you know who has a good and clean heart.



While it's good to keep ourselves clean and healthy, Jesus says it's more important to keep our hearts clean by being good people. For example - it is better to be kind than to be nasty. Try and match the opposites in the two lists below.



Those with clean hearts are....

- wise
- kind
- sharing
- polite
- honest

Those with unclean hearts are....

- untruthful
- greedy
- foolish
- nasty
- rude

The way to Jesus is by trying to be a good person and keep a clean heart. Help the children find their way past the obstacles to Jesus.

