



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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ◆ YEAR B ◆ 19 SEPTEMBER 2021 ◆

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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Parish Mass Celebrations

In compliance with the [NSW Health](https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/lockdown) 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from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass previously given to the lay members of the Diocese by the Bishop is withdrawn.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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Nm 11:25-29
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 18:8 10. 12-14. R. v.9
Second Reading: Jas 5:1-6
Gospel Acclamation: See Jn 17:17
Gospel: Mk 9:38-3. 45. 47-48

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

FIRST READING

Wis 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves,

'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayers;
listen to the words of my mouth. (R.)

2. For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. (R.)

3. But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. (R.)

SECOND READING

Jas 3:16 – 4:3

A reading from the letter of St James

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

HOMILY

By Richard Leonard

It's hard to see what the disciples don't get when Jesus tells them in fairly plain language that because of the way he lives and what he says he will be put to death by the power barons of his day. The disciples seem to think the Passion is going to be an event out of Boy's Own Annual, where the ensuing campaign will see greatness thrust upon them. In this context, Jesus takes the smallest and most vulnerable of people in their society and teaches the disciples that greatness comes through care of the least.

This is a powerful lesson. Greatness in the world – power, connections, wealth, influence, reputation and learning – only counts for something in the Kingdom of God when put at the service of the most vulnerable of our society. Greed, riches and pride are so alluring, so seductive for us in the Church, as much as for those outside it, that we need to regularly examine our consciences to assess the motivations and results of what we are doing, and why we are doing it. When I read today's Gospel, however, I also feel sad. I cannot help but reflect on how unintentionally prophetic Mark was being in linking the prediction of Jesus' passion with the status of a child.

The safeguards now needed in response to the criminal and scandalous behaviour of a very few leaders in the Church, means that many bishops, priests, religious and teachers can no longer follow Jesus' example and take children in our arms. I fully understand why this is the case, but the fact that we have to be so careful about the care of our children and have strict protocols and legislation that covers such behaviour toward children is a necessary and, nonetheless, tragic moment. It's also a moment

for us to remember the passion of those who have had to endure the trauma of destructive behaviour. As the Jews say of the Holocaust, 'to forget is to commit the same mistake again'. At its most basic level the latter part of today's Gospel reveals what we would expect of Jesus – he likes children and they like him.

It's amazing how a couple of pieces of information can sometimes change the way a scriptural story is read, and its importance for our lives today. We know from other documents of the same period as the New Testament that children in first century Palestine had no rights. They were possessions of their fathers, and they could be bought and sold, exploited and even killed without any recourse to the religious or civil law.

One way in which a child was publicly claimed in this society was that only their immediate family could touch them. The story, then, of Jesus embracing the child in public was in itself a social challenge to accepted customs. But it's much more than that. In taking the children in his arms, Jesus declares that they are possessions of no one, but they belong to us all as gifts. In the family of God, children are accorded the dignity and respect we would give to God.

Today's Gospel tells us that those who deserve our attention and esteem are the ones who are the least, the most at risk or those who put their talents and gifts at their service by making the world a better place for them. Just as he did in the market place of Galilee when he took the children in his arms, Jesus has a habit of turning our world's values upside down.

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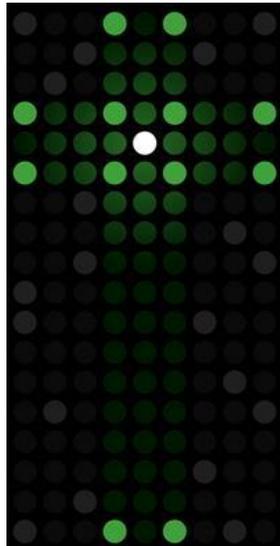
By Dianne Bergant

Who are the righteous? This is a question that holds little interest today. We are more concerned with the successful and the famous. We want people to be honest, at least in their dealings with us, but we are more apt to applaud those who are clever. We commend people for making a good deal, for knowing how to get ahead or striking it rich. We extol the beautiful, the strong, the self-assured, those who have made a name for themselves, those who entertain us. We encourage people to be ambitious. Seldom is popularity based on righteousness.

