

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

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PARISH CLERGY

Bishop Gregory Homeming OCD
Bishop of Lismore
Fr Bing Monteagudo
Administrator
Fr Alexander Munyao
Fr Alejo Despacio
Assistant Priests
Revd Graeme Davis
Deacon

31 December 2023, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday 2nd January 2024.
For sick and hospital calls, please phone 66260200 and you will be put through to the duty priest.

LITURGY ROSTER

December 30/31 - Holy Family of Jesus Yr B

Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 Jennifer Juleff
Reader 2 Pauline Celich

Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Kathy Boath
Reader 2 Russell Shearman

Sunday 11.00am

Reader 1 Paul Collits
Reader 2 Nestor Basio

New Year's Day - 9.00am

Reader 1 Margaret Ireland
Reader 2 Cathy Donnelly

January 6/7 - The Epiphany

Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 Suzanne Nichols
Reader 2 John Maloney

Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Maria Whiney
Reader 2 Robert Ireland

Sunday 11.00am

Reader 1 Nestor Bassio
Reader 2 Ging-ging Basio

WEEK DAY MASSES

Masses during the week will resume in the Cathedral on Tuesday 2nd January, 2024 at 8.00am.

BAPTISMS

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

Dustin Currie

Layla Saye

Bronte Saye

Darcy Saye

Hunter Sloane

Nash Sloane

Colin Sefton

Bella Anderson

COLLECTION TOTALS - 23/24 December

First collection - \$ 1064.71

Second collection - \$ 805.05

Christmas Dues - \$3034.60

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 Acc10435599

Please remember in your prayers;

THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED: Fran Hayes, John McDermott, Don Hennessy, Peggy Geitz, Eileen Partridge, Jeffrey Jones, Liam Healy, Chaiel Balcombe, Barry Petersen.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Teresa McFadden, Tom Griffin, Betty McKee, Adam Phillips, Ian Goldspring, Michael Martin, Chaiel Balcombe, Margaret Amos, Joshua Ruff, Esther Todd, June Sharpe, John Devassy, Kenneth and Frances Waller, Michael Webb, Kristin Robison.

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME: Joyce Hamilton, Oscar Holwell, Violet McGuigan, Joyce Parkhill, Geoff Schmidt.



**PAYS 4.15%
INVEST WITH PEACE OF MIND!**

Head office: 10 Orion St, Lismore,
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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.

FEAST OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

We invite you to begin 2024 with Mass here at the Cathedral on Monday, January 1, 9.00am for the Feast of Mary, The Mother of God.

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 mother's tender love.

