

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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1 December 2024, First Week of Advent Year C

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT, YEAR C

Advent is a very special time of year that sometimes gets lost in the bright lights of the Christmas season it precedes. The first day of Advent is the first day of a new Liturgical calendar and begins a four week period of preparation in anticipation of the nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The four candles represent, Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.



Advent Prayer

*Heavenly Father, bless this Advent wreath and bless all of us. Fill us with your Spirit and the spirit of **HOPE** so that we may be strengthened in our daily tasks. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

MULTICULTURAL MORNING TEA - NEW VENUE

Don't forget after the 9am Mass this weekend, we will be holding a Multicultural Morning Tea to be held in **St. Carthage's Primary School Hall**. Bring a plate of your National Dish to share and why not dress in your national costume!

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no 11am Mass in the Cathedral on this day to support the event.

MISA DE GALLO



From December 15 – 23 we will celebrate the Misa de Gallo in St. Carthage's Cathedral. Masses on these days are celebrated as Solemn Votive Masses or Masses for a special intention in honour of Mary, Mother of God.

Come be a part of this tradition. We will celebrate in the evenings at 6.00pm (except Saturday December 21 - 7.30pm). Let us show our devotion to our Blessed Mother and heighten the anticipation of the birth of Jesus.

A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Nine Lessons and Carols will take place this year at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Zadoc Street on Sunday December 15 at 7.30pm.

This is a joint presentation by St. Carthage's Cathedral Parish and St. Andrew's Anglican Parish. Come and hear the story of Christmas in word and song.

Carols for all to sing. Admission is free and all are welcome.



CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL

"Christmas at the Cathedral" will be held on Sunday December 22 at 7.30pm.

There will be a selection of Christmas music sung by the choir, carols for all to join in and short readings and poems to help us all prepare for the peace and holiness of the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

No cost involved for this wonderful 50 minute presentation. All most welcome to attend.



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LITURGY ROSTER

Nov 30/ Dec 1 - 1st Week of Advent Year C

Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 John Maloney
Reader 2 Jennifer Juleff
Offertory Paul and Noelene Geraghty

Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Robert Ireland
Reader 2 Jonalyne Andersen
Offertory Felicity Carolan & Bianca Urbina

Dec 7/8 - 2nd Week of Advent Year C

Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 Suzanne Nichols
Reader 2 Fiona Fennamore
Offertory Terry and Mila Knudson

Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Maria Whitney
Reader 2 Cathy Donnelly
Offertory Kaye and Allan Kloiser-Jones

Sunday 11.00am

Reader 1 Oliver Rixon
Reader 2 Cameron Delaney
Offertory Glen and Margaret Amos



BAPTISMS

Our Parish family welcomes into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week
Lily Maree Vincent
Emmett Patrick Roach

The Catholic Book and Gift Shop

Christmas is closing in on us. We have a beautiful selection of Christmas items including cards, nativity scenes, gifts and decorations.

Come on in, enjoy the air-conditioning, grab a coffee and also that special gift for Christmas.

We are open each weekday, 9am - 3pm.
Level 2 at Dalley Street entrance to St Vincent's Hospital. Phone 6627 9229 / 0438 230 638

Holy Rosary

St Carthage's Cathedral Sunday 10.15am.

St Dympna's Church, Dunoon Wednesday 5.00pm
all 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.

LOST PROPERTY

A reminder that after Mass any items left behind will be collected and placed in the Lost Property basket at the back of the Cathedral. Please check it regularly along with the umbrella stand for your lost items.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Please remember in your prayers;

THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr John McDonald Begg SM, John Kinsella, Mary Glynn, Glenna Virtue, Les Edwards, Angiela Dagook, Marjorie Milgate, Gwen McKinley, Nancy Graham, Louene Cummings, June Sharpe, Lorraine Glynn, Pete Kerwick, Peter Donnelly, Peter Cottam, Robin Gilmore, Kikid Labial, Milagros Obligar.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Carol Ashton, Sheila Bell, Bridget Collits, Helen Escuyos Johnson, Russell Watt, Lisa Ferris, Teresa Almanza, Ian-Christopher Bajo, John Rynne, Esther Todd, Michael Martin.