Yet righteousness is a pillar of the reign of God. Those who would enter that reign must be gentle and merciful, faithful and sincere, lovers of peace. They must be willing to take the last place, to be the servant of all. The righteous are not often held in high regard. They are often ridiculed and even persecuted. When they are considered a reproach to the standards of society, they may even be put to death.

There are times when we might be inclined to envy and resentment, not wanting to feel morally inferior, and we might relish the opportunity of putting the virtue of others to the test. We may say that we want to draw forth their strengths, when we really hope their weaknesses will be revealed and they will prove to be no better than we are. Sometimes the righteous have nowhere else to turn but to Jesus, whose life they are following and into whose death they have been plunged.

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REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

You often see them at football or cricket or basketball games – the giant hands with the index finger pointing up, and the rest of the fingers curled together. They usually say 'number one'.

Jesus says if we focus on being number one, then we certainly are not number one. If we try to say we are the best, or the most important, or the greatest, then we truly are not. If we do our best to not brag but to serve everyone else's needs and to build up everyone else's confidence, that is the way to true stardom. How hard is it to be that way when the culture urges us to be number one? How would Jesus handle it if he were a teenager at your school this year? Can you follow his example? How? Why or why not?

Many teenagers report that they have more fun being members of social sporting teams than they do on a school or college team. They play more often, receive less criticism, and are under less pressure that way.

How is that preference related to the message of this Gospel?

If the goal is to always win and be the number one team, then most players fail, because there can only be one number one team in whatever sport, league or district you participate in; only one team can win. Everyone else loses. But if your goal is to learn, to put in the best possible effort, to improve and to have fun, then everyone can succeed; everyone wins. The score doesn't matter. No one loses.

How is this philosophy of sports related to the Gospel message?

Could this philosophy of sports ever work in the professional area? Why or why not? In the high school area? Why or why not? In the college area? Why or why not?

Where does money enter into the picture? How is money connected to the current philosophy of sports? What would Jesus say about this connection?

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REFLECTION

By Fr Michael Tate

Marginal people

Jesus was well aware of the constant temptation for the leaders amongst his followers to be conditioned by the surrounding social and political structures. So, when he became aware that his disciples were disputing 'who is the greatest', he decided to teach them a lesson by engaging in some counter-cultural street theatre.

Jesus saw a young boy on the edge of the crowd and beckoned him into the middle of his group of disciples. This was not because of some sentimental idea that all kids are little innocents, but because in his society, children were absolutely at the bottom of the social scale. Jesus moved an utter nobody from the margins of society to the centre, challenging his disciples to change their perspective.

This challenge is made to all of us. We must identify those on the margins, some of whom we have quite literally dis-located like indigenous communities or asylum seekers, and bring them into the centre of our concern. There may be pain, personal and social, in changing perspective.

We might pause for a moment to pray for a new way of seeing, for perseverance in re-locating someone in the centre of our concerns, for the graceful insight that in welcoming that person we have welcomed Christ.

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SEASON OF CREATION

By Nick Brodie

Today's Gospel reveals a fearfulness in the disciples' response to Jesus. Afraid of asking too many questions, they almost seem to prefer being ignorant rather than admit the limits of their own understanding. Strangely, this self-imposed ignorance does not prevent them from posturing for position. What a warning for the Church this episode seems to offer!

While this excerpt of Mark's Gospel is often interpreted in terms of the virtue of humility, the other aspect of Jesus' point is easily overlooked. Every Christian is called to be 'last of all and servant of all'. Ours is a faith of humble service.

The scriptures repeatedly make the point that faith is always embedded in creation. A mountain, a road, a town, and a house all frame the action in this episode. Because the Church exists wherever its members go our beliefs and prayers are not restricted to church buildings. We take our faith on roads, into our homes and towns, and even up mountains.

Given this, our faith compels us to have a special care for all of creation. As Jesus clearly intimates, by humbly serving created things we express our love of the Creator who made them all.

