

Parish Bulletin

St Carthage's Cathedral Parish, Lismore



SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF:

- St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore
Tues -Thurs 8.00am, Fri 12 noon.
Sat Vigil 5.30pm, Sun 9am & 11am
- Carmelite Monastery Chapel,
Goonellabah
Mon-Fri 7am, Sat 8am, Sun 7am
- St Dymphna's Church, Dunoon
Sunday - 8.30am

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7 August 2022, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C



Waiting For Jesus' Return

A priest walked into a bar and made an announcement. "Anyone who wants to go to heaven, please stand up now." Everyone stood except for one man who continued to sip his drink at the bar.

The priest said to him, "Sir, don't you want to go to heaven when you die?" The man looked up and said, "when I die? Yes. But I thought you were gathering a group to go now."

In today's gospel, the Evangelist Luke brings together several of Jesus' parables that focus on the call to persevere and to be vigilant as we await the final end-time drama.

As Christians, we inhabit a strange situation where we must live out our busy, work-a-day lives while always conscious that Jesus will one day return and utterly transform the world as we know it. The very ordinariness of our lives is always threatened by a possible outbreak of the extraordinary. As Luke's Jesus warns us, his return will come on "a day and at an hour we do not expect" (Luke 12:40).

Like the man in the story above drinking quietly in the bar, however, we are not quite prepared for that final day to happen any time soon. While each day we pray the words of the Our father, "may your kingdom come we silently add the caveat, "but not right now". We have plans and dreams yet unrealized; tasks unfinished; and hopes unfilled. If the second coming of Jesus is imminent, it would prove inconvenient. This reaction is, in part, due to fear – fear of the unknown. Jesus told us very little about the when and the what of the end of times. Indeed, in Mark's gospel (13:32) Jesus says that not even he was privy to the exact timetable of the last days. We are told that we must remain at our posts, be on guard, and be ready for Jesus' return.

But generations have passed since the time of Jesus, and little has changed. War and want, pandemics and politicking, disease and death continue to define our world. So, it isn't simply fear that has led to trepidations about the end, it is also weariness; we have grown weary of waiting for Jesus' return. Today's gospel suggests that because of this weariness, our focus has turned from the return of Jesus' return and the coming of the God's kingdom to the acquisition of worldly wealth and the attainment of personal success.

We must ask ourselves, have we lost sight of what ultimately matters in life? If so, then it may be time to reboot and to renew; to reconsider our priorities and reorder our plans and dreams, tasks and hopes. We may not know the day or the hour when Jesus will return. But 'right now' is the perfect day and hour to reflect on our goals, our achievements, and our values to determine if they are helping or hindering our faith journey.

Ian J Elmer

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RCIC - SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

A reminder that the Sacramental Program for children living in our parish and attending State and non-Catholic Schools will commence this Monday Night, 8 August.

Baptism and Confirmation will be offered to those children in Year 3 and above, Reconciliation and Eucharist, Year 4 and above.

If you would like your child/children to receive any of these Sacraments they have yet to receive, please contact the parish office on 6626 0200 or email: office@stcarthages.org.au.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

On Monday 15 August, the Church celebrates the Feast Day of the Assumption of Our Lady when according to our faith, the Holy Mother, "having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."

There will be Mass held in the Cathedral at 8.00am to celebrate this Solemnity. All Welcome.

FLOOD DISPLAY

At the back of the Cathedral there is a display of photos taken of the Cathedral, St Mary's Chapel and Doyle House during and after the February Flood. These show just how damaging the water was and why it has taken this long to get back in the Cathedral.

As many of you are aware, The parish office is now working from upstairs in Doyle House so if you need us ring the doorbell and we will come down to you or phone 6626 0200.



