

# Parish Bulletin

## St Carthage's Cathedral Parish, Lismore



13 December 2020, 3rd Sunday of Advent—Year B

### SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF:

• St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore  
*Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
8.00am and Friday 12noon  
Sat Vigil 5.30pm, Sun 9am & 11am*

• Carmelite Monastery Chapel,  
Goonellabah  
*Mon - Fri 7am, Sat 8am*

• St Dymphna's Church, Dunoon  
*No Mass at the present time*

Online Streaming of Sunday Mass can  
be viewed on the Lismore Diocesan  
Website or at the following link:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/  
UCYxOjNyku4JCI08vfeTq-fQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYxOjNyku4JCI08vfeTq-fQ)

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**Bishop of Lismore**

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**Administrator**

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Revd Mr Graeme Davis

**Deacon**



### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2020

#### Christmas Eve

Cathedral- 5.30pm, 7.30pm and Midnight.

Carmelite Monastery- 9.00pm

#### Christmas Day

Cathedral - 9.00am and 11.00am

Carmelite Monastery - 7.00am

#### BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.

Please call the Parish Office on 66260200 for Cathedral Masses,  
Monday - Friday, 8.30am - 4.00pm to register your name.

**(Parishioners are being encouraged to have fold up chairs in their cars  
on the chance that we may exceed our 300 parishioner capacity inside  
the Cathedral and may have to use the grounds outside.)**

For Monastery Masses please call 66241240.

#### Reconciliation

Saturday 19 Dec: 4.45pm - 5.15pm, Sunday 20 Dec: 10.15am - 10.45am

Tuesday 22 and Wed 23 Dec: 8.30am - 9.00am.



### KEEPING EVERYONE COVID SAFE

We ask you to please follow the guidelines below when visiting the Cathedral.

**PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY TO ALLOW TIME FOR REGISTRATION and  
MAINTAIN 1.5 METRES WHEN SIGNING IN**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY COLD/FLU LIKE SYMPTOMS PLEASE DO NOT  
ATTEND.**

**ENTRANCE:** Entry is only via the western side entrance (Car Park Side).

If you need to use the wheel chair access on Dawson Street, please let one of the Sisters know when you arrive.

**ON ARRIVAL:** All Parishioners must sanitise hands on entry and then 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:** Please ensure you sit in only the open pews. Remember to observe social distancing of 1.5 metres from other family groups when sitting.

**SINGING:** Although Choirs are now allowed, to avoid any viral transmission through voice projection, there will be no congregational singing.

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

**FACE MASKS:** Although not compulsory, the wearing of masks in places of worship is a recommendation of the NSW Government.

**COMING SOON:** To assist with registration at our Masses, over the coming weeks we will be implementing a card scanning system. All parishioners will be given a card with their own unique barcode which you will scan as you enter the Cathedral. This will alleviate the need for manual name registration except for visiting parishioners. We will let you know once this is up and running and how to collect your card.



## 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

## MISA DE GALLO - COMMENCING THIS TUESDAY

This year, from December 15 – 23 at 7 o'clock in the evening (except December 16 & 17 - 4.00pm), 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 Monday 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.

John of the Cross is known especially for his writings. He was mentored by and corresponded with the older Carmelite, Teresa of Ávila. Both his poetry and his studies on the development of the soul are considered the summit of mystical Spanish literature and among the greatest works of all Spanish literature. He was canonized and declared Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XIII in 1726. He is regarded as the "Mystical Doctor" by the Church.

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

## CHRISTMAS CAROL MEDITATION

You are invited to a short Christmas Meditation in music and word on Monday 21 December, 8.00pm, in the Cathedral following Misa de Gallo. To be presented by Warren and members of the choir. This is a delightful & relaxing way to unwind in the hectic rush that Christmas can become. No cost. Come and enjoy the experience.



## SVDP CHRISTMAS APPEAL

2020 has been a year like no other.

We've watched as our fellow Australians have been pushed into poverty. It will go down as a year of extraordinary hardship as families have been affected by job loss, illness and anxiety caused by the pandemic.

Our "good works" supported by your generosity changes lives as we reach out to people with material needs. This work is more than ever crucial as we struggle with the impact of the coronavirus.

By helping the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal, our members will be able to offer assistance directly to families and individuals experiencing poverty and disadvantage in our community. If you would like to donate, envelopes are available at the back of the Cathedral.

We thank you for your support.

## POPE FRANCIS PROCLAIMS "YEAR OF ST JOSEPH"

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled **Patris corde** -

"With a Father's Heart", Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.



The Letter marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021. At the conclusion of his Letter, he adds another prayer to St Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

## **BAPTISM**



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

**Darci Jean Wilson**

### *Please remember in your prayers;*

**THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED:** Michael Felicietti, Kevin Pollard, Beatrice Doughty, John Hume, Aileen Griffin, Jenny Dodds, Fr John Fitz-Walter, Noreen Cubis, Beverley Campbell, John Doyle, Michael O'Connor.

