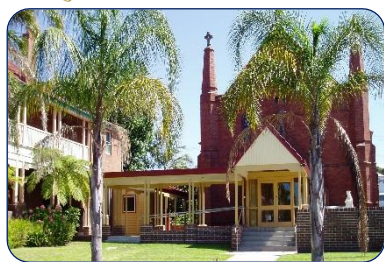




The Catholic Community of HOLY TRINITY PARISH BLACKBUTT NORTH



St John the Evangelist Church
Dickson Street Lambton Est. 1873



Corpus Christi Church
Platt Street Waratah Est. 1917



St Therese's Church
Royal Street New Lambton Est. 1954

◆ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE ◆ YEAR B ◆ 25 NOVEMBER 2018 ◆

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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday: 7:00AM Waratah
Tuesday: 7:00AM New Lambton
Wednesday: 7:00AM Lambton
Thursday: 7:00AM Waratah
Friday: 7:00AM Lambton
Saturday: 8:00AM New Lambton

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:00PM Lambton
Sunday: 7:30AM Waratah
9:15AM New Lambton
11:00AM Lambton [Ordinariate Mass]
5:30PM Waratah

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 8:30AM New Lambton / 4:30PM Lambton

ANOINTING MASSES

Wednesdays:
1st of the month: 9:30AM St Martin de Porres Waratah
2nd of the month: 9:30AM St John's Villa Nursing Home New Lambton
3rd of the month: 9:30AM Tinonee Gardens Waratah
4th of the month: 10:30AM Bupa Aged Care Waratah
Thursday:
4th of the month: 10:00AM Maroba Waratah

NOTE: All Anointing Masses are subject to nursing home operational requirements.

SACRAMENTS IN HOLY TRINITY PARISH

Anointing of the Sick: For hospitalized and homebound parishioners, it is very important that you contact the Parish Office to receive Anointing of the Sick or Communion, otherwise, we might not know of your need.

Baptism: Baptisms take place on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays 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. Baptism Preparation Sessions are essential and are held on the last Thursday of each month at Parish House New Lambton. An Information leaflet is available at the Church entrance. Note: Changes to the schedule may apply seasonally.

Communion for the Sick: Bringing Communion to a sick person links them with the community of the Church and nourishes them with the body of Christ. A parish minister or member of the parish family may be designated by the priest for this ministry.

Confirmation/Eucharist: In our Diocese the Sacramental Program is Parish/Family based and enquiries are made via the Parish Office.

Marriage: By appointment. A minimum of 6 months' notice is required. For information, please contact Parish Office.



Vocation Views: Jesus claims, "Anyone committed to the truth hears my voice." Commit yourself to truth and heed the voice of God. (John 18:33-37). For more information regarding Vocations contact 02 4979 1112 or vocations@mn.catholic.org.au

◆ PARISH AND DIOCESAN NOTICES ◆

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to our Parish, please complete a 'Census Form' available from the Parish Office.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Commitment Masses: Last Sunday our children from Year 3 attended a Commitment Mass to start their Sacramental journey. Please continue to pray for them and their families. If there are any parents, who would like their children to be involved in the Sacramental programme please contact the schools.

New Liturgical Year: The Liturgical Year begins next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent:

- Sunday Cycle C
- Weekday Cycle 1

Daily Meditations for Advent: A small booklet *Preparing for Christmas* by Richard Rohr is available from the Church entrance at no cost. Please feel free to help yourself to a copy.

BELL TOWER CRAFT STALL

A craft stall will be held at Corpus Christi Church on 2 December before and after 7:30AM and 5:30PM Masses. There is a multitude of handmade gifts to be purchased just in time for Christmas. All proceeds will go to the Bell Tower Appeal. Corpus Christi School will join us with a barbecue and games for the children at the evening Mass. *See flyer insert.*

Caring Group Social: New Lambton Caring Group extends a very warm welcome to all parishioners from Holy Trinity Parish to join us for our Christmas Social to be held on Monday 3 December at 10:00AM at the Parish House Victoria Street New Lambton. Morning tea provided. Please come along and meet your fellow parishioners.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

In preparation of the Christmas season, reconciliation will be held at 7:00PM:

- Monday 3 December at Corpus Christi Church Waratah
- Tuesday 4 December at St Therese's Church New Lambton
- Wednesday 5 December at St John the Evangelist Lambton

Ministries Mass: Acknowledging and affirming Ministry. A parish get-together will be held on Friday 7 December 2018 at 7:00PM, vigil Mass of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, at Corpus Christi Church Waratah, after which a light supper will be provided in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

Christmas Rosters: This year we aim to finalize Christmas Mass rosters by early December. A volunteer's sheet is now available at each of the church entrances for any volunteers wishing to participate in Ministry during Christmas Masses. Please list your availability or contact your roster contact person before Sunday 25 November 2018. To assist with preparation of booklets, we ask musicians to complete a 'Christmas Hymn Selection' form located on the church organ and return it to the Priest or Parish Office no later than Tuesday 27 November 2018.

