



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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ◆ YEAR B ◆ 26 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 **5:00PM Saturday Vigil, and 9:00AM and 5:30PM Sunday Masses** 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from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass previously given to the lay members of the Diocese by the Bishop is withdrawn.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.

Rosary

All are invited to pray the Rosary at 8:30AM and from your home every day.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Gen 2:18-24
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127 R. v.5
Second Reading: Heb 2:9-11
Gospel Acclamation: cf. 1 Jn 4:12
Gospel: Mk 10:2-16

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Dn 3:31,29,30,43,42

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING

Nm 11:25-29

A reading from the book of Numbers

Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. (R.)
3. So in them your servant finds instructions;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. (R.)
4. From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. (R.)



SECOND READING

Jas 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of St James

Your wealth is rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Jn 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

HOMILY

By Richard Leonard

Today's gospel makes me very pleased I'm a Catholic, and that we don't take the bible literally. Our Christian brothers and sisters who insist on the literal truth of the scriptures must have a tough time trying to avoid cutting off their hands and feet, plucking out their eyes and worrying about how hot hell is! I'm not sure about them, but I know my feet have taken me to places I wish I'd not gone, and when I got there my eyes saw things I wish I'd not seen. Still, in spite of the times I've let myself down, I am glad I'm still in one piece, and not all that worried about the worms and weather in hell!

As Catholics we believe the Scriptures reveal the truth of our salvation – they are not books of fact. Jesus was a skilled and powerful communicator. And like all great teachers he used metaphor and exaggeration to make his point. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus takes evil very seriously. He is always conscious of it around him and is aware that it comes from within us, and without us. Jesus teaches us today to stop doing the destructive things that prevent us from loving God, each other and ourselves.

Sinful behaviour often falls into two categories of human activity: habitual and compulsive. Habits are unusual things. There are good habits, like saying 'please' and 'thank you'. There are habits that can start out well-intentioned enough, but end up being obsessions, like caring for one's physical fitness. And there are habits that bring moments of relief or let us off the hook – like lying, dishonesty and stealing – but always end up being destructive.

Compulsive behaviour, however, is of a very different order. Gambling, drinking, shopping, smoking, violence, work, sex, eating, drugs, pornography, money and the Internet are fairly common modern manifestations of compulsive behaviour. As heart-breaking as these addictions are, they are the presenting

problems of deeper issues related to self-esteem, personal history and even genetic disposition.

One of the comments I've heard people make about their compulsive behaviour is, 'I found myself doing it again and I am not sure how or why'. No doubt there are some people who feel so lonely and get so depressed about their habitual or compulsive behaviour, they contemplate severing an arm, a leg or gouging an eye.

Jesus underlines that we have to stop our destructive behaviour and offers three pieces of practical advice so we can. Firstly, do whatever helps. For some people the most unusual solutions attend to the deeper issues and help us piece our lives back together. It doesn't matter whether others approve of it, or it's related to religious faith, for as long as it doesn't lead to other destructive behaviour then, 'whoever (or whatever) is not against us, is for us'.

Secondly, accept help. None of us can battle through life carrying all our burdens on our own. Steps four to six of Alcoholics Anonymous deal with sharing the exact nature of our burdens as a means to coming to terms with them. Our family and friends are not mind readers and we need to seek out wise counsel and follow it wisely. The help and support we receive could be like the cup of refreshing water Jesus tells us about today.

Finally, habitual and compulsive behaviour always has a pattern. St Ignatius Loyola taught in the sixteenth century that it was only when we regularly examined ourselves to see where, when, how and with whom we are most likely to walk away from God's love, that we can work out why we do it and change the pattern.

And when we really know ourselves as we are, and not as we would like to be, we have the chance to choose life over death more often than not. © Richard Leonard SJ

REFLECTION

By Dianne Bergant

The question of legitimacy of ministry is not a new one. There is a certain amount of tension between the institutional and the charismatic aspects of the church. To say that one is Spirit-driven and the other is not is to misunderstand Jesus' promise to remain with the church until the end of time. God normally calls ministers through the structures of the community. The authorities of the church are usually the ones who make the ultimate decisions about the needs of the church, how these needs are to be met, and who is to meet them. That is one of the responsibilities of their office.