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A VOCATION VIEW

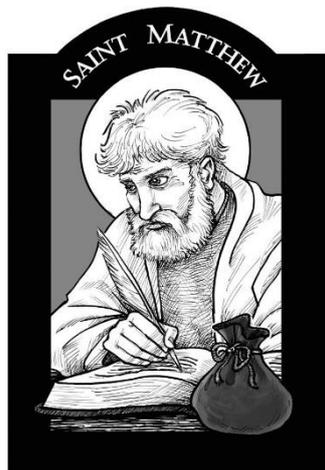
When Jesus says, "If you wish to rank first, you must remain the last one of all and the servant of all," many people could immediately turn and walk away. Are you willing to serve as Jesus did? For more information regarding Vocations phone 02 4979 1112 or email vocations@mn.catholic.org.au.



SAINTS

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Matthew was originally a tax collector for the Roman Government at Capernaum, before Jesus called him to become an apostle. Jesus' contemporaries were surprised to see him associating with someone like Matthew, but Jesus explained that he had come 'not to call the just, but the sinners'. In the Gospels of Mark and Luke, Matthew is called Levi and it is thought that he may have had both names. The first Gospel was believed to have been written by Matthew. His account of Christ's life was written for his fellow Jews to convince them that their anticipated Messiah had indeed come in the person of Jesus.



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

- 21 Sep: Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
- 29 Sep: Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
- 7 Oct: Our Lady of the Rosary
- 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 Lateran 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, let us call out to God in prayer for the Lord listens to those who call his name.

1. That through humble service the Church will give witness to God's love. Let us pray to the Lord.
2. That the Spirit of peace will fill all nations with kindness and goodwill. Let us pray to the Lord.
3. That those who suffer cruelty or torture for their beliefs will be rewarded for their endurance. Let us pray to the Lord.
4. That the sick will know that Christ walks with them in their suffering. Let us pray to the Lord.
5. That children will always be made welcome in our community. Let us pray to the Lord.
6. That we will put aside ambition and evil desires and place our trust in the Lord. Let us pray to the Lord.
7. That our Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle be guarded and guided by the goodness of God as we work together to build the Kingdom of God. Let us pray to the Lord.
8. That the dead will rest in the peace of Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.

Conclusion: Saving God, your wisdom brings us peace and hope. Hear these prayers and help us to serve others that we may be great in your sight. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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WE REMEMBER

Please Pray for

Sick: 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: Sr Bernadette Mills rsm.

Anniversaries: Catherine Bailey, Fr John Gahan, Fr Mark Carlton, Fr John Norris, Bp John Toohey.

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.

PRAYERS IN TIME OF A PANDEMIC

Our Lady of Good Health

Prayer from the shrine of Our Lady of Good Health, Church of la Maddalena and tomb of Saint Camillus, Rome.

Mother of Mercy, Our Lady of Good Health, in visiting St Elizabeth and in watching at the foot of the Cross of your suffering Son, you showed your solidarity with suffering humanity. Hear the prayer of all your infirm children who come to you with the certainty of finding a Mother who welcomes, heals and comforts them.

Mother of our Saviour and our Mother, hear the intentions that we entrust to your intercession: heal our illnesses; transform our tears into prayer, and our sufferings into moments of growth; change our loneliness into contemplation, and our waiting into hope; assist us in our final hours, and transform our death into resurrection. Amen.

◆ 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.

PARISH NEWS

Migrant and Refugee Sunday: Next Sunday will be the 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. This year's theme is *Towards an Ever Wider "We"*.

Parish Office: Our office is closed in compliance with the NSW Government 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.

Advent Program: Sunday 28 November is the First Sunday of Advent, and in preparation, the parish has pre-ordered a limited number of Daily Reflection Books. If you are interested in purchasing a book for personal reflection, we invite you to place your order at the Parish Office, via email or phone. Books will cost \$7.00. Payment options yet to be advised. See [sample here](#).

Daily Mass Books: Due to COVID-19 the Parish is no longer able to supply Daily Mass Books for general use at the churches. Instead we are accepting orders from those wishing to purchase their own personal copy at a cost of \$25.00 each. Orders need to be placed at the office by Monday 4 October.

Planned Giving: We appreciate that many of you wish to continue giving during this time. There are electronic options you may like to consider, including www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/parishdiocesan-payments/ to make a one-off payment, remembering to include your envelope number if you have one. Please refer to the 'Parish Contribution' insert of our bulletin for Sunday 12 September 2021. Alternatively, you may like to wait until we can gather again.