Book of Remembrance 2018: November is the month we especially remember our loved ones who have gone before us. Our 'Book of Remembrance' will be present at each of our churches throughout November in remembrance of our loved ones called to eternal life.

Working with Children Checks: Thank you for helping us to keep you safe and ensuring others are safe too by ensuring your *Working with Children Check* is renewed prior to expiry and providing your renewal details to the Parish Secretary. This is of extreme importance as it is illegal to work with children without a current *Working with Children Check*.

Position Vacant: Holy Trinity Parish Blackbutt North is currently seeking a Parish Secretary on a permanent part-time basis. Information sheets are available from the church entrances. We encourage you to refer any interested friends and family to the website <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/careers/positions-vacant/>

Volunteer Registrations: Thank you to all who have responded to this call towards full implementation of the Diocesan Volunteer Policy as we were advised at our recent parish meeting. This means that every Volunteer within our Parish must be registered, have a signed off Volunteer Role Description, and have a commencement letter for all of their volunteer roles. We expect to complete this process next year. Volunteer "Expression of Interest" Forms are available at the back of the churches. To express your interest in a role, simply complete the form and put it in a sealed envelope in the 2nd collection, or return it to the office. To assist parishioners in selecting ministries, *draft* Volunteer Role Descriptions Summary is also available at the back of the churches. Formal Role Descriptions will be rolled out as we move forward to implementation.

DIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENTS

One Licence: Congratulations to all the parishes of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. One Licence, our copyright provider, has noted that every church in our diocese has reported the use of their song titles ... congratulations! This is a record and Maitland-Newcastle continues to lead the way. One Licence extends "gratitude to those who have implemented such a good system and to the many people who diligently report the usage" and hope that other churches and schools would follow our lead.

Simbang Gabi at St. Joseph's Merewether: In preparation for the Solemnity of the Lord's birth, novena Masses will be celebrated at the St. Joseph's Merewether in the evenings of 15 December to 23 December 2018. The Christmas novena Masses, also known as Simbang Gabi to Filipinos, is a long tradition brought by the Spanish Friars in the Philippines in 1669. The novena Masses are in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Expectant Mother of God, and serve as a preparation for the commemoration of the Birth of Our Lord and Saviour. All are welcome and the Eucharistic celebration promptly starts at 7:00PM.

Palms Australia: Make an encounter in 2019. Palms Encounters are rich immersions that challenge perceptions of our neighbours, guided by Palms mission volunteers with cultural experience of Timor Leste - April and September, Myanmar - June, and Samoa - November.

Young Christian Students: The *Diocesan Council for Ministry with Young People* have been exploring the possibility of re-introducing the *Young Christian Students* (YCS) movement back into the Diocese. *Young Christian Students* is a movement that is run for, by and with secondary school students. YCS aims to empower students to take action in their own lives in order to change the world around them in the light of their faiths and beliefs. We are looking for people interested in becoming Adult Assistant members for the Adult Support Team or a Chaplain. Information nights will be held at 841 Hunter Street Newcastle West on:

- Monday 26 November 7:00PM-8:30PM in the Toohey Room
- Tuesday 27 November 7-8.30pm in the Dwyer Room

For more information go to:

<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/youth/dcmyp/>

Plenary Council 2020 – Listen to what the Spirit is saying: Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. For more information, www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Local Plenary Council 2020 update: If you have a question about the Plenary Council 2020, Diocesan Synod or the Local Animator sessions, E diocesan.synod@mn.catholic.org.au

FIRST READING

Dn 7:13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel

His sovereignty is eternal.

I gazed into the visions of the night.
 And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
 one like a son of man.
 He came to the one of great age
 and was led into his presence.
 On him was conferred sovereignty,
 glory and kingship,
 and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his
 servants.
 His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
 which shall never pass away,
 nor will his empire be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 92:1-2. 5. R.v.1

**(R.) The Lord is king;
 he is robed in majesty.**

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
 the Lord has robed himself with might,
 he has girded himself with power. (R)
2. The world you made firm, not to be moved;
 your throne has stood firm from of old.
 From all eternity, O Lord, you are. (R)
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
 Holiness is fitting to your house,
 O Lord, until the end of time. (R)



SECOND READING

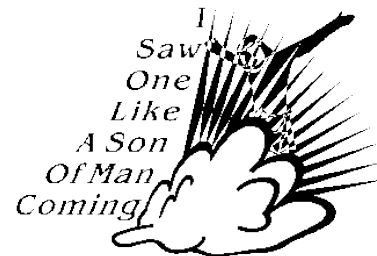
Rv 1:5-8

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*The ruler of the kings of the earth ...made us a line of kings,
 priests to serve his God.*

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the
 dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has
 washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of
 kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be
 glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is
 coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who
 pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over
 him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega'
 says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the
 Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
 blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 18:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

You say that I am a king.

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do
 you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to
 you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own
 people and the chief priests who have handed you over to
 me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a
 kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my
 men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to
 the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a
 king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus.
 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for
 this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side
 of truth listen to my voice.'

The Gospel of the Lord.