However, God calls in other ways as well. A solid biblical tradition maintains that the Spirit is not confined to human structure or custom. We see this in the judges, the prophets, and even the early kings. The Pentecost story describes the coming of the Spirit upon all people – sons and daughters, young and old, slaves and free. When God calls it is up to us to recognise that call and to test its spirit. Perhaps the primary criterion we have for judging is the biblical measure: By their fruits you shall know them.

Today we also see that those who benefit from exploitation of the vulnerable will reap the fruits of their sin. This warning stems from the belief in the justice of God. Just as we believe that God will not allow the righteous to go unrewarded, so we are confident that neither will the wicked escape punishment.

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REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

In both the first reading and the Gospel, the same situation occurs. Joshua and John are concerned because an outsider is doing the kinds of things they are supposed to be doing. Moses and Jesus reassure them: There is nothing to worry about. The more, the merrier. Do not be jealous or insecure.

When have you been jealous of someone else? When has someone's actions, talents, accomplishments or friendships worried you? When have you begun to feel concerned that someone else's success might make your success less important or impressive?

When has someone shut you out of their circle of friends? What was it like? How did you deal with it?

Have you ever tried to shut someone out of your circle of friends? Why? What was the problem? What happened?

Jesus says that whenever we give someone even just a cup of water in his name, we will have our reward.

What do you think it means to give something or to do something 'in Jesus' name'?

Have you ever decided to serve Jesus in that way? What was that like?

Have you had the opportunity to serve Jesus in that way but chose to put it off, or decided to do otherwise? What influenced your decision?

Do you think most teenagers would see serving Jesus as a worthy goal or priority? Why or why not? If not, what do you think of that opinion? How is serving Jesus any different from making the world a better place?

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REFLECTION

By Fr Michael Tate

Beyond the Boundaries

An easy way to deal with this Gospel: 'anyone who is not against us is for us,' would be to emphasise the transformation of the relationship of Catholics with Protestants. Too easy.

But what about our relationship with the Muslims? There is a huge gulf between Muslims and us about Jesus Christ. Muslims do not even believe that he was killed on the cross, let alone raised to life. We hold to the testimony and the faith of the Apostles.

But Catholics also believe that the Divine Wind blows where it pleases amongst all people of all religious traditions (and of none). In the early Church this was expressed by saying that the Seeds of the Word were sown by the Holy Spirit in the hearts of all human beings.

We need to recognise the Seed of the Word in Islam – our shared belief in the one God, Creator of the cosmos, Lord of history, merciful and just. The task of the Church is to bring that Seed closer to the illumination of Divine Light so that it may eventually grow in belief that God is indeed One in the loving relationship of Triune life.

The world is holding its breath over the encounter of the Catholic Church and Islam. There is a history of mutual violence and contemporary barbarities which are inhumane and blasphemous. But, in the face of indifference and hostility to religion, at least in the West, it is good to acknowledge what we share in common.

We may take a moment to pray for the grace to relate to those Muslims whom we know in our own society in light of our faith that the Divine Wind has sown and is nurturing the Seed of the Word amongst them. © Fr Michael Tate

SEASON OF CREATION

By Nick Brodie

Twice in today's Gospel Jesus refers to the everlasting fire of hell. Better to lose a hand or an eye than endure that, he says, making some dramatic points about sin and sacrifice.

At this moment in human history Jesus' choice of imagery and his message about dramatic action are especially pertinent. As Pope Francis declares in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, climate change is an imminent threat to our world. For Christians, this raises two issues directly relevant to this passage from Mark.

On the one hand, we have a duty to protect ourselves and each other from catastrophe by checking our own sinful behaviours and habits. We should seriously consider what we can do to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels through personal usage, investment options, and political choices. We cannot dodge responsibility on this issue. Our faith demands action.

