

# 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**

Rev'd Graeme Davis

**Deacon**

**27 August 2023, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

### "TWO ROOMS" PROJECT

For some time now, Lismore Diocese has provided financial support to Resilient Lismore's Two Rooms Project thanks in part to the generous donations to the Diocesan Flood Appeal. More than 100 homes have now received assistance.

The idea is to build two rooms' worth of walls to give people a safe, secure and warm place to live in. Crews spend about 20 hours a week on a job sheeting walls and making other running repairs to ensure the space is liveable. The current number is 129 Two Rooms jobs completed with a further 180 jobs on the go.



### 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 - VOLUNTEER INFORMATION FORMS

**Important:** Please remember to return your Volunteer information forms as soon as possible to the Parish office or place them on the collection plates. If you have any questions please contact Jenny on 6626 0200.

### FATHER'S DAY COLLECTION - SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

The Father's Day Collection for our sick and retired Priests of the Diocese will be held next weekend. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

### NEWS FROM THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Today is Social justice Sunday. The Australian Bishops have released their social justice statement: "Listen, Learn, Love: A new engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples."
- The Parish Pastoral Council are seeking ways to engage with the document.
- The Pastoral Council is looking at the possibility of a Parish combined Christmas event with a possible emphasis on multicultural aspects of the parish.
  - Members of the Parish Pastoral Council have been appointed to liaise with all Parish groups.

### 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.

Come in We're  
**OPEN**



**PAYS 3.70%  
INVEST WITH PEACE OF MIND!**

Head office: 10 Orion St, Lismore,  
1800 802 516.  
[www.dif.org.au](http://www.dif.org.au)

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

This 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.

## LITURGY ROSTER

### 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

### September 2/3 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary time

#### Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 Pauline Celich  
Reader 2 John Maloney

#### Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Kathy Boath  
Reader 2 Robert Ireland

#### Sunday 11.00am

Reader 1 Margaret Hogan  
Reader 2 May Hall

### 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

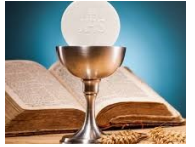
### Christian Meditation

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



### SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY - TODAY 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/>

## BAPTISMS

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



*Layla Jayne McKenzie*  
*Vincent Isaac Van Tongeren*

### SUNDAY MORNING TEA

Morning Tea is held on the first Sunday of each month after the 9am Mass.

Our next Morning Tea will be held on Sunday 3 September.

All are welcome.

Please bring a plate to share.



### The Catholic Weekly

The Weekly is available at the back of the Cathedral for \$2.00.

This week's articles include:

- Sr Mary Grace becomes a sister for life
- Bishops call for "new engagement" with indigenous Australians
- Theology of the Body course bears fruit
- Fr Flader: Will everyone be saved?
- Michael Walker on our generational wealth transfer
- Boarding Schools

You can subscribe to the Catholic Weekly by following this link:

<https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/subscriptions-to-the-catholic-weekly/>

### *Please remember in your prayers;*

**THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED:** Kevin Ryan, Dionesia Arreglado, Mary McFadzean, Joan Shedden, Maureen McNamara, Rodney Wicks, David Macdonald, Esabel Ferreira, Michael Kennedy.

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Ian Goldspring, 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, Marie Bird, Tom Lynch, Victor Castillo, Geoff May, Margarita Caldeo, Michael Gooley, Lucy Gooley, Salvatore Lazzoppina, Concetta Saffioti, Alfredo Quiblat Jr.

**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.



## *Sr Di Pilgrimage and World Youth Day Reflection*

It was on June 3, 2001 when I said my first YES and followed God's call to Religious Life. The path that I took may not be smooth but God has always been with me in my journey and this assurance of His presence gives me strength and courage to unceasingly say YES and do HIS mission "with haste".

To be one among the 35 pilgrims and participants of the World Youth Day 2023 from the Diocese of Lismore is one of the blessings that I have never expected to happen even if I am assigned as the Youth Coordinator of the Diocese. I was given a great opportunity to visit the different Churches and Cathedrals in Spain and Portugal including the well-known in Fatima. Most of all, I was fortunate to visit some of our Carmelite places in Spain.

One of the highlights of my experience was when we were celebrating Mass at the tomb of St. John of the Cross. I prayed for all those people who became part of my journey. I am grateful to God that through them, I was helped to deepen my self-knowledge and to grow as a person that God wants me to become. I thank St. John of the Cross and St. Teresa of Avila for their guidance and their teachings about the importance of prayer and the value of community life that helped me persevere in the Carmelite Missionary vocation. Praying before their relics, especially the heart and arm of St. Teresa of Avila connected me with the Carmelite Saints in a more concrete way and deepened my understanding of how important prayer is in my vocational journey. The path to holiness is indeed prayer and community life.

Being one with the millions of youth from all over the world ignited my conviction that the Church is still alive especially when I witnessed their faith through their desire to pray and to stay in places of prayer, adoring God in His holy presence. In addition, it was admirable to see how they coped with the terrible summer heat, walking long distances in order to follow the different organised activities for the event, not to mention the language barrier because not all can speak Portuguese or Spanish, and of course, the financial factor in order to go to Lisbon, Portugal.

The pilgrimage and the World Youth Day were life-changing experiences for me. For three weeks, I was praying for all those people who became part of what I am now, and I am thankful to God for their presence in my life. I also prayed for our diocese, the people in our parish and all those who were asking for our prayers.

Now that I am back, it is my desire to share courageously the love of God that I felt and experienced. Working in the Youth Ministry in our Diocese is challenging and overwhelming. However, I am inspired by Pope Francis who repeatedly said during the World Youth Day event, ***"Do not be afraid!"*** God has never left me in my journey and I believe He will always be there for me and guide me on how to accompany the Youth and Young Adults in our Diocese. God has chosen me and that like Mary, whatever it may cost, I will continue to say YES ***"GO WITH HASTE"*** wherever God is leading me.



## FIRST READING

Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,  
I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah.  
I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority;  
and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah.  
I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder;  
should he open, no one shall close,  
should he close, no one shall open.  
I drive him like a peg into a firm place;  
he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

**(R.) Lord, your love is eternal;  
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;  
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

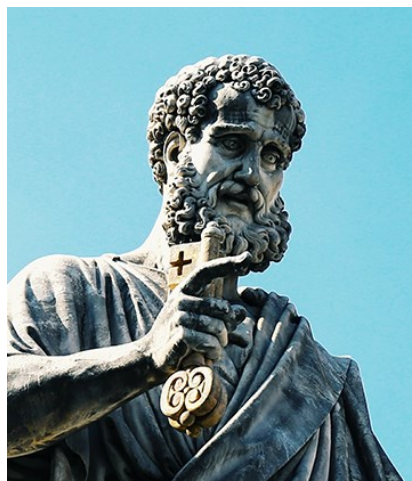
**Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## NEXT WEEK

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27



### COLLECTION TOTALS - 19/20 August

**First collection - \$ 1112.11**

**Second collection - \$ 594.00    Loose - \$ 377.10**

**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



### The Catholic Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Diocese of Lismore, we ask you to contact us.

We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss options you have available to you.

To contact the Safeguarding Office please phone (02) 6621944 or email: [safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au)