

Parish Bulletin

St Carthage's Cathedral Parish, Lismore



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)

PARISH OFFICE

Business Manager: Ray Dunn

Office Manager: Christine Byrne

Adm. Assistant: Jenny Falls

Doyle House, 6 Leicester Street
Lismore, NSW 2480.

8.30am-4.00pm weekdays

P: 6626 0200

E: admin@stcarthages.org.au

W: www.stcarthages.org.au

Postal Address

PO Box 2, Lismore, NSW 2480.

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

St Carthage's Primary School

Janelle Heffernan

Ph: 66215529

St John's College, Woodlawn

Aaron Beach

Ph: 6626 2600

Trinity Catholic College

Br John Hilet FMS

Ph: 6627 6600

COMMUNITY CARE

St Carthage's Community Care

CEO: Ray Dunn

Ph: 6620 0000

W: www.stccc.org.au

PARISH CLERGY

Bishop Gregory Homeming OCD

Bishop of Lismore

Fr Bing Monteagudo

Administrator

Fr Alexander Munyao

Assistant Priest

Revd Mr Graeme Davis

Deacon



20 December 2020, 4th Sunday of Advent—Year B

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.



READERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

	1 st READER	2 nd READER
Christmas Eve 5.30pm	Fiona Fennamore	Jill Ritson
Christmas Eve 7.30pm	Cathy Donnelly	Barbara Walsh
Midnight Mass	May Hall	Margaret Condon
Christmas Day 9.00am	Alison Cleaver	Russell Shearman
Christmas Day 11.00am	Barbara Walsh	

Greetings of peace, joy and love!

In a year of so many unknowns because of COVID19, the blessings we received were still great and many exciting things came our way as we kept striving to grow as a parish, serving our community and promoting God's mission among us and in this world.

In this joyful season of the Incarnation and Birth of Jesus, I would like to say THANK YOU for your unceasing support to our parish, especially for those who give abundantly of their time and talents in making our parish the vibrant, faith-filled community that it is.

In the years to come, let us continue to let Christ's light shine in everyone's hearts amid struggles and joys.

Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Fr Bing Monteagudo - Parish Administrator

**The Bishop, Clergy and Parish Office
Staff wish you all the peace and joy of the
Christmas Season.**



PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen



CHRISTMAS CAROL MEDITATION

You are invited to a short Christmas Meditation in music and word tomorrow, 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.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Christmas Offering envelopes are available on entry to the Church. These can be placed in any of the collection boxes over the Christmas period.

FEAST OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Mass will be celebrated for the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God at 9am in the Cathedral on Friday the 1st of January 2021, New Year's day.

REGISTRATION CARDS:

A number of cards are now ready for collection from our wonderful Sisters at the entrance to the Cathedral. We ask you to check that the contact number is correct. If corrections need to be made, please let the sisters know. The Sisters will also take your details if your card is not there and it will be ready for collection the following weekend.

Please bring the card each time you attend the Cathedral to assist with quick registration.



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.

WEEKDAY MASSES THROUGH OUT CHRISTMAS/ NEW YEAR

Mass will be held at the Carmelite Monastery 7am daily and Saturday 8am.

There will be no 8am Mass in the Cathedral on Tuesday 29, Wednesday 30 and Thursday 31 December.

Catholic Book and Gift Shop

The shop will close on 23rd December for the Christmas/ New Year break.

Re-opens on 18th January, 2021.

Thank you for your patronage during 2020.



Aid to the
Church in Need
ACN AUSTRALIA

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*:
Thank you to all the individuals, families and parishes who

helped us support suffering and persecuted Catholic communities, particularly in this year of the coronavirus pandemic. We pray that the joy and peace of the Christmas season will refresh all our hearts and prepare us to live our faith into the New Year. www.aidtochurch.org.

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed from Thursday 24th December 2020 and will reopen on Monday 4th January 2021.

For sick & Hospital calls, please phone 66260200 and follow the prompts to contact the duty priest.



Please remember in your prayers;

THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED: Peter Podgorczyk, Michael Felicetti, Kevin Pollard, Beatrice Doughty, John Hume, Aileen Griffin, Jenny Dodds, Beverley Campbell.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Glenda Ryan, George Ives, Frank Scarrabelotti, Tracy Wing, Maria Robertson, Val Magurran, 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

OTHER SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Enriqueta Monteagudo, Leonardo Mendoza, Leonor David.



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.

COLLECTION TOTALS - Weekend 13 December, 2020

First collection - \$ 378.50 Second collection - \$ 439.00 Loose - \$ 226.10



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

20th December - Fourth Sunday of Advent Year B

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

LITURGY ROSTER – 27th December - The Holy Family

	SATURDAY 5.30pm	SUNDAY 9.00am	SUNDAY 11.00am
Reader 1	Cathy Donnelly	Pauline Geitz	Margaret Condon
Reader 2	Pauline Celich	Alison Cleaver	
Servers:	Annabel, Alanna	Michael M, Bryan	
Acolyte:	Julian Hill		

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent'. Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever.'"'

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 88:2-5. 27. 29. R. see v.2

(R.) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. *(R.)*

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all ages.' *(R.)*

He will say to me: 'You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me.'
I will keep my love for him always;
for him my covenant shall endure. *(R.)*

SECOND READING

Romans 16:25-27

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



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, register using 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: 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.