

# 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*

### PARISH OFFICE

Business Manager: Ray Dunn  
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Annette Reen - Acting Principal

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Jesse Smith

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### COMMUNITY CARE

#### St Carthage's Community Care

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General Manager: Cathy Donnelly

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### PARISH CLERGY

Bishop Gregory Homeming OCD

#### Bishop of Lismore

Fr Bing Monteagudo

#### Administrator

Fr Philip Borla

Fr Alexander Munyao

#### Assistant Priests

Revd Graeme Davis

#### Deacon

## 22 December 2024, Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C

### ADVENT PRAYER FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Lord Jesus, we approach that holy moment when Your coming as man is renewed in our hearts. Fill our hearts with LOVE so that everything we do will be a reflection of your love for us. Remind us to always listen to others sincerely, speak to them kindly, and see your face in everyone we meet. We ask this of you, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, as One God, now and forever. Amen.*



### FR BING CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Once again this year we have received many blessings and exciting things have come our way as we kept striving to grow as a parish. Our community continues to be resilient, grow together and serve and promote God's mission among us.

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 always give abundantly of their time and talents in making our parish the vibrant, faith-filled community that it is.

Along with the clergy and the Parish Staff, I wish you all the peace and joy of the Christmas Season and a blessed New Year to come.

Fr Bing Monteagudo - Parish Administrator

### CATHOLIC LIFE MAGAZINE

Catholic Life has returned after 5 years!

December's issue is filled with stories and updates that capture the vibrant life of the Diocese of Lismore. The magazine includes articles on Bishop Greg's Christmas message, the true spirit of Christmas, and celebrates the end of the school year. Copies are available at the back of the Churches, or you can read it online at <https://www.lismorediocese.org/>

or by scanning this QR Code.



### EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS COMMISSIONING MASS

This weekend the Commissioning Mass for our Extra Ordinary Ministers will be celebrated at the 9am Mass. We ask you to remember them in your prayers as they take on this important role within our parish.



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Head office: 10 Orion St, Lismore,  
1800 802 516.  
[www.dif.org.au](http://www.dif.org.au)

### PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday afternoon December 24, 2024 and will reopen on Thursday January 2, 2025.

*For sick & Hospital calls, please phone 6626 0200 and follow the prompts to contact the duty priest.*



## LITURGY ROSTER

### Dec 21/22 - 4th Sunday of Advent Year C

#### Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 Gemma Basio  
Reader 2 Margaret Condon  
Offertory Sherin Jose and Amala Sherin

#### Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Jonalyne Andersen  
Reader 2 Russell Shearman  
Offertory Denny MK and Reena Denny

#### Sunday 11.00am

Reader 1 Steve Moran  
Reader 2 My Hall  
Offertory Joby John and Anjana Paul

#### Christmas

#### Vigil Mass 5.30pm

Reader 1 Fiona Fennamore  
Reader 2 Jennifer Juleff  
Offertory Gale and Jim Munce

#### Midnight Mass

Reader 1 Margaret Condon  
Reader 2 John Maloney  
Offertory Arthur and Mary Maloney

#### Christmas Day

Reader 1 Robert Ireland  
Reader 2 Russell Shearman  
Offertory Joe and Pauline Celich

### Dec 28/29 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

#### Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 Cathy Donnelly  
Reader 2 Pauline Celich  
Offertory **Amy and Mary Tran**

#### Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Maria Whitney  
Reader 2 Kathy Boath  
Offertory Jesmy Jose and Benny Thomas

#### Sunday 11.00am

Reader 1 Oliver Rixon  
Reader 2 Nestor Basio  
Offertory **Alwin Antony and Dhanya Devassy**

### St Carthage's Conference of St Vincent de Paul Volunteers Needed

Contact President Cathy Bell on 66215835 or email:  
catherine.bell@vinnies.org.au

## Christmas Dates to Remember

### Misa de Gallo

Cathedral - December 15 - 23 at 6.00pm  
(except Saturday December 21 at 7.30pm)

### Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

St Andrew's Anglican Church - December 15 at 7.30pm

### CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Cathedral - Sunday December 22 at 7.30pm.

## Christmas Mass Times 2024

### Christmas Eve

South Lismore - 4.00pm  
Cathedral - 5.30pm and Midnight  
Dunoon - 7.30pm



### Christmas Day

Carmelite Monastery - 7.00am  
Cathedral - 9.00am  
South Lismore - 9.00am

### Reconciliation

Friday December 20 - 11.30am to 11.50am  
Saturday December 21 - 12pm to 1pm and 4.45pm to 5.15pm

### January 1 - Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Carmelite Monastery - 7.00am  
Cathedral - 9.00am

There will be no 8.00am Mass in the Cathedral from Tuesday December 24. The 8.00am Mass will recommence on Tuesday January 7, 2025.