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. Next date 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

Diocesan Synod: The COVID-19 situation and Bishop William (Bill) Wright's continuing ill-health require a delay of Session Three - Implementation, originally planned for 20 November 2021. This decision was taken after consultation with the Synod Working Party, the Council of Priests, and the Council for Mission. At the third session of synod, there will be voting on a variety of 'Proposals for Action'. These proposals, if adopted, then become recommendations to the Bishop for his consideration as possible actions appropriate to the needs of the Diocese. For more information, please read [Advice – Delay – Session Three – Diocesan Synod – 20 November 2021](#) via <https://www.domnsynod.com.au/>

Australian Catholic Men's Gathering: For more information please email brendon.mannyx@mn.catholic.org.au or visit www.catholicmensgathering.com.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.

Season of Creation Celebration: This year the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, is partnering with Seasons of Creation to help raise awareness of the urgent need to care for the earth and for one another. Join us online to hear guest speakers (Fr Anthony Coloma, Louise Campbell, John Sandy and Mary-Anne DeLuca) break open this year's Season of Creation theme, "A Home for All? Renewing the Oikos of God". Finalists from the film competition will be viewed and the winner will be announced. The event is from 2:00PM to 3:00PM on Saturday, 25 September. For more information visit <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/season-of-creation-tickets-167271083313>

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 contact Rose on 0408 796 252.

Join our Diocesan Councils: 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 click [here](#) or call Jenny on 02 4979 1334 or email jenny.harris@mn.catholic.org.au.

Aurora: To view articles from the most recent Aurora editions, go to <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/aurora/>.

MNnews: Don't miss out on anything in your Diocese! Go to MNnews.today to see updates and read stories about local interests.

Catholic Weekly: The free online edition of Catholic Weekly is available while churches are closed via <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/catholic-weekly-newspaper-online/>

PLENARY COUNCIL

Plenary Council Conversations: In preparation for the upcoming First Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council our Diocesan Plenary Council members are seeking input from our diocesan community. It's not too late to join in the conversation, each Thursday in September, 7:00PM to 8:30PM via Zoom. Visit [Online Registration](#) to register for all or one of the conversations: Thursday 23/9 – Governance; Thursday 30/9 – Institutions

Fan the Flame Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021: 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me;' *Mark 9:30-37*

Our parishes in particular are challenged to renew the formation of children, young people and families who may not be strongly connected to the Church but who still have an 'instinct for the faith' which prompts them to seek the sacraments or engage in part with of the Church's life.

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www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/

OTHER NEWS

Catholic Healthcare: Need help understanding my aged care? Catholic Healthcare is here to help you at every stage, in Home Care or Residential Aged Care. Find out more at catholichealthcare.com.au/bodymindspirit or call 1300 883 261.

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"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 spiritually, pastorally and culturally, within parishes, dioceses, universities, ecclesial movements and family associations. Access resources at <http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia/iniziativa-e-risorse/10-video-amoris-laetitia.html>.

SENIOR WORDSEARCH

Plant seeds of peace

Jas 3:17-18
Ps 122:1-2, 8-9, R. Sir 36:18
Mk 9:33-37

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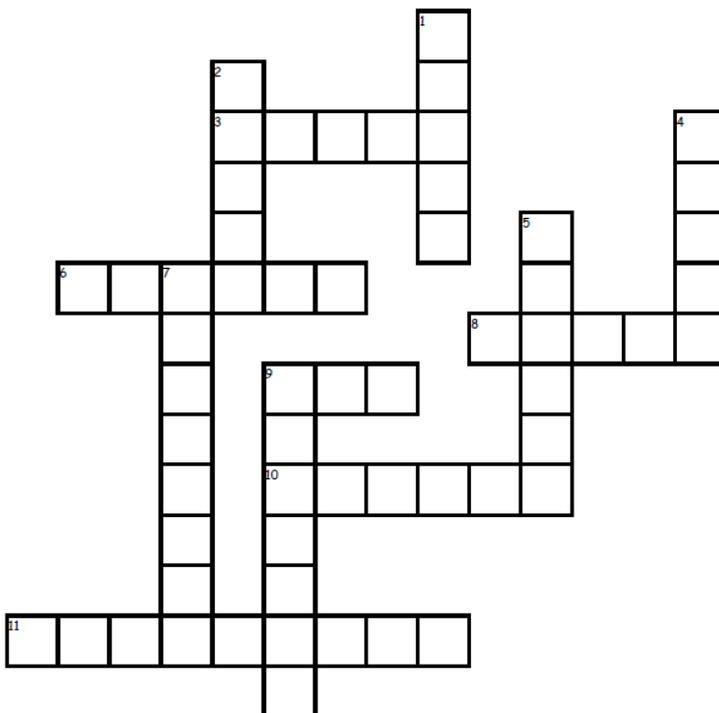
Try to find these words:

