

Parish Bulletin

St Carthage's Cathedral Parish, Lismore



SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF:

- St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore
Tues-Thurs 8am, Fri 12.05pm
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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12 December 2021, Third Sunday of Advent, Year C



Dining at God's Table

I was surprised recently to hear one of my students describe Jesus as a "wowser" and Christianity as the world's foremost proponent of "wowserism".

While I might be able to understand why a young person might express the latter sentiment (albeit unjustly), I find it difficult to see how anyone could accuse Jesus of being a "wowser".

In the popular imagination, the term "wowser" has become synonymous with "bible-basher" and "God botherer". Religious devotees are often dismissed as wowsers because there is a popular perception that they are narrow-minded, forthright and censorious fanatics who disapprove of people partying and enjoying life. Something of the forthright "God botherer" is seen in the figure of John the Baptist in today's Gospel warning that the coming of the Messiah will be like a "winnowing fan" on the "threshing floor" sorting the wheat from the chaff.

However, a counterpoint to these dire predictions of punishment in the "unquenchable flame" is found in the exhortation of Paul to the Philippians to "rejoice always" as the Lord's return is near. Joy and exaltation at the coming of the Messiah is a feature of the reading from Isaiah as well, who proclaimed with delight that "the Holy One of Israel" is in our midst.

This party atmosphere is one that pervades much of the story of Jesus. The Gospels tell of many occasions when Jesus celebrated with friends and acquaintances at weddings, bar mitzvahs, sabbaths, and other Jewish religious festivals.

There were certainly times when Jesus could get angry and express moral outrage. In Matthew's well-known "sermon on the mount" Jesus calls for a higher standard in moral behaviour that goes beyond the mere observance of law. But Jesus also enjoyed life immensely. He was someone who rarely refused a dinner invitation.

Both Luke (7:24) and Matthew (11:19) record that Jesus' opponents accused him of being a "drunkard and a glutton". Elsewhere Jesus is rebuked by John's disciples for not insisting his disciples fast and do penance (Mk 2:18; Matt 9:14; Lk 5:33). Jesus' reply is telling. He equates his circle of disciples with guests at a wedding feast, and he goes on to suggest that through his ministry God is doing something "new", which requires his followers to rejoice and feast together around a common table.

Scholars argue that Jesus used the practice of table fellowship to signal the message that the world as he and his contemporaries knew it was at an end. A new era was dawning when God would reign upon earth and all the sinners, the poor, the marginalised and oppressed, and even the God botherers and bible bashers, would dine at God's table.

Jesus was no wowser. Even though he did call on people to live morally good lives, Jesus believed that no one was ultimately beyond redemption. This message is the source of the joy that lays at the heart of the Christian story. All are welcome to the feast. The Holy One of Israel is in our midst, rejoice!

Ian J Elmer

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2021

Christmas Eve

Cathedral - 5.30pm, 7.30pm and Midnight
7.00am
Dunoon - 7.30pm - (30 Parishioners inside only)

Christmas Day

Carmelite Monastery -
Cathedral - 9.00am



There will still be density limits for all places of worship. No bookings will be taken so please arrive early as we can only fit 300 in the Cathedral.
Bring a fold up chair as you can still attend the Mass out in the Cathedral car park.

Reconciliation

Saturday 18 December: 4.45-5.15pm, Sunday 19 December: 10.15am - 10.45am,
Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 December: 8.30am - 9.00am

MISA DE GALLO - COMMENCING THIS WEDNESDAY

This year, from December 15 – 23 at 6.00pm in the evening (except December 18 - 7.30pm), we will once again 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.

This will be celebrated in the evening to accommodate the needs of the members of the community who have different work schedules.

The practice of Misa de Gallo is a great source of spiritual nourishment and strengthens our relationship with family and friends.

Come be a part of this tradition let us show our devotion to our Blessed Mother and heighten the anticipation of the birth of Jesus.



ST JOHN OF THE CROSS - MONDAY 14 DECEMBER

Mass will be celebrated at 10am on Tuesday 14 December at The Carmelite Monastery. John of the Cross (24 June 1542 — 14 December 1591), venerated as Saint John of the Cross, was a Spanish Catholic priest, mystic, and a Carmelite friar of converso origin.

Please note: There will be no 7am Mass on this day.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

St Vincent de Paul are again holding their Annual Christmas Appeal. Please give generously to this very worthy cause that helps those in need within the community. There are envelopes available at the back of the Church.