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** George Ives, Frank Scarrabelotti, Tracy Wing, Maria Robertson, Val Magurran, Peter Prodigorzcyk, Louise King, Mary Herne, Judith Lehmann, Gerry Ebbelaar, Diane Hughes, Veronica Geitz, Carmel Windred.

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME:** Noel Deegan, Robert Norval, Venusta Fabiani, Westley Higgins, Rita Conlan, Thomas Tooley, Bortolo and Anna Menin.

**OTHER SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** John and Monica O'Connor.



## Sunday Mass With Bishop Greg Homeming on YouTube Live



You are invited to view Holy Mass from 8am live and on demand from your devices and at any time afterwards. You can access the livestream on the Diocesan Website or by clicking on the following link <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYxOjNyku4JCI08vfeTq-fQ>

You can even point the camera on your smart device at the digital code here and it will take you to the live stream.

### St Carthage's Cathedral Masses

Tuesday - Thursday 8.00am  
 Friday - 12 Noon  
 Saturday 5.30pm - Rosary from 5.00pm  
 Sunday 9.00am - Rosary from 8.30pm  
 Sunday 11.00am - Rosary from 10.30am

### Confession times:

Saturday 4.45pm - 5.15pm  
 Sunday 10.15am - 10.45am

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**There will be no need to ring and book in for Masses in the Cathedral for the time being.**

### Carmelite Monastery Mass Times

Monday to Friday 7.00am  
 Saturday 8.00am \*\*  
 \*\*If you would like to attend the Saturday Mass at the Carmelite Monastery you must book in by calling their office on **6624 1240**.  
 You can leave a message if they do not answer.

**There will be no Sunday Mass at the Monastery, live streaming will continue.**

**The Bishop, realising that not all parishioners can be accommodated has continued the dispensation from the Sunday obligation.**

### BIBLE GROUPS

Bible studies will have their final meeting this coming Wednesday. Both Bible studies and Bible sharing will return in the new year. Watch this space for dates and time.

### **COLLECTION TOTALS - Weekend 6 December, 2020**

First collection - \$ 669.30    Second collection - \$ 779.00    Loose - \$ 101.05



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**  
 BSB 062 565 Acc 10435599

We thank you for your continued support throughout this time.

### **LITURGY ROSTER**

13th December - Third Sunday of Advent Year B

	<b>SATURDAY 5.30pm</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9.00am</b>	<b>SUNDAY 11.00am</b>
<b>Reader 1</b>	Annabel Pezzutti	Russell Shearman	Barbara Walsh
<b>Reader 2</b>	Maria Whitney	Jill Ritson	
<b>Servers:</b>		Michael M, Bryan	
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Julian Hill		

### **LITURGY ROSTER**

– 20th December - Fourth Sunday of Advent Year

	<b>SATURDAY 5.30pm</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9.00am</b>	<b>SUNDAY 11.00am</b>
<b>Reader 1</b>	Penny Pender	Robert Ireland	Please let the Sisters know
<b>Reader 2</b>	Pauline Celich	Steve Moran	if you are available to read.
<b>Servers:</b>	Annabel, Chloe, Josie-Ana	Michael M, Bryan	
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Julian Hill		

## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 61:1-2. 10-11*

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,  
for the Lord has anointed me.  
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,  
to bind up hearts that are broken;  
to proclaim liberty to captives,  
freedom to those in prison;  
to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

‘I exult for joy in the Lord,  
my soul rejoices in my God,  
for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation,  
he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,  
like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,  
like a bride adorned in her jewels.

‘For as the earth makes fresh things grow,  
as a garden makes seeds spring up,  
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise  
spring up in the sight of the nations.’

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Lk 1:46-50. 53-54. R. Is 61:10*

**(R.) My soul rejoices in my God.**

My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;  
henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **(R.)**

The Almighty works marvels for me.  
Holy his name!  
His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him. **(R.)**

He fills the starving with good things,  
sends the rich away empty.  
He protects Israel, his servant,  
remembering his mercy. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things  
give thanks to God, because this is what God expects  
you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of  
prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything –  
hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and  
may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and  
body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has  
called you and he will not fail you.

**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

*John 1:6-8. 19-28*

A man came, sent by God.

His name was John.

He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light,  
so that everyone might believe through him.

He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the  
light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews  
sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him,  
‘Who are you?’ he not only declared, but he declared  
quite openly, ‘I am not the Christ.’ ‘Well then,’ they  
asked, ‘are you Elijah?’ ‘I am not,’ he said. ‘Are you the  
Prophet?’ He answered, ‘No.’ So they said to him,  
‘Who are you? We must take back an answer to those  
who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?’ So  
John said, ‘I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:  
Make a straight way for the Lord.’

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they  
put this further question to him, ‘Why are you baptising  
if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the  
prophet?’ John replied, ‘I baptise with water; but there  
stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is  
coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-  
strap.’ This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the  
Jordan, where John was baptising.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Samuel 7:1-5

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38



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