On the other hand, we also have a duty to find common cause with everyone else who shares this concern. Pope Francis encourages us to work with people of other religions 'for the sake of protecting nature, defending the poor, and building networks of respect and fraternity'. When it comes to protecting our common home, 'Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

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A VOCATION VIEW

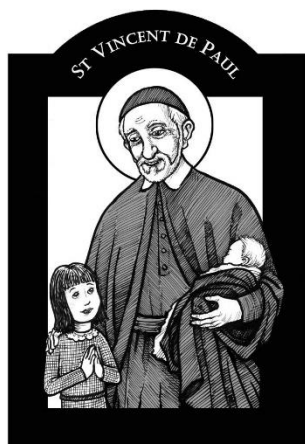
All who serve in the name of Jesus will receive a reward. Encourage someone you know who would be of service as a priest, deacon, brother, or sister. (Mark 9:38-43). For more information regarding Vocations phone 02 4979 1112 or email vocations@mn.catholic.org.au.



SAINTS

Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

St Vincent de Paul was born to a French peasant family in 1580. He was a highly intelligent youth and was educated by the Franciscans before being ordained at the age of 20. In 1605 he was captured by Turkish pirates who sold him into slavery, but won his freedom after he converted one of his masters to Christianity. After returning to France he served as a parish priest near Paris and began to establish charitable organisations that helped the poor, nursed the sick, and found work for the unemployed. Vincent founded the Congregation of the Daughters of Charity with Louise de Marillac and instituted the Congregation of Priests of the Mission, also known as the Lazarists. Today the Society of St Vincent de Paul, named in his memory, provides relief to people in need across the world.



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

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, we have been marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit. Trusting in God's mercy, let us bring our needs and the needs of the world before our God.

1. That the Church will continue to minister fearlessly to those who live amid hostility and danger. Let us pray to the Lord.
2. That nations will continue to strive to break the chains of poverty and oppression. Let us pray to the Lord.
3. That those who have repented will be given trust and encouragement as they make a new start. Let us pray to the Lord.
4. For people who have lost hope, that the Lord will bind their wounds and give them new heart. Let us pray to the Lord.
5. That the sick will find healing and peace. Let us pray to the Lord.
6. For those who live on the peripheries of our societies, may we become real friends with our neighbours and mutually share our gifts with each other. Let us pray to the Lord.
7. For the lost or excluded, the rejected or discarded, may they know the Good News of Jesus Christ through our efforts to encounter each other and to build communion in diversity. Let us pray to the Lord.
8. 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.
9. For those who have died and for those who mourn. Let us pray to the Lord.

Conclusion: God of mercy, in your great love you reconcile us to yourself. Hear our prayer, and raise us up that we may become a people of faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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WE REMEMBER

Please Pray for

Sick: Bishop William (Bill) Wright, 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: Otto and Fanny Weber, David and Edith Wilmott, Peter Quirk, Brian Quirk, Frank and Maria Patti, Peter and Fay Baran, Robert Montgomery, Aileen Bailey, Fr Bernard Murphy, Bishop Ernest Tweedy, Fr Peter William Quirk, Fr James Ryan, Fr Thomas English, Fr Matthew O'Donovan, Fr Tom Brennan.

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

For those who care for the sick

Father of mercies, we thank you for all who care for the sick. When they diagnose, give them patience. When they protect the vulnerable, give them your protection. When they work to heal, give them strength. When they comfort, give them consolation. When they are tired, give them rest. When they are discouraged, bring them your hope. May we welcome and respect them as we support one another in this time of trial.

For those who govern and represent us

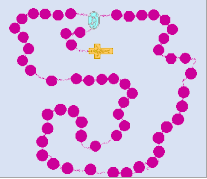
Eternal Wisdom, guide our leaders called to serve us in our nation and its States. May they respond to the challenges of this affliction with prudence and sound judgement. With foresight, may their planning alleviate the economic burdens, compensate for losses, protect employment and ensure ample food for the poor and isolated.

◆ ROSARY ◆



Each year the month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary celebrated annually on 7 October. Please see page 1 of this bulletin to join in daily Rosary with each other. Some resources:

- 'Praying the Rosary' - as attached or from the Parish Office
- The Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart have produced a set of beautiful Rosary Reflections available on our Diocesan website via <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/media/4242/170233-clt-rosary-and-prayers-may-v3.pdf>
- Praying the Rosary at home - <https://www.rosarycenter.org/>



◆ 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.

MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES SUNDAY

Today, Sunday 26 September 2021, is the 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The theme is *Towards An Ever Wider "We"*. To read the Pope's message and prayer go to: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migrati/on/documents/papa-francesco_20210503_world-migrants-day-2021.html

CatholicCare: The CatholicCare's Refugee Hub plays an integral role in the settlement of refugees in the Newcastle and Hunter region. By working collaboratively with other service providers, the Refugee Hub walks with refugees to support and empower them on their journey to independence. At the Refugee Hub, we support people from refugee, asylum-seeker, and vulnerable migrant backgrounds to settle into life in Australia. We welcome people from all social, ethnic, and religious backgrounds. To learn more, go to: <https://www.catholiccare.org.au/community-programs/community-refugee-hub/>

PARISH NEWS

News Update: We apologise for the error in last week's e-mailout. We are all deeply saddened by the news of his serious ill health leading to his resignation. At this time Bishop William (Bill) Wright remains our Bishop. He is on sick leave and will remain so. Our thoughts and prayers are with him during this very difficult time. Meanwhile Vicar General Fr Andrew Doohan is fulfilling the everyday administration of the Diocese. Please pray for our Diocese and pray that a good and holy man filled with the Holy Spirit will be called by God to be our chief shepherd. We give thanks to God for the gift that Bishop Bill has been to the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

Musicians: We regret the Australian Distributors of *Respond and Acclaim* are no longer agents for Oregon Catholic Press Publications (OCP), the Publishers of this resource. No other Distributors here have taken up the distribution for Australia. Importing directly from the US would mean prohibitive prices.

Catholic Mission: Sunday 24 October is World Mission Sunday on which our parish will be conducting its annual Catholic Mission Appeal. More information will be provided as it gets closer to the appeal date. To follow up on Catholic Mission, about any aspect of its work, or your support and contact details, call the Diocesan Director in Maitland-Newcastle, David on M 0488 115 401 or E dmcgovern@catholicmission.org.au.

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 its 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.

Sunday Collections: We appreciate that many of you wish to continue regular giving during this time, especially mindful of the parish bills which still need to be paid. There are electronic options you may like to consider, including www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/parishdiocesan-payments/ to make a single 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.

Live Streaming Parish Mass

We are now live streaming Mass on Facebook Saturday at 5:00PM and Sunday at 9:00AM and 5:30PM.

DIOCESE NEWS

Parishes in Harmony with Creation: This online session will be held on Wednesday 6 October from 10:00AM to 11:00AM and repeated from 7:00PM to 8:00PM. For registration and an overview of the session, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/parishes-in-harmony-with-creation-tickets-169193336825>. The online presentation and discussion will explore how parishes can best respond to Pope Francis' 2015 Encyclical *Laudato si'*: On Care For Our Common Home. On 4 October, the Vatican will release resources for its *Laudato si* Action Platform. With the expected media coverage, some parishioners might want their parish to commit to the action platform. Parish Priests and Leaders are aware of this initiative.

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.

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 to connect and pray with each other across the Diocese from your own home. Zoom: <https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/96144217758> Password: pray. Enquiries: rose.mcallister@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/>.

Catholic Weekly: While churches are closed [Catholic Weekly](#) is available for free online via <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/catholic-weekly-newspaper-online/>

Diocesan Synod: The COVID situation and Bishop William (Bill) Wright's pending resignation due to his ill health require a delay of Session Three, 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. For more go to <https://www.domnsynod.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Advice-Delay-Session-Three-Diocesan-Synod-20-November-2021-1.pdf>.

PLENARY COUNCIL

Website: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

Fan the Flame: Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.' *Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48*

The healing hands and support offered by a humble and merciful community are at the heart of a response to trauma and woundedness. Many need and yearn for full integration into the life of a loving community, where one is known and belongs.