- above
- arguing
- arm
- Capernaum
- child
- gentle
- house
- peace
- seeds
- sensible
- twelve
- wisdom

CROSSWORD

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Across

- 3: a type of building people live in
- 6: the _____ that comes from above leads us to be good people
- 8: when peacemakers plant seeds of _____, they will harvest justice
- 9: this part of your body has a hand and an elbow on it
- 10: the wisdom from above leads us to be pure, friendly and _____
- 11: Jesus and his disciples went to his home in this place

Down

- 1: flowers grow from these things that are planted in soil
- 2: Jesus said, 'when you welcome a _____ you welcome me'
- 4: the opposite of below
- 5: there were this many disciples with Jesus
- 7: people who are not silly are s_____ b____
- 9: Jesus wanted to know what the disciples were _____ about

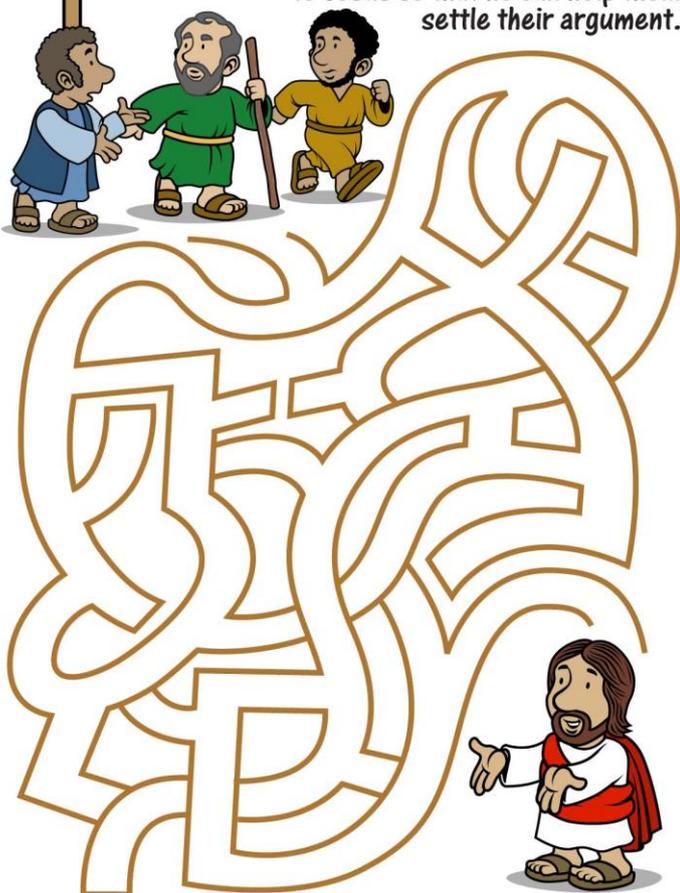
Those who serve others are greatest



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

CAPERNUM

The disciples travelled to Jesus' home and they argued along the way. Help them get to Jesus so that he can help them settle their argument.



The disciples argued about which of them was the greatest. Jesus told them they should concentrate on serving others and that would make them great. Tick the things that help to make someone a good person.



- SHARING**
- TELLING LIES**
- BEING NASTY**
- BEING KIND**
- TRYING YOUR BEST**
- LAUGHING AT OTHERS**
- HELPING OTHERS**
- BEING HONEST**
- BEING SELFISH**



How can you be of service to others? Complete the following statements with words or pictures.

I can serve members of my family by...

I can serve my friends by...

I can serve people in my community by...