

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

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Assistant Priest

Revd Graeme Davis
Deacon

7 April 2024, Divine Mercy Sunday, Year B

Morning Tea This Weekend

Please join us for morning tea in the Farrelly Room at Doyle House after 9.00am Mass this Sunday, 7 April. Members of St Vincent de Paul conference will be your hosts. Please bring a plate to share.



We take this opportunity to thank you for supporting our work through donations to the Poor Box and our special appeals.

We are always open to welcoming new members to our Conference.

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

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

CONGRATULATIONS SR DI AND SR EVELYN

This week, Sr Di and Sr Evelyn celebrated 14 years since taking their final profession as Carmelite Missionary Sisters.

St Carthage's Cathedral Parish are truly blessed to have both of them and Sr Jean here administering their pastoral care.

We wish them good health and many, many blessings as they continue their journey with us and in the diocese.



Sr Evelyn will be travelling home for her annual retreat and leave next week. We wish her a safe journey and look forward to seeing her on her return.

HEADS UP! - AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA



St Carthage's Cathedral Parish will once again be hosting Australia's Biggest Morning Tea for the Australian Cancer Council on Thursday 23 May from 10.00am at Doyle House.

Last year we raised a total of \$1000 for the Cancer Council.

There will be opportunities for raffles and money boards on the morning so bring in those extra coins.

Why not enter in our best finger food competition. You will have the opportunity to put your vote in - gold coin/note donation of course - and have your say as to the best on the table!

Please bring a plate of food to share, a tea/coffee mug along with your donation 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.



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INVEST WITH PEACE OF MIND!
Head office: 10 Orion St, Lismore,
1800 802 516.

LITURGY ROSTER

April 7 - Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 Fiona Fennamore
Reader 2 John Maloney

Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Robert Ireland
Reader 2 Jonalyn Andersen

Sunday 11.00am

Reader 1 May Hall
Reader 2 Cameron Delaney

April 14 - Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 Suzanne Nichols
Reader 2 Cathy Donnelly

Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Alice Magner
Reader 2 Jacob Franey

Sunday 11.00am

Reader 1 Nestor Basio
Reader 2 Ging-ging Basio

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.



St Carthage's Conference of St Vincent de Paul

Volunteers Needed

Contact President Cathy Bell on 66215835
or
email: catherine.bell@vinnies.org.au



BAPTISM



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

Rylan Noel Rizzo



Don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour before going to bed on Saturday Night.
Enjoy that extra hour of sleep.

Catholic Education Week 2024

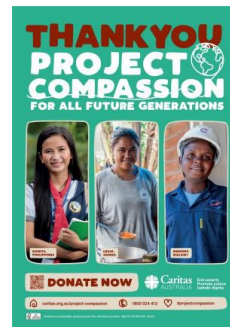
'Innovation and Faith'

Catholic Education Week is an annual event that brings together our community in celebration of Catholic Education. It is an opportunity for our Catholic Schools to celebrate their unique mission of enabling students to experience the fullness of life, and to celebrate their thriving school community.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us and give us new eyes, new ears and open hearts, helping us to bring your love to all we encounter.

We ask this prayer through Jesus our Lord and teacher. Amen.

Thank You!



Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2024. If you still have your Project Compassion envelopes at home, please bring them back next week.

Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger

and lift themselves out of poverty.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, *for all future generations.*



Education is not about knowing things or taking lessons

but about being able to use three lingos:

those of the head,

the heart and the hands...

learning so that you can think about

what you feel and do,

can feel what you think and do,

and can do what you feel and think.

Unity within a person.

Pope Francis

Reading Reflection - Easter Sunday

L'Arche is an international federation of communities where people with and without an intellectual disability share life and build community together. *L'Arche*, a French word for 'the Ark', seeks to create homes rooted in the Christian gospel but open to all, where people live a simple life of work, care, prayer and celebration. *L'Arche* was founded by Jean Vanier 60 years ago (August 1964), in the small northern French village of *Trosly-Breuil*. He welcomed two men with intellectual disabilities who were living nearby in a large institution. From these humble and simple beginnings, *L'Arche* has grown into more than 150 communities present in 37 countries.