(Humble, Healing and Merciful – Discernment Paper p. 12)

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

OTHER NEWS

Caritas Appeal: To provide much needed support to the Middle East Region and Haiti visit Caritas Australia's Emergency Response Appeal caritas.org.au or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

Aid to a Church in Need Australia: You are invited to join the prayer campaign 'One Million Children Praying the Rosary' for unity and peace in the world on 18 October. Be part of this prayer campaign and join many others! Register and learn more at www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children

SENIOR WORDSEARCH

Go out and proclaim God's name

Nm 11:25-29
Ps 66:1-3ab, 4-5, 16 & 20. R. v.1
Jas 5:1-6
Mk 9:38-41

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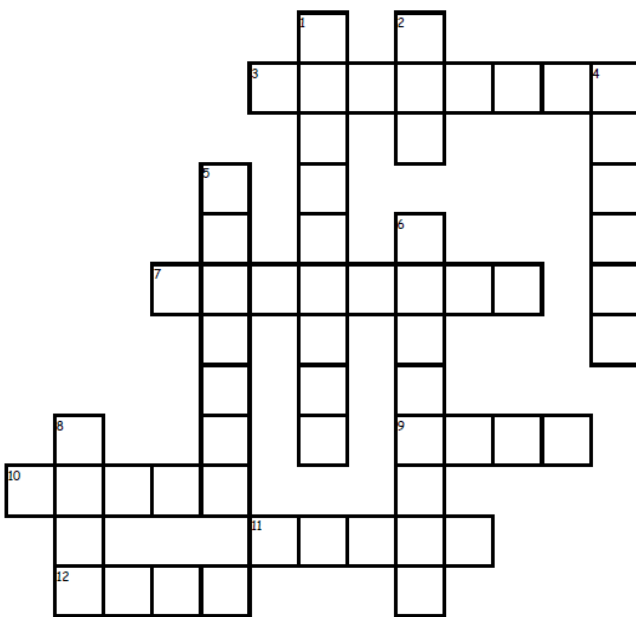
Try to find these words:

- disciples
- eat
- John
- miracles
- Moses
- name
- prophets
- rewarded
- rich
- Spirit
- water
- workers

CROSSWORD

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Across

- 3: Jesus was happy for people to perform these in his name
- 7: people who told others about the future
- 9: people who have a lot of money are _____
- 10: the Lord came in a cloud and spoke to this man
- 11: you will be rewarded if you give someone a cup of this in Jesus' name
- 12: the word you are known by

Down

- 1: these people were friends and followers of Jesus
- 2: you do this when you are hungry
- 4: those given the _____ were able to become prophets
- 5: people who work
- 6: you will be r_____ if you do good works in Jesus' name
- 8: this man asked Jesus about the miracle worker

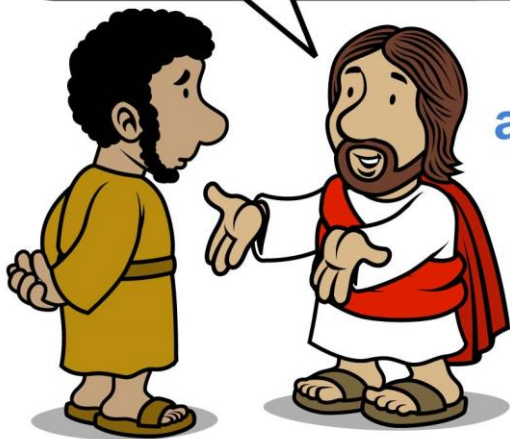
Whoever is not against us is for us



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

One day the disciples saw a man working miracles in Jesus' name. Because he was not one of them, the disciples told him to stop. Use the words below to find out why Jesus did not want the disciples to stop the man.

No one who does a _____
of _____ in my _____ will
say something _____ about me.
Whoever is not _____
us is _____ us.



power
against
deed
bad
for
name

Jesus rewards those who do good things in his name.



I can help others in Jesus' name by...

- _____
- _____
- _____



Jesus rewards my good deeds by...

- _____
- _____
- _____

Jesus performed many miracles.
Draw a picture about one of the miracles
you have read about in the bible.

