



The Catholic Community of HOLY TRINITY PARISH BLACKBUTT NORTH



St John the Evangelist Church
Dickson Street Lambton Est. 1873



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Platt Street Waratah Est. 1917



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◆ TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ◆ YEAR B ◆ 3 OCTOBER 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from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass previously given to the lay members of the Diocese by the Bishop is withdrawn.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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wis 7:7-11
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89:12-17.R. v.14
Second Reading: Heb 4:12-13
Gospel Acclamation: Mt 5:3
Gospel: Mk 10:17-30

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Est 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING

Gen 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis
They were two in one flesh.

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,
and flesh from my flesh!
This is to be called woman,
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

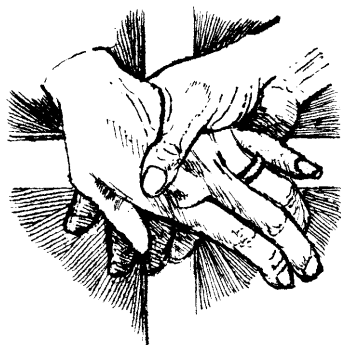
The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 127. R. v.5

**(R.) May the Lord bless us
all the days of our lives.**

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. (R.)
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace! (R.)



SECOND READING

Heb 2:9-11

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin.

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. 1 Jn 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 10:2-16

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark
What God has joined together, no one must divide.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

HOMILY

By Richard Leonard

During World War II, Mary was one of hundreds of Australian women who fell in love with an American soldier. She married her Episcopalian Army Major at the side altar in a Catholic Church in 1945. He was dashing and handsome and by the time it came for him to return to Philadelphia in 1946, they were expecting their first child.

Upon arrival at her new home Mary found that her brave soldier was not as fearless as she thought. He was completely dominated by his aristocratic, wealthy mother who made it clear from the beginning that she opposed the marriage. Mary's life in the family home was a nightmare. The tensions boiled over when Brendan was born. Regardless of the promises his father had made in Australia to have their children baptised Catholics, the soldier waged no war against his mother who declared that if any grandchild of hers was baptised a 'papist' she would disinherit the three of them. The Major buckled under the maternal pressure and demanded that Brendan be baptised an Episcopalian. Mary was devastated. She gathered her few possessions together, had her son baptised a Catholic and fled home.

In 1950, by now a divorcee, she met Maurice, a wonderful man who wanted to marry her and be a father to Brendan. When they went to see the local parish priest, he told them they could not be married in the Church and if they contracted a civil marriage they ran the risk of going to hell for eternity. They were tough days. Catholicism was one of the reasons Mary left the USA. In turn, the very Church she defended shut her out.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks directly about marriage and divorce. In Jesus' day only a few women had rights before the law. These were wealthy women from the priestly families. They could divorce their husbands. The vast majority of women, however, were seen as possessions of their father, husband or son. A husband could draw up a divorce writ for any reason he wished and so force his wife out of their home into destitution or humiliate her by sending her back to her own family. No wonder Jesus lays down the law so strongly about fidelity and commitment. His new interpretation of the Law of Moses defended women's rights to dignity and security.

Every Catholic parish today has parishioners who are divorced and remarried; no doubt some are here at this Mass. In the face of the negative messages you hear, I want you to know how much we admire your often heroic faith, how much God loves you and how grateful we are that you hang in here with us. The problem for the Church is that, on the one hand, we want to keep affirming the permanence of married love, and yet, on the other hand, we have an increasing number of Catholics who are divorcing. We are caught between the fine ideal Jesus teaches and the frail human condition we all carry in different ways. We have not got the balance right yet.

The Church's remedy to marriage breakdown is an annulment. An annulment is not a Catholic divorce. A civil divorce says the parties that were married are not now. An annulment says that there were factors, often unknown to the couple on the day, which meant that there was never a full and true Christian marriage in the first place. The sacrament is therefore null and void.

Some Catholics, and certainly people who are not Catholic, cannot face up to the long, complex and legal process involved in an annulment. It can be a traumatic experience. Others argue that the Church might step away from the more recent legal approach to dealing with marriage and, like the Orthodox Churches, use the Sacrament of Penance to nullify the Sacrament of Marriage. Whatever of the process, Christian teaching on this issue must always be metered with compassion.

From 1951 until 1993 Mary and her second husband did not receive the Sacraments. At my encouragement, she instigated annulment proceedings in 1990. In 1993 they received communion for the first time in 42 years. God had never moved away from them, embracing them in his arms, laying his hands on them every day and blessing them.

At that Nuptial Mass in 1994, Maurice's best man was Brendan, born in Philadelphia in 1946. Maurice had legally adopted Brendan the day after he married Mary. And as we all received communion, with tears streaming down our faces, we understood that it is to human, frail and open hearts that the Kingdom of God belongs.