There will be no Friday 12.05pm Mass on December 27 or January 3. The 12.05pm Mass will recommence on Friday January 10, 2025.

## 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.



## **Please remember in your prayers;**

**THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED:** Alf Bugden, Michelle Carson, Maureen Felsch, Cheryl Hodgson, Carmel Mitchell, Ray Condon, John Kinsella, Mary Glynn, Glenna Virtue, Les Edwards, Angiela Dagook, Gwen McKinley, Nancy Graham, Louene Cummings.

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

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME:** Eileen Partridge, Florencia Landayan, Ricardo and Estella Eugenio, Loreto Sunga, Guillermo Ona, Emilia Carandang, Westley Higgins, Peggy Geitz, Elizabeth Grande, Elias Sarino, Felipe, Felix and Manolo Dumale, Venusta Fabiani, Chaiel Balcombe.





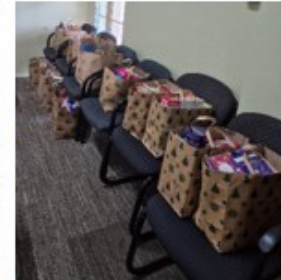
## **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers**

This year Our Lady Help of Christians joined with the students, their families and staff of St Carthage's Primary School, St John's College Woodlawn and Trinity Catholic College in donating an extraordinary supply of goods, gift cards and cash for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers.

The number of hampers donated this year was absolutely astonishing.

President Cathy Bell and her merry band of elves distributed over 100 hampers, toys, books and toiletries this week to families in our community doing it tough.

It is always a good feeling seeing the generosity of members of our community spreading a little cheer and so wonderful to see families helping other families at this time.



## **VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

It is not too late for you to support the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. You can do this by placing your gift in the envelopes provided on the seats or at the back of the Church or placing your donation in the poor box.

## **VANUATU EARTHQUAKE APPEAL**

Vanuatu has experienced two earthquakes within 24 hours impacting over 116,000 people and causing significant damage to buildings and infrastructure. The main hospital in Port Vila has sustained extensive damage and is overwhelmed by the mass casualties.

Hundreds of people have been injured or trapped under rubble and at least 14 people deceased with the death toll expected to continue to rise. People remain fearful of further disaster, as Vanuatu is one of the most susceptible countries to natural disasters such as earthquakes, storm damage, flooding, and tsunamis.

This appeal will provide support to our on the ground partners who are ready to respond to the humanitarian requirements by providing emergency shelter, food and other essentials, psychosocial support, and recovery efforts. Please donate today. <http://www.caritas.org.au/vanuatu>



## FIRST READING

Micah 5:1-4

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
the least of the clans of Judah,  
out of you will be born for me  
the one who is to rule over Israel;  
his origin goes back to the distant past,  
to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them  
till the time when she who is to give birth gives  
birth.

Then the remnant of his brothers will come back  
to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock with the power of  
the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God.

They will live secure, for from then on he will  
extend his power to the ends of the land.

He himself will be peace.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R. v.4

**(R.) Lord, make us turn to you;**

**let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,

O Lord, come to our help. **(R.)**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,  
the man you have given your strength.

And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,  
prepared a body for me.

You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for  
sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the  
scroll of the book,

‘God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.’

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the  
Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the  
sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the  
sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them;  
and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your  
will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the  
second. And this will was for us to be made holy by  
the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus  
Christ.

**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 1:39-45

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a  
town in the hill country of Judah. She went into  
Zechariah’s house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon  
as Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leapt in  
her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy  
Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, ‘Of all women  
you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of  
your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit  
from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your  
greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt  
for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the  
promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.’

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

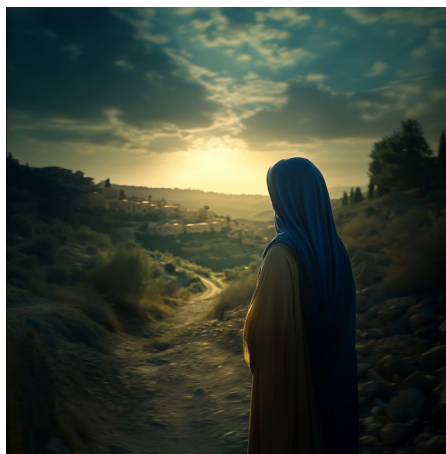
**Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## NEXT WEEK

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Luke 2:41-52



### COLLECTION TOTALS - 14/15 December 2024

**First Collection - \$ 1319.00**

**Second Collection - \$ 1092.18**

**Bank Deposit:** Please use Surname and envelope  
number (if applicable) as a reference e.g. 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

### The Catholic Weekly

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