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME: Rita Conlan, Chaiel Balcombe, Nelia West, Rosa Moras, Paul Beer, George Bollard, Ian Ashby, Glenda Ryan, Thomas Tooley, Slava Zelenko, Giovanni Polese, Narciso and Severina Ghidinelli.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Jaime Marquez, Rita and Ron Smith, Louise Smith, Paul Smith, Martina Zambelli.



Reading Reflection

The coming of the kingdom

At the year's end, God comes – Christ is coming – as a baby at Christmas, coming into the dailiness of our lives, and at the end of time. It may seem odd at the beginning of Advent to hear Jesus speak of the second coming, but when Jesus says we're to watch and stay awake, he doesn't say it to play on our fears. Instead, he calls us to be alert to the signs of God's presence in our lives, encouraging us to have faith in God who is present in the person with whom we are talking, and in the smallest act, though we may only come to understand this sometime later.

As we grow in our faith, his coming 'with power and glory' will seem less a fearful prospect than the moment of our liberation.

One way we can prepare for it, says Jesus, is not to let the cares of life overwhelm us. But what might we say to the woman with a life-threatening illness who said recently: 'My mental health is an ongoing battle because I live in the unknown. I'm scared every time I get sick. I live in fear.'

Her words speak to us whenever we find ourselves adrift in the unknown, where nothing makes sense anymore and everything we've done to secure our future is called into question. Often our fears are disabling, and we wonder where we might find help to face them. This is what Jesus is offering us in the gospel, the gift of himself; and receiving it, in turn we're asked to give it away. It's what the vivid, apocalyptic language of the gospel seeks to do: to help us be more aware of God's presence in our lives.

As we gradually grow into this awareness through prayer and our being with one another, when God's kingdom is revealed in its glory at the end of time, we will find ourselves able to stand with confidence before the Son of Man and we will be with God forever. This is the liberation of which Jesus speaks.

In the first reading, while the false prophets speak only of doom and gloom in the face of exile and what seems like impending disaster, Jeremiah re-assures the people that God will remain true to his promises and send them a ruler of honesty and integrity. Enabled to face what is happening, alert to God's presence, the prophet discovers there, not simply an end, but a new beginning.

In the second reading, Paul describes the life we're called to live in preparation for Christ's coming again. Whatever our differences, loving one another in a community of hope reveals the life of Christ to us and to 'the whole human race.'

Whenever this happens, God's kingdom is made real on earth, as in heaven. It's the coming of the kingdom both now and in the future: it's the promise of Advent.

Damian Coleridge
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The Catholic Weekly

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

Some of the stories in this week's edition are:

- The cathedral goes red for Christian martyrs
- The carpenter priest
- Archbishop's homily: Christ the King
- Mary Cairns paints the town purple
- Black Friars return to Catholic church
- Sydney FC partners with St Mary's

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Second Collection (Support of Parish and Ministries) -

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



FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.
In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be called:
The Lord-our-integrity.’

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1

(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken.

And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

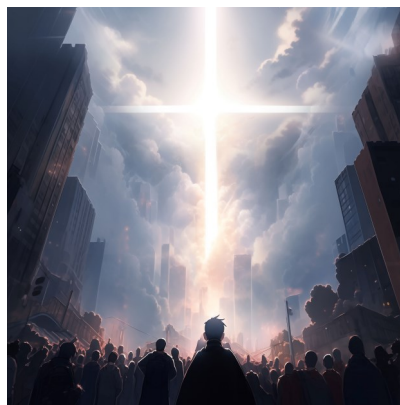
Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

NEXT WEEK

Baruch 5:1-9

Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11

Luke 3:1-6



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Once again the St Vincent de Paul are holding their annual Christmas Appeal. Envelopes are available in the pews or at the back of the church. Thankyou everyone for your kind support during the year through the various appeals and the poor boxes.

Our work continues to help support all those in our region who are doing it a little tough.

PLANNED GIVING

If you would like to be added to our planned giving, please see one of the Sisters and they will give you a form to complete.

The completed form can be placed on the collection plate.

Envelopes will be ready for you to collect the following week.

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.