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REFLECTION

By Dianne Bergant

In marriage, the couple does not merely receive a sacrament, they become one. They become an outward sign of the love of God. They are able to open themselves to each other in love, because God has first loved them. When they become one in marriage, they create something new, something that is a sign of the creative power of God. This in no way minimises the passionate love that they may have, or the unselfishness with which they give themselves to each other. Rather, it underscores the origin of that passion and the model of that unselfishness.

We are brothers and sisters of Christ in more than one way. First, through his incarnation, he became one of us, a little lower than the angels. He shared our human existence; he knew the highs and lows of human life. Then he redefined family relationships, claiming that blood bonds were no longer the determinant for establishing kinship. Instead, those who hear the word of God and keep it, those who commit themselves to God in faithful discipleship, are his brothers and sisters.

Marriage and other forms of discipleship make religious demands on us. Because we are taking a step into the unknown, they require a profound act of trust – trust in ourselves, trust in each other and, most importantly, trust in God. They also expect openness on our part – openness to give and openness to receive. Unfortunately we associate these characteristics with unpretentious children. While children may possess them because they are innocent, adults must repossess them because we have been recreated in Christ. © Dianne Bergant CSA

REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Jesus is enjoying the presence of the children coming to him for hugs and blessings. He makes it clear that we must imitate children and become like them in order to enter the Reign of God.

Obviously Jesus is calling us to not be childish but to be childlike. How do you see the difference between being childish and being childlike? What exactly are we being called to?

Not all characteristics of children are good for older people to imitate, but many are. What are some children's habits we should not try to pick up? What are some ways of children that we should try to remember and imitate?

Do you ever babysit younger children? If so, what is your favourite part and your least favourite part of that responsibility? If you have never babysat before, what parts do you think you might look forward to, and which parts would you not look forward to?

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SEASON OF CREATION

Reflection by Nick Brodie

Jesus repeatedly called out the Pharisees' inflexible attitudes and hypocritical behaviours. They were seemingly fixated on the letter of the law at the expense of its spirit. Given that, Jesus' reply to the Pharisees' loaded question about divorce is fascinating. Jesus answers a deliberately provocative legal question by referring to two data points: law and creation. When the two appear at odds in this instance Jesus prioritises creation.

With this in mind, we would do well to remember this episode's wider import as this Season of Creation draws to a close. The weight which Jesus gave to creation's divine purpose is surely significant. In that light we should perhaps revisit the spirit of Moses' law, especially that section in chapter 23 of Exodus which commands the people to let the land lie fallow every seventh year. This was for the benefit of the poor and the wild animals. Even the idea of everyone resting on the sabbath every week was partly and explicitly so that the community's oxen and donkeys could have a rest. In the long view, therefore, protecting creation is an ancient part of our faith's tradition. The question is: do we still live up to its spirit?

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Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor'

Creation Reflection by Sr Susan Daily IBVM

– 'A beautiful reflection video from Sr Susan Daily IBVM who created this based on the Trinity prayer.

To view go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YT3RYToNMQ0>

Fully Grounded Humans

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In storytelling genre, the inspired author of Genesis portrays God forming the first human creature from 'dust from the ground', which is 'Adamah' in Hebrew. The very breath of God is breathed into its nostrils. It has a soul so as to share the gift of Divine life. But before we become too heady, we find that the human being is called 'Adam' which means 'earth creature'. Human beings are created 'earthy'.

Pope Francis says: 'We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (cf Gen2:7); our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters.' (2 Laudato Si' italics added). Where did the recurring 'her' come from?

Listen to St Francis of Assisi in his Canticle of the Creatures:

'Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs.'

This leads Pope Francis to say '... Our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us.' (1 Laudato Si').

If this way of putting it is true (as I believe it is) then the degradation and wanton destruction of the environment is surely a type of domestic violence in our common home. It is family violence.

A well-grounded human being will oppose domestic violence. Let us do so adopting the spiritual and practical ecology of St Francis of Assisi, adapted for our age by Pope Francis. © Fr Michael Tate

A VOCATION VIEW



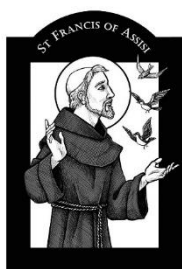
The Christian Vocation has expression through marriage, single life, priesthood and consecrated life. Our call to holiness is to answer God's call to build the Kingdom of God. 'Let the little children come to

me; ... for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs.' For more information regarding Vocations phone 02 4979 1112 or email vocations@mn.catholic.org.au.