A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

You are all warmly invited to attend the Festival of Nine lessons and Carols to be held on Sunday 19 December at 7:30pm at St Carthage's Cathedral. This evening is presented by Warren Whitney our very talented organist alongside both the choirs from St Carthage's Cathedral and St Andrew's Anglican Church.

Please remember in your prayers;

THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Lyall Cowell, Juanchito Almonte, Bishop Bill Wright, Sr Joan Reynolds, Sr Judy Quirk, Betty Briggs, Wendy Simmons, Mario Malabanan, **William Lombog**



THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Sr Margaret Mary Cogan, Marlene Tooley, Sheila Bell, Peter Reynolds, Eddie Burns, Mary Fischer, Riza Angeles, Ian Higgins, Juanchito Almonte, Flora Hancock, Loy Callaghan, Glenda Ryan, Frank Scarrabelotti, Shannal Ratnayake, Mark and Gillian Lobegeier, Ann Pierce.

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME: Rita Conlan, Westley Higgins, Noel Deegan, Venusta Fabiani, Thomas Tooley

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: For all Souls in Purgatory

Please let us know if names on the sick list can be removed.

PRAYER FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT



O God, who sees how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen



KEEPING EVERYONE COVID SAFE
IF YOU HAVE ANY COLD/FLU LIKE SYMPTOMS PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND.

ON ARRIVAL: All Parishioners must sanitise hands on entry, register using QR Code, Parishioner Card or record name and contact details for EVERY member of your group CLEARLY on the Mass attendance sheet. Please place used pens in container provided.

SEATING: Remember to observe social distancing of 1.5 metres from other family groups when sitting.

MASKS: As per NSW Health regulations all parishioners over 12 years old must wear a mask in places of worship.

HOLY COMMUNION: Please observe social distancing when coming forward for Holy Communion which may be only given in the hand.

SINGING: There is to be no singing until further notice.

Congratulations to

Fr Prodencio Bacuso Bognay who was Ordained to the Priesthood on Wednesday night by Bishop Greg Homeming in St Carthage's Cathedral.

I wish to thank all those involved in preparing / attending this ceremony, concelebrants, deacon, readers, servers, organist, cantors and choir, parishioners & visitors, St Carthage's Cathedral Staff and the Filipinocommunity.

Please keep Fr Prodencio in your prayers as he begins his Priestly ministry.

Fr Bing Monteagudo



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LITURGY ROSTER

11/12 December - Third Sunday of Advent Year C

Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1

Margaret Condon

Reader 2

Cathy Donnelly

Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1

Jill Ritson

Reader 2

Robert Ireland

Sunday 11.00am

Reader 1

Paul Collits

Reader 2

Nestor Basio

18/19 December - Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C

Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1

Maria Whitney

Reader 2

Veronica Coughlan

Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1

Alison Cleaver

Reader 2

Pauline Geitz

Sunday 11.00am

Reader 1

May Hall

Reader 2

Barbara Walsh

Acolyte: Julian Hill

COLLECTION TOTALS - Weekend 4/5 December 2021

First collection - \$ 518.40

Second collection - \$ 563.00

Loose - \$ 123.35

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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We thank you for your continued support throughout this time.

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
Israel, shout aloud!

Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
daughter of Jerusalem!

The Lord has repealed your sentence;
he has driven your enemies away.

The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;
you have no more evil to fear.

When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:
Zion, have no fear,

do not let your hands fall limp.

The Lord your God is in your midst,
a victorious warrior.

He will exult with joy over you,
he will renew you by his love;

he will dance with shouts of joy for you
as on a day of festival.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Is 12:2-6 R. v.6

**(R.) Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you
is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

Truly, God is my salvation,

I trust, I shall not fear.

For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.

With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. **(R.)**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!

Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!

Declare the greatness of his name. **(R.)**

Sing a psalm to the Lord

for he has done glorious deeds,

make them known to all the earth!

People of Zion, sing and shout for joy

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;

he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 3:10-18

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?'

he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with

something to eat must do the same.' There were tax

collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?'

He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we

do?'

He said to them, 'No intimidation! No

extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the

people, who were beginning to think that John might

be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I

baptise you with water, but someone is coming,

someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am

not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise

you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan

is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to

gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will

burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this,

there were many other things he said to exhort the

people and to announce the Good News to them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Micah 5:1-4

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45



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