In a world too often divided and broken, *L'Arche* communities seek to be a sign of reconciliation and welcome, hope and peace, openness and support. *L'Arche* communities recognise and respect the fundamental dignity of every human person, loved and cherished by God.

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles gives us a picture of how the first Christians lived in community. Firstly, the community was faithful to prayer and worship. The celebration of the Eucharist was at the heart of their life, uniting them in worship and service. Secondly, the community was a place of love, care and nurture. In an atmosphere of welcome and inclusion, people were able to grow, and respond to God's presence and action in their lives.

Thirdly, the community had a deep sense of sharing, especially with those who had little. There was no amassing of resources or property for exclusive personal use. The community lived simply and without extravagance.

A parish is a good example of a Christian community. Drawn together around the table of the Lord, people of every nation, culture and language gather to support and sustain each other in faith, hope and love. As one people we worship, pray, give thanks and partake in the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Nurtured and nourished, we are sent to bring Christ to the world and to live a life of service.

Within the life of a parish, other, smaller communities (groups) of witness, sharing and togetherness also exist. For example: liturgy and music, social justice, bereavement and hospitality, St Vincent de Paul Society, parish council and many others.

We're not created to be alone. We created to "be with" other people in a spirit of love and support, valuing the unique gifts of each person, striving together to deepen and strengthen our relationship with God and with the world. Thomas was absent from his community when Jesus came and stood among the disciples. He struggled with his doubt alone. Only when he rejoined his community and encountered the Risen Christ, was he able to make his profession of faith – "My Lord and my God!"

Today, let's celebrate our faith community as an essential part of our Christian life.

David J Hore CSsR © Majellan Media 2024

Please remember in your prayers;

THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED: Nonieza Regudo Mase, Joanne Briggs, Pree Singh, Canesio Basio, Frank Vanz, Annette Watson, Peter Smith, Betty Arts, Barry Foley, Peter Tiernan, Lourie Williamstown, Paul O'Neill.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Bridget Collits, John Rynne, Frank Tooley, Annette O'Connor, Eddie Burns, Esther Todd, Teresa McFadden, Kenneth Waller, Betty McKee, Ian Goldspring, Maureen Felsch, Dr Richard Scolyer AO & Team, John Barns, Carl Felsch, Michael Martin.

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME: Fr Charles Kakumanu, Fr Steven O'Donnell, Tony Nipperess, Fran Griffin, Daniel Gallagher, Neville Byrne, Tony Evans, Anastacia Tooley, Oliverio Monteagudo, Robert Schmidt, Maureen and Kevin Robson.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: All departed souls



COLLECTION TOTALS - March 30/31, 2024

First Collection - \$ 1117.60

Second Collection - \$ 759.60

Holy Land Collection - \$ 1199.15

Easter Sunday Collection - \$ 305.00

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



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.



FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1

**(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say:

‘His love has no end.’ **(R.)**

The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;

his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live

and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,

but not doomed to die. **(R.)**

The stone which the builders rejected

has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;

we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ

has been begotten by God;

and whoever loves the Father that begot him

loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God’s children

if we love God himself and do what he has

commanded us;

this is what loving God is –

keeping his commandments;

and his commandments are not difficult,

because anyone who has been begotten by God

has already overcome the world;

this is the victory over the world – our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,

not with water only,

but with water and blood;

with the Spirit as another witness –

since the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas,

because you have seen me;

happy are those who have not seen me,

but still believe!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you,’ and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you.’

‘As the Father sent me,

so am I sending you.’

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

‘Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.’

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, ‘We have seen the Lord’, he answered, ‘Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.’ Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you’ he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him:

‘You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet

believe.’

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

NEXT WEEK

Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

1 John 2:1-5

Luke 24:35-48