SAINTS

Saint Francis of Assisi

St Francis was born the son of a wealthy merchant of Assisi in 1181. After a conversion experience as a young man, Francis renounced his inheritance and even his clothes, instead wearing the simple garments given to him by the Bishop of Assisi. Living a life of extreme poverty, Francis preached in the streets, begged for his sustenance, served the sick and lived in harmony with nature. After attracting followers, he founded the Franciscan order in 1209. He continued living in poverty, preaching and working with lepers. In 1221 he resigned as the head of the order. After living in meditation on Mount Alvernia he received the stigmata, which bled periodically for the remaining two years of his life. His prayer, 'Canticle of the Sun', epitomises St Francis' communion with God and the universe and makes him an obvious patron of environmental causes.



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

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: God is our strength and our help. With confidence, then, let us turn to him with our needs.

1. That those who exercise ministry in the Church will be strengthened by God, our fortress and rock. Let us pray to the Lord.
2. That those in public life will show respect for the name and worship of Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.
3. That the needy of the world will find in us generous and listening hearts. Let us pray to the Lord.
4. That this parish community will be known for its love of God and concern for one another. Let us pray to the Lord.
5. 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.
6. That those who have gone before us will enjoy God's loving presence. Let us pray to the Lord.

Conclusion: Merciful God we acknowledge our dependence on you. Hear our prayers that we may devote ourselves to serving you and living out your commandments of love 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: Sheng Joo Ping, Joyce Margaret Hoey.

Anniversaries: Josephine (Josie) Mary Bird, Fr Patrick O'Regan, Fr Bertram Watson.

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.

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy;
hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;
to thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy towards us;
and after this our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

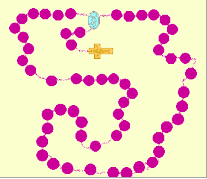
Amen.

◆ 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.

PARISH NEWS

Live Streaming Parish Mass

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

Daylight Saving: Please remember to put your clocks forward an hour this weekend for Daylight Saving, starting this Sunday.

Public Holiday: Please note that due to the public holiday no staff will be in the Parish Office on Monday 4 October.

Census Form: Are our records up to date with your current details? Each time we experience a lockdown it is brought to light that our 'Parishioner Information' is a little out of date. For example, there are some new addresses, emails or mobile numbers that we don't have, land lines that have been disconnected, perhaps the kids now have their own address and family, or you may be new to the parish. If so we are offering a 'Census Form' as an attachment for you to consider updating. To return, either scan and email back to us, or post it to the Parish office, or wait until we gather again. If you have any enquiries, please contact the Parish Office by phone or email.

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 Tuesday 5 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.

Test and Tag: We are pleased to advise that, as required by the law, the Parish has completed its annual electrical Test and Tag at all its venues.

Volunteer Roster: We will soon organise the 2022 volunteers roster. Please contact the parish office if you would like to become a volunteer; if you wish to add, remove or make other changes to your current volunteer duties; or to check your volunteer registration status. All volunteers must be registered.

DIOCESE NEWS

Parishes in Harmony with Creation: An online presentation and discussion will be held on Wednesday 6 October from 10:00AM to 11:00AM and repeated from 7:00PM to 8:00PM. The online session 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. For registration and an overview, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/parishes-in-harmony-with-creation-tickets-169193336825>.

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

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.

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: After consultation with the Synod Working Party, the Council of Priests, and the Council for Mission, a decision was made to delay Session Three, originally planned for 20 November 2021, due to COVID-19 and the Bishop's ill-health. For more information 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

First Assembly: The first Assembly of the Plenary Council takes place this week, via a multi-modal format, from Sunday 3 to Sunday 10 October. Visit <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>.

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.

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

That Catholic Shop: This is an exciting development of *Aid to a Church in Need Australia*. It is a go-to shop for Catholic gifts and devotional items. From Sacramental gifts, statues, books, rosaries, Christmas items and more, there is something for everyone. The purchases you make at That Catholic Shop go to support the work of Aid to the Church in Need to keep the faith alive in those places where it is most at risk. To browse our full range visit www.thatcatholicshop.com.

