

Parish Bulletin

St Carthage's Cathedral Parish, Lismore



SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF:

- St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore
No week day masses until Jan 4
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

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

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26 December 2021, The Holy Family, Year C



Looking back, looking forward

Slim Dusty is fondly remembered as Australia's 'King of Country'. During his lifetime, Slim released more than a hundred albums, selling more than seven million records and earning over 70 gold and platinum album certifications. 'Looking forward, Looking Back' is a famous Slim Dusty song. As another year comes to an end and the countdown to 2019 begins, Slim's song title offers some practical wisdom. Today is a timely opportunity for all of us to look forward and look back, to reflect on the past year's blessings and to set our goals for the year ahead.

Imagine the Holy Family of Nazareth doing the same. They, too, had much to look back on and much to anticipate! Mary might have recalled the angel's words about Jesus at the Annunciation, "He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High God. The Lord God will make him a king ... his kingdom will never end" (Luke 1:32, 33b). Joseph might have recalled his dream, when the angel told him to name Mary's son Jesus, "because he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).

Mary and Joseph might also have reflected again on their experience with Simeon. Holding the infant Jesus, Simeon shared his vision where he saw the fulfillment of all God's promises and the hope for the future salvation of Israel. "For my eyes have seen your salvation ... a light to reveal your will to the gentiles and bring glory to your people Israel" (Luke 2:30, 32). No wonder Mary and Joseph were amazed!

Remembering and reflecting on these special moments of God's presence and grace must have helped Mary and Joseph to trust in God's faithfulness and to know that whatever the future might hold, they would not be alone.

Think now about your own 'holy family'? How was God present to you this year? Were there times of joy: like the birth of a new child or grandchild, a marriage, a new job, a graduation? Were there times of sadness and struggle: like illness, death, disharmony, financial troubles? Spend some time reflecting on how God has been with you through it all.

But don't just look back; look forward too. How has the past year prepared you for the blessings to come? Maybe God is beginning to unfold something new in your life. How might you embrace it? Does it call you to trust, especially if the situation seems unclear or uncertain? Looking forward is an invitation for you to be open to God's blessings, to be amazed at how God is at work in your life and to know that even better things are still to come!

Looking back on the year just gone we thank our loving God for being with us during these hard times. Looking forward to the new year, we pray that we will remain close to the One who is always present and faithful to us.

David J Hore CSSR
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A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

I hope you have all had a wonderful and joyous Christmas celebrating the birth of the Saviour of the world.

We wish you all a truly blessed New Year and invite you to begin 2022 with Mass on Saturday 1st January for the Feast of Mary, The Mother of God at 9am in the Cathedral.

Our Lady is a great gift of grace in our lives as the Mother of the Church, the people of God. Let us place all our concerns in her care as she remembers each of her children with a mothers tender love.

Fr Bing

WEEKDAY MASSES THROUGH OUT CHRISTMAS/ NEW YEAR

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

There will be no Mass in the Cathedral on Tuesday 28, Wednesday 29, Thursday 30 and Friday 31 December. Week day Masses at the Cathedral will resume Tuesday 4 January, 8.00am.

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

The Parish Office is now closed and will reopen on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

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



The Catholic Weekly

Some of the stories for next week, 2 Jan 2022

- Worse than a leper colony. Fairfield still recovering from 2021 COVID lockdowns
- Small college, big mission. Campion graduation.
- Archdiocese awards \$100,000 grant
- The visions of Blessed Anne
- Justice for Catholic schools
- The doctor of unity

Available for just \$2.00 at the back of the Cathedral.

Please remember in your prayers;

THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Lyall Cowell, Juanchito Almonte, Betty Briggs, William Lombog.

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

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME: Violet McGuigan, Pam Cook, Bruno Saffioti, Westley Higgins, Noel Deegan, Venusta Fabiani.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: For all Souls in Purgatory

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



Catholic Book and Gift Shop

The shop is now closed for the Christmas and New Year break.

Re-opens on Monday 17th January, 2022.

Many thanks for your support during an eventful 2021.

The Catholic Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Diocese of Lismore, we ask you to contact us.

We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss options you have available to you.

To contact the Safeguarding Office, please phone (02) 6621944 or email: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au



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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: Please wear a mask whilst in the cathedral.

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.

LITURGY ROSTER

25/26 December - Holy Family Year C

Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 Cathy Donnelly
Reader 2 Fiona Fennamore

Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Russell Shearman
Reader 2 Allison Cleaver

Sunday 11.00am

Reader 1 Nestor Basio
Reader 2 Steve Moran

Feast of Mary the Mother of God

Saturday January 1 - 9.00am

Reader 1 Jill Ritson
Reader 2

1/2 January - The Epiphany of Our Lord C

Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 Veronica Coughlan
Reader 2 Annabel Pezzutti

Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Robert Ireland
Reader 2 Mary McKendry

Sunday 11.00am

Reader 1 Barbara Walsh
Reader 2 May Hall

COLLECTION TOTALS - Weekend 18/19 December 2021

First collection - \$ 592.10 Second collection - \$ 507.50 Loose - \$ 151.00

Direct Deposit: First Collection \$ 295.70 Second Collection \$ 83.00

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.

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 1:20-22. 24-28

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull, and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

There she left him, for the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 83:2-3. 5-6. 9-10. R. v.5

(R.) How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, God of hosts.

My soul is longing and yearning,
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
to God, the living God. **(R.)**

They are happy, who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

They are happy, whose strength is in you;
they walk with ever growing strength. **(R.)**

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,
gave ear, O God of Jacob.

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,
look on the face of your anointed. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been
revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him because we shall see him as he
really is.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our
own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's
presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive,

because we keep his commandments and live the
kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:

that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and
God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has
given us.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 2:41-52

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to
Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was
twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual.
When they were on their way home after the feast,
the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his
parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the
caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that
they went to look for him among their relations and
acquaintances. When they failed to find him they
went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.
Three days later, they found him in the Temple,
sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and
asking them questions; and all those who heard him
were astounded at his intelligence and his replies.
They were overcome when they saw him, and his
mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done
this to us? See how worried your father and I have
been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for
me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be
busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not
understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth
and lived under their authority. His mother stored up
all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in
wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

