

# Parish Bulletin

## St Carthage's Cathedral Parish, Lismore



### SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF:

- St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore  
**Mass Times**  
*Tues -Thurs 8.00am, Fri 12.05pm.*  
*Sat Vigil 5.30pm, Sun 9am & 11am*  
*Reconciliation-Fri 11.30am-11.50am*  
*Sat 4.45pm-5.15pm*
- Carmelite Monastery Chapel,  
Goonellabah  
*Mon-Fri 7am, Sat 8am, Sun 7am*
- St Dymphna's Church, Dunoon  
*Sunday - 8.30am*
- St Vincent's Hospital Chapel  
*Wednesday - 12 noon*

### PARISH OFFICE

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### PARISH CLERGY

Bishop Gregory Homeming OCD

**Bishop of Lismore**

Fr Bing Monteagudo

**Administrator**

Fr Alexander Munyao

**Assistant Priest**

Revd Graeme Davis

**Deacon**

28 April 2024, 5th Sunday of Easter, Year B

### YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT

*We express our gratitude to God for the 29 young adults who embraced His invitation to join the retreat.*

*Our hearts are filled with appreciation for Bishop Greg Homeming, OCD, and Fr. Joy DSouza, OCD, for their wisdom and guidance in nurturing our faith and devotion to God. In particular, I extend my heartfelt thanks to Bianca McInnes for her steadfast support.*

*Finally, I want to thank all of you for being our prayer warriors during these days of silence and reflection. Let us continue to pray for our Young Adults that they may joyfully share their encounters with God through works of mercy especially within their community.*

*God bless!*

*In Carmel,*

*Sr. Di, CM*



### 52 SUNDAYS

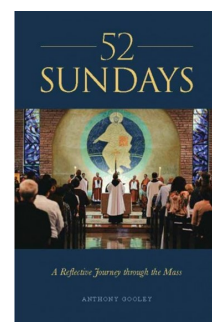
A book for you recommended by Bishop Greg Homeming to enrich your experience of participation in Mass by Deacon

Anthony Gooley of Ballina parish,

***52 Sundays: A Reflective Guide to the Mass.***

Available online from Coventry Press.

This is a book that is meant to be read over 52 weeks and invites you to deepen your own experience of the celebration of the Mass.



**PAYS 4.15%**  
**INVEST WITH PEACE OF MIND!**

Head office: 10 Orion St, Lismore,  
1800 802 516.

## LITURGY ROSTER

### April 27/28 - 5th Sunday of Easter

#### Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 Margaret Condon  
Reader 2 Janelle Heffernan

#### Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Maria Whitney  
Reader 2 Alison Cleaver

#### Sunday 11.00am

Reader 1 Oliver Rixon  
Reader 2 Ging-ging Basio

### May 4/5 - 6th Sunday of Easter

#### Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 Cathy Donnelly  
Reader 2 Suzanne Nichols

#### Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Jill Ritson  
Reader 2 Russell Shearman

#### Sunday 11.00am

Reader 1 Cameron Delaney  
Reader 2 May Hall

### Rosary Fellowship

1st Saturday of the month 12pm at the front of the Cathedral. Contact: Steve 0417 218 237

### Holy Rosary

St Carthage's Cathedral Saturday's 4.00pm.  
Everyone most welcome.

### Gospel Sharing

Doyle House, Thursday 3.30 - 5.00pm.  
All welcome.

### Holy Communion at Home

If you know of someone who would like Holy Communion at home please call the office on 6626 0200.



**The Church needs you,  
your enthusiasm,  
your creativity  
and the joy that is so  
characteristic of you!**

**Pope Francis**



## BAPTISM

Our Parish family welcomes into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week:

*Hunter Jon Wright*

*Theia Mae Bryant*

*Koa Odell Bryant*

*Luka David Bryant*

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

For parents of those children who do not attend one of the Catholic Schools, St Carthage's Cathedral Parish will be providing a Sacramental Program for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation (Year 3 and above), Reconciliation and Eucharist (Year 4 and above).

To register your child for any of these Sacraments please contact Jenny at the Parish Office on 66260200 or email: [office@stcarthages.org.au](mailto:office@stcarthages.org.au)

The program will commence Monday 13 May at 6.00pm in Doyle House.



### AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea for the Australian Cancer Council will be held on Thursday 23 May from 10.00am at Doyle House.

Please bring a plate of food to share, a tea/coffee mug along with your donation and extra cash for raffles and join us in raising money for this worthy cause.