Amoris Laetitia Family Year: The "Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) Family Year" is an initiative of Pope Francis, which aims to reach every family around the world through several spiritual, pastoral, and cultural proposals that can be implemented within parishes, dioceses, universities, ecclesial movements and family associations. To facilitate the reading of the Apostolic Exhortation, with the aid of downloadable material prepared for personal and community reflection go to resource: <http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia/iniziativa-e-risorse/10-video-amoris-laetitia.html>

SENIOR WORDSEARCH

God created his kingdom for all of us

Gen 2:18-24
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, R. see v.5
Mk 10:13-16

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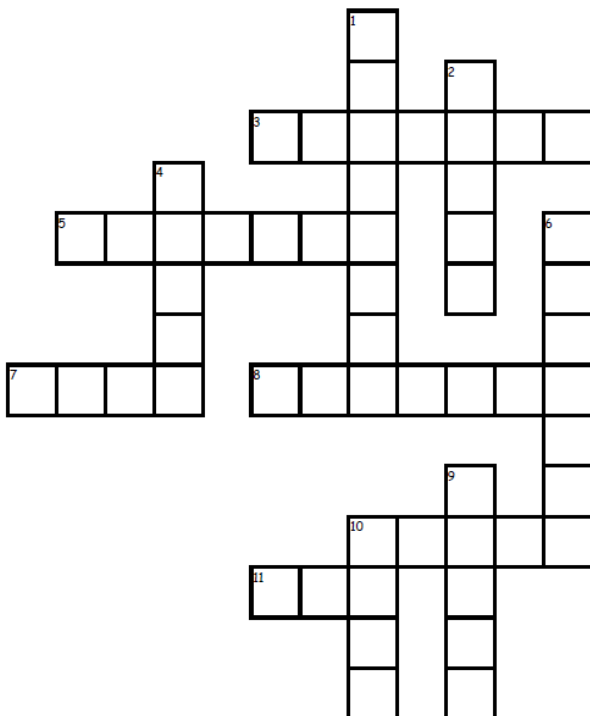
Try to find these words:

- Adam
- alone
- animals
- arms
- blessed
- children
- earth
- God
- Jesus
- kingdom
- promise
- woman

CROSSWORD

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Across

- 3: Adam chose names for these creatures
- 5: Jesus _____ the children by placing his hands on them
- 7: Jesus took the children in his _____
- 8: children belong to the _____ of God
- 10: what you are when you are by yourself
- 11: ___ created all living creatures

Down

- 1: young people
- 2: e_____ is another word for dirt
- 4: the son of God
- 6: to say faithfully that you will do something
- 9: what a girl becomes when she grows up
- 10: the first man that God made

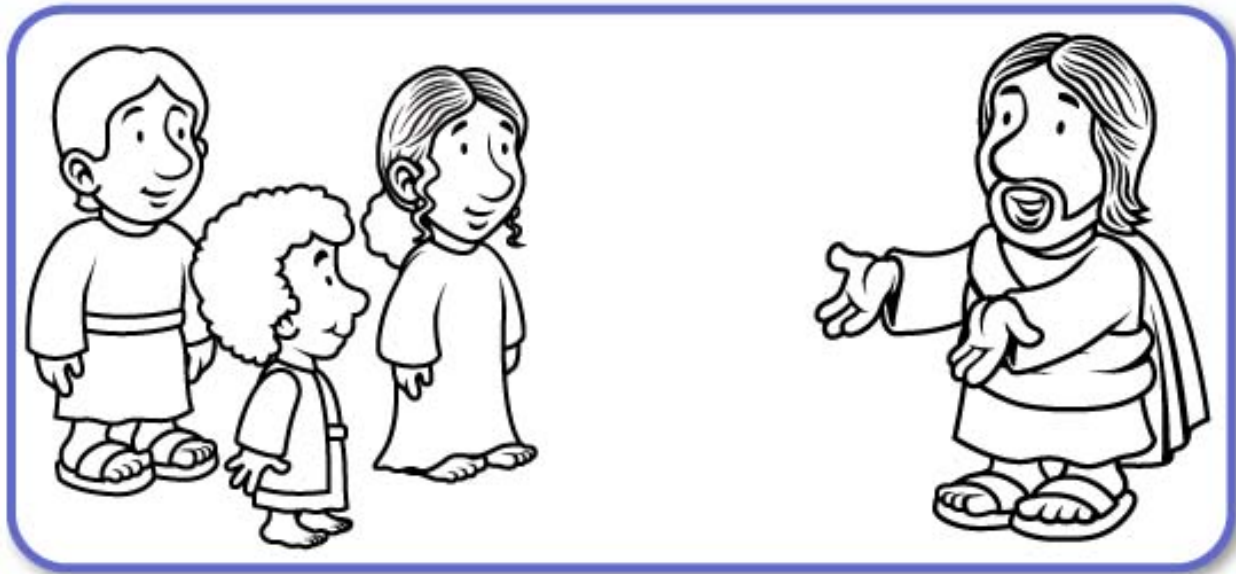
Blessed are the children



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



Some people brought their children to see Jesus. The disciples eventually tried to turn them away but Jesus wanted them to stay. He took the children in his arms and blessed them. Draw yourself with Jesus and the rest of the children.



What do you think the kingdom of God is really like?

Write or draw your answer



CHILDREN

How many words can you make from the letters in CHILDREN?

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