

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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Fr Alexander Munyao
Assistant Priest

Rev'd Graeme Davis
Deacon

20 August 2023, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

WYD PILGRIMS

Our pilgrims have all returned safe and sound from Lisbon. In next week's bulletin Sr Di will give her reflection on their journey so stay tuned.

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE AND TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE LUNCH

This year we will be hosting lunch in the Cathedral grounds for both Year 12 cohorts from St John's College, Woodlawn and Trinity Catholic College. The St John's College lunch will be on Tuesday 19th September and Trinity Catholic College on Wednesday 20th September.

Both Colleges will have their Graduation Masses on Wednesday 20th September.

SAFEGUARDING

As noted in previous bulletins, all volunteers in our parish churches - Cathedral, Carmelite Monastery and St Dymphna's - will need to complete certain requirements to meet the Safeguarding regulations of the Diocese.

If you are a volunteer and have not already collected your envelope from the back of the church, please do so and return the form inside by August 26/27.

Thank you to all our volunteers, as you help make all our services run smoothly.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

On Wednesday 30th August, children from St Carthage's Primary School and those enrolled in our RCIC Sacramental Program will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please keep them in your prayers as they take this next step in their journey.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY - 27 AUGUST

The celebration of Social Justice Sunday is a long tradition in the Catholic Church in Australia. For almost every year since 1940, our bishops have joined together to issue a major justice statement. It is now issued on the last Sunday of August. The Social Justice Statement is approved and issued in the name of the whole bishops' conference. It is hoped that these statements will inspire reflection and action throughout the whole year.

You will find the 2023-2024 Social Justice Statement - Listen, Learn Love at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/resources/social-justice-statements/>

Catholic Gift and Book Shop

Situated at St Vincent's Hospital, second floor above the Friend's Coffee Lounge, Dalley Street Entrance.

Open Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm. Eftpos available. Phone 66279229. Many children will be receiving their First Holy Communion in the coming weeks. Come in and view the beautiful gifts that the shop has for these special occasions.

All proceeds go to purchasing equipment for St Vincent's Hospital. Helping you in your times of need.



BAPTISMS



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

Yuna Gardel-Coulter,
Lennard Gooley and Jackson Gooley,
Addison Isbester and Hugo Brown



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LITURGY ROSTER

August 19/20 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary time

Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 Mia Gulliver
Reader 2 Megan Elliott

Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Jill Ritson
Reader 2 Cathy Donnelly

Sunday 11.00am

Reader 1 Scarlett Hoad
Reader 2 May Hall

August 26/27 - 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 Margaret Condon
Reader 2 Janette McFadden

Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Russell Shearman
Reader 2 Alison Cleaver

Sunday 11.00am

Reader 1 Nestor Basio
Reader 2 Ging-ging Basio

 St Carthage's
Community Care



www.stccc.org.au

We support older people, people with cognitive change,
people with disabilities, children with disabilities, and carers.

St Carthages Community Care – Senior's Day Club – Bus Driver/Care Worker

Would you like to make a difference to older people in a safe, friendly and supportive environment?

Do you have or are you prepared to get your LR bus licence?

St Carthage's Community Care Seniors Day Club has been operating for over 30 years providing variety, stimulation, music, laughter and best of all, friendships to older people living in the Lismore area. Our Day Club provides a welcoming space for older people to relax, spend time with friends and take part in activities.

About the Opportunity

We potentially have 2 vacancies for enthusiastic and outgoing people to join our team at Day Club. You will need to be prepared to get your LR bus licence so that you can pick up and deliver our clients to their homes. You will be flexible, positive, and prepared to assist in a variety of ways with activities, cooking, cleaning up, as well as providing a listening ear for our Day Club clients. You will need to be warm and empathetic and ideally have experience working with older people. Experience working with people with cognitive change (dementia) would also be helpful.

Further Details

Vacancy 1 - Days/Hours of work

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday 8am to 3.30pm

Vacancy 2 – Days/Hours of work

8.30am (possibly 9am) to 2.30pm Monday, Wednesday Thursday

How to Apply

If you're ready to make a real difference in a well-established community organisation - Apply Now!

Send your resume or an email telling us about yourself to hr@stcarthages.org.au or phone 02 6620 0000



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POSITION VACANT

CCD Director - Diocese of Lismore

Reporting to the Bishop of the Diocese of Lismore, the Director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)/SRE Coordinator is responsible for ensuring the compliance of the Diocese of Lismore as an Authorised Provider in relation to Catechists teaching in NSW Public Schools.

The Director implements Child Protection Training, classroom management, curriculum and training courses, manages authorisation and verification of Working with Children Checks.

Working in this role, you have the option of working anywhere in the Diocese.

If you would like more information, please ring Marijo Bradley on 6621-9444.

Applications close 21 August 2023 or submit your resume to mbradley@lismore.catholic.org.au.

Please remember in your prayers;

THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED: Dionesia Arreglado, Mary McFadzean, Joan Shedden, Maureen McNamara, Rodney Wicks, David Macdonald, Esabel Ferreira, Michael Kennedy, Noemi Remo-Boco.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Michael Martin, Chaiel Balcombe, Margaret Amos, Joshua Ruff, Esther Todd, June Sharpe, Kenneth and Frances Waller, Peter Newport, Michael Webb, John Devassy, Loy Callaghan, Kristin Robison.