A LITTLE PIECE OF CATHEDRAL HISTORY FOR AUGUST

On Sunday 18 August 1907 "a congregation such as the Northern Rivers had never seen before" was present for the dedication of the Cathedral. Cardinal Patrick Moran, Archbishop of Sydney, officiated at the blessing of the edifice and presided at the Pontifical High Mass. The Celebrant of the Mass was Bishop O'Connor of Armidale. The occasional address was delivered by the cardinal. Present in the Sanctuary were Bishop Doyle, Bishop Gallagher of Goulburn and Bishop Dwyer, Coadjutor of Maitland.

Several years later, with the debt on St Carthage's having been liquidated, Bishop Carroll put in place arrangements for the solemn consecration of the Mother Church of the Diocese. The ceremony of consecration by the Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Cattaneo, assisted by Bishop Carroll and Bishop O'Connor of Armidale took place on Friday 15 August 1919.

The public celebration of the consecration was observed on Sunday 17th August.

Pontifical Mass was celebrated by Bishop Dwyer of Maitland.

VLCCFF COURSES

Registrations for Cycle 6 Courses with the Virtual Learning Community for faith Formation (VLCCFF) are now open - closes on August 31 with the course starting on September 5.

Courses are 5 weeks duration and cost \$US50. The Diocese has had nearly 50 people access various courses over the last two years. If anyone is interested in pursuing any of the listed courses, please contact Tony Worner at VLCCFF.LismoreDiocese@stagneparish.org.au

Learn more about the VLCCFF at <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/about/>

Looking Ahead



8 August - St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

8 August - RCIC begins, St Matt's Community Centre

15 August - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

15 August - Anniversary of Consecration of St Carthage's Cathedral

Bible Sharing every Thursday evening 4.30pm-6pm
(St Matthew's Community Centre)

The Catholic Weekly - This Week's Stories

- We can end homelessness
- The photographer who paints LIFE with LIGHT
- Time for the ABC to explain
- Australia's faith by the numbers
- Movie review: *Building a Bridge*
- Eddy Borovnjak: Man of faith

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LITURGY ROSTER

6/7 August - 19th Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 Walter Israel
Reader 2 Louise Zorzella

Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Pauline Geitz
Commentator Robert Ireland

Sunday 11.00am

Reader 1 Steve Moran
Reader 2 Nestor Basio

13/14 August - 20th Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 Margaret Condon
Reader 2 Janelle Heffernan

Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Maria Whitney
Commentator Alison Cleaver

Sunday 11.00am

Reader 1 Paul Collits
Reader 2 May Hall

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CATHOLIC BOOK AND GIFT SHOP

First Eucharist as well as other special events are happening and we have that gift you are seeking for a special occasion. Due to being wiped out during the flood the Gift Shop is located at St Vincent's Hospital. You can enter via Dalley Street, through the coffee lounge and up the stairs or use the main entrance of the hospital, up the lift to level 2 and follow the signs. While you are there why not test out the coffee and cake! All proceeds will go to the purchase of equipment and special projects at St Vincent's Hospital. Open each week day 9am-4pm and the phone number is 6627 9229.



Please remember in your prayers;

THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED: Emily McNamara, Daniel Hannigan, Brian Kennedy, Denise Grissell, Iet Vossaert, Peter Bortolin, Freda O'Keefe, Pat Carne, Raymond Gale, Michael Condon.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Karl Meir, Chris Bird, Ian Higgins, Stephen Munnyao, Rosa Aboc, Mary Ranger, Marcelino Gabriel, Glenda Ryan, Loy Callaghan.

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME: Brother Mark Murphy, Rose Schmidt, Lucy Gooley, Susan Graham, Ione Thorp, Colin Willis, Paolo Fusarelli.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Fran Griffin, Ann Thomson.



COLLECTION TOTALS - Weekend 30/31 July

First collection - \$ 478.90 Second collection - \$ 431.00 Loose - \$ 157.00

Direct Deposit: First Collection - \$ 665.00 Second Collection - \$ 100.00 Monthly - \$ 730.00

If you would prefer to direct deposit your contribution into the bank please deposit to the following accounts using your Surname and envelope number (if applicable) as a reference eg. 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
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FIRST READING

Wisdom 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. **(R.)**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it.

Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the

dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

