

# Parish Bulletin

## St Carthage's Cathedral Parish, Lismore



### SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF:

- St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore  
*Tues-Thurs 8am, Fri 12.05pm  
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:

[youtube.com/c