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME: Br Mark Murphy, Susan Yardin, Neville Higgins, Betty Byrne, Marie Bird, Tom Lynch, Rose Schmidt, Victor Castillo, Geoff May, Margarita Caldeo, Michael Gooley, Lucy Gooley, Salvatore Lazzoppina, Concetta Saffioti, Alfredo Quiblat Jr, William North, Margaret North, Sheila Crum, Gerard Crum, Colin Willis, Toni-Anne Gow, Segunda Madalion.

ANNIVERSARY OF LONG TAN: Richard Aldersea, Peter Clements, Glenn Drabble, Kenneth Gant, Ernest Grant, Victor Grice, James Houston, Paul Large, Albert McCormack, Dennis McCormack, Jack Jewry, David Thomas, Douglas Salveron, Gordon Sharp, Warren Mitchell, Francis Topp, Maxwell Wales and Colin Whiston.



Reading Reflection

Living on the Margins

Matthew's community consisted of Jews and non-Jews (Gentiles), which contributed to tension and disharmony. The Jewish Christians still saw themselves as Jews. For them, they hadn't changed their religion. Christianity was simply another reform-movement within Judaism. However, being Jewish was not solely about religion, it was also cultural; giving identity, meaning, understanding and depth to life.

The Jews saw themselves as a holy nation, a people set apart; and non-Jews were considered the opposite! So, when non-Jews began joining the new community and growing in number, the Jews felt overwhelmed and uncomfortable with the religious and cultural blending. Questions arose: Were non-Jews welcome in the Christian movement and on what conditions? Who decides about membership and participation? Is there openness to integration and compromise?

Throughout his gospel, Matthew confronts attitudes of superiority and contempt for Gentiles among the Jewish Christians. For example: He introduces and gives prominence to the Gentile Magi. He has Jesus calling his followers to "love your enemies". He shows Jesus curing the servant of a Gentile centurion and exorcising Gentile demoniacs in the region of the Gadarenes.

In today's story, Matthew addresses the differences between a woman and Jesus' disciples. Matthew doesn't just identify her by geography but uses the term 'Canaanite'; an ancient word for Israel's long-time enemies. He shows that it's the disciples who first have a problem with her: "She's shouting after us." Matthew uses the usual Jewish objection by having Jesus say: "I was sent only to the lost-sheep of the House of Israel." But then he adds a balancing statement by having Jesus respond to the woman and praise her faith: "Woman, you have great faith."

Matthew shows Jesus being deeply moved by the woman's desperate motherly love and her readiness to trust him. Jesus has no interest in her 'religion' or any questionable moral worthiness, and certainly not that she was a Gentile woman. Jesus is as close to those on the margins as he is to those who belong to the so-called 'inner circle'.

In the conversation between the woman and Jesus, Matthew demonstrates God's abundance: "Even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table." (Recall the feeding of the 5000 – twelve baskets-full of scraps were collected from what was left over). God's grace, mercy and compassion are lavish and reach out beyond Israel to embrace the whole world.

So, who might be today's equivalent of the ostracised Gentile woman or the Gentile and Jewish members of Matthew's community? Like Matthew, perhaps we can use the story to examine contemporary life, with all its questions, differences, uncertainties, tensions and complexities. A good starting point is to see life through the lens of God's unconditional love for everyone and to reach out with respect, compassion and sensitivity to others especially those pushed to the edges.

David J Hore CSsR
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COLLECTION TOTALS - 12/13 August

First collection - \$ 1160.80 Second collection - \$ 621.65 Loose - \$ 386.20

Please write on the envelope the amount given.

When depositing in the bank 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



The Catholic Weekly

The Weekly is available at the back of the Cathedral for \$2.00. This week's articles include:

- Wyd journey concludes with Fatima retreat
- Worries turn to blessings for Jamberoo Abbey nuns
- Scholarship awarded in honour of Veronique Sakr
- Monica Doumit: Equal access to confession for women!
- Fr Fladder: Where was Mary assumed into heaven?
- Philippa Martyr: How happy are Australians with their bishops, really?



During Natural Fertility Awareness Week, in August, a special, free webinar in recognition of Dr John Billings' work, entitled "*Understanding Couple Fertility: the Male Perspective*" will be held on Monday 21st August 2023 at 7.30pm AEST.

Please follow the link to register for the Webinar on Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/understanding-couple-fertility-the-male-perspective-webinar-tickets-678382479257?aff=oddtcreator>

You can subscribe to the Catholic Weekly by following this link:
<https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/subscriptions-to-the-catholic-weekly/>

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1.6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 22:19-23

Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20

Rosary at St Dympna's Dunoon

Rosary is prayed every Wednesday, 5.00pm at St Dympna's Church, Dunoon.

All are welcome to attend.

Brotherhood Rosary Crusade

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

Christian Meditation

Wednesday evenings, 5.15pm-6.00pm
Doyle House.

Phone Julian on 0421 374 651

Holy Communion at Home

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

