

Parish Bulletin

St Carthage's Cathedral Parish, Lismore



SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF:

- St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore
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>

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27 December 2020, The Holy Family, Year B



They know they are loved

Abraham and Sarah, an elderly couple, who trust in God are rewarded with the unexpected gift of a son in Isaac. Jesus is also an unexpected gift to a young woman Mary and Joseph, her spouse.

Abraham is asked to sacrifice his son to show obedience to God, but Isaac is spared, and Abraham and Sarah become the parents of nations. Forty days after the birth of their child, Joseph and Mary travel to Jerusalem to carry out the requirements of the Law which asks that the mother be purified, and the child be dedicated to God. They encounter two wise people who affirm that their son is a blessing from God who will play a major role in the redemption of the people.

Current family experience is distant from these two historical families, but they also cope with the unexpected, in the birth, the raising of children and their journey through life. Contemporary families have many configurations, but all follow the developmental cycle of dependence, independence to inter-dependence and perhaps ultimately dependence in old age. It is a journey of many joys, some disappointments, and a variety of challenges. We all have hopes for our children and these will be fulfilled in ways that exceed or fall short of our expectations.

After the purification and presentation, the Holy Family travelled to Nazareth and we hear that Jesus "grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him." At the age of twelve he accompanied his parents on their annual pilgrimage to the Temple for the feast of Passover. On the day of their return, Jesus "lingered" in the Temple, but Mary and Joseph thought that he was among their group.

After a day of travel, they realised Jesus was missing, so they returned to Jerusalem, and found him in the Temple in discussion with the elders. Given his age, they were amazed at his learning. When admonished by Mary, Jesus replied: "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

Jesus grows in maturity and finds his identity in carrying our God's will. We do not know what Mary and Joseph expected from their son, but his public ministry, preaching, healing, death and resurrection must have been unexpected.

We do not know what direction our children will take but the greatest gift we can give them is to let them know that they are loved prior to achievement rather than because of their achievements. Secure in the knowledge of being loved, young people are free to become the people they are called to be and letting them go will enable them to return home no longer as children but as adults.

Michael A Kelly 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 2021 with Mass on Friday 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 8am Mass in the Cathedral on Tuesday 29, Wednesday 30 and Thursday 31 December.

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.

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE:

The Parish Office is now closed and will reopen on Monday 4 January 2021.

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



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.

Please remember in your prayers;

THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED: Maria Robertson, Ida Mella, Marea Berger, Peter Podgorczyk, Michael Felicietti, Kevin Pollard, John Hume, Beatrice Doughty, Aileen Griffin.

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

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME: Geoff Schmidt, Rita Smith, Noel Deegan, Robert Norval.

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 **No Mass**

Friday - 9.00am

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 20 December, 2020

First collection - \$353.00 Second collection - \$599.00 Loose - \$ 133.50



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

27th December - The Holy Family, Year B

	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		

LITURGY ROSTER – 3rd January - The Epiphany of the Lord

	SATURDAY 5.30pm	SUNDAY 9.00am	SUNDAY 11.00am
Reader 1	Fiona Fennamore	Cecilia McKendry	Please let sisters know
Reader 2	Margaret Condon	Barbara Walsh	if you available.
Servers:	Annabel, Alanna	Michael M, Bryan	
Acolyte:	Julian Hill		

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-6. 21:1-3

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great'.

'My Lord', Abram replied, 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless...' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir.' And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be one of your own flesh and blood.' Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 104:1-6. 8-9. R.vv.7.8

(R.) The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

O sing to him, sing his praise;
tell all his wonderful works! (R.)

Be proud of his holy name,
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.
Consider the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face. (R.)

Remember the wonders he has done,
his miracles, the judgements he spoke.
O children of Abraham, his servant,
O sons of the Jacob he chose. (R.)

He remembers his covenant for ever,
his promise for a thousand generations,
the covenant he made with Abraham,
the oath he swore to Isaac. (R.)

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:8. 11-12. 17-19

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord.

Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace,
just as you promised;

because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