You can also donate by clicking on the QR CODE or at

<https://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au/fundraisers/jennyfalls>

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

 **Cancer Council**  
Australia's Biggest  
Morning Tea



### SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH

Safeguarding in our parish is a community responsibility. If you believe someone is being harmed please speak to your priest or the Safeguarding Office (02) 6621 9444. There are procedures in place to guide how best to help victims - whether children or adults at risk.





## Reading Reflection

### *The true vine that feeds us*

In these weeks after Easter and before the feasts of Ascension and Pentecost, our gospel readings come from Jesus' farewell discourses in the Gospel of John. These are the teachings which Jesus shared with his disciples in that precious time just before his arrest and crucifixion.

His teachings offered solace to his disciples who were soon to endure his passion and death. We now read and ponder them in the light of his resurrection and Ascension. They also offer comfort to us in our time and place, as we face life's challenges and sorrows.

Last week, the gospel recounted Jesus telling the disciples that he is the Good Shepherd, who knows his sheep by name, who cares for them and protects them, and whose love and care are so great that he lays down his life for his sheep. This image of the Good Shepherd and his sheep describes a relationship of steadfast love and care.

This week, Jesus describes his relationship to his followers differently, this time in terms of a vine and its branches. This image highlights the intimacy, interconnection, mutuality and reciprocity of the relationship of Jesus to us, of Jesus to the Father, and of Jesus and the Father to us, individually and as a community.

Jesus explains that he is the true vine, the Father is the vine grower, and we are the branches. The image reminds us that we, just like the vine and its branches, rely on each other in order to bear fruit.

But, most important of all, Jesus urges us: "Abide in me as I abide in you." To abide means to remain, to stay, to dwell, to make a home in, to endure, and to hold fast. This notion of 'abiding' is of utmost importance in John's Gospel. (Even in today's short reading this word, abide, occurs 8 times.)

Jesus is very clear: this abiding is essential and core to our relationship with him. It is this abiding in him and he in us that will result in great fruitfulness. The fruits will be life-giving fruits, internal as well as external, for us personally and for the community. They will be peace, freedom, justice, joy, and the flourishing of creation.

What then is the call and the challenge for us? It is to nurture our relationship with Jesus. This is the discipleship to which he calls us: it is abiding in him, keeping company with him, living in daily conversation with him. We are called to a life-long process of entering ever more deeply into this relationship with him, learning to abide in his love, and learning to love one another as God has loved us. It is learning to live like that every day!

And, in the process, we will gradually come to better see the world, ourselves, other people, and whatever situations we face with our hearts and minds attuned to his.

Anne Hunt

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### *Please remember in your prayers;*

**THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED:** Bridget McNeill, Anne Crabb, Annette O'Connor, Jo Mackney, John "Peter" Mazzer, Nonieza Regudo Mase, Joanne Briggs, Pree Singh.

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Marcia May, Bridget Collits, John Rynne, Frank Tooley, Eddie Burns, Esther Todd, Teresa McFadden, Kenneth Waller, Betty McKee, Ian Goldspring, Maureen Felsch, John Barns, Carl Felsch, Michael Martin.

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME:** Bishop John Satterthwaite, Warren Bird, Bettina and Charles Benson, Anthony Kelly, Kathleen Bollard, Tom Fields, Nita and Frank Willis, Tony Nipperess, Daniel Gallagher.

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** All departed souls



### **COLLECTION TOTALS - April 20/21, 2024**

**First Collection - \$ 863.55**

**Second Collection - \$ 873.95**

**Bank Deposit:** Please use Surname and envelope number (if applicable) as a reference e.g. Smith 23

**First Collection (Support of Diocese Priests) -**

St Carthage's Cathedral Parish Clergy Account    BSB 062 565    Acc 10435601

**Second Collection (Support of Parish and Ministries) -**

St Carthage's Cathedral Parish General Account    BSB 062 565    Acc 10435599



## FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26

**(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.  
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **(R.)**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nations worship before him.  
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **(R.)**

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him  
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:  
'These things the Lord has done.' **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

1 John 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active;  
only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive,

because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:

that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,  
and my Father is the vinedresser.  
Every branch in me that bears no fruit  
he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit  
he prunes to make it bear even more.  
You are pruned already, by means of the word that  
I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.  
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must  
remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you  
remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears  
fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do  
nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch  
that has been thrown away – he withers;  
these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,  
and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you,  
you may ask what you will and you shall get it.  
It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear  
much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## NEXT WEEK

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

1 John 4:7-10

John 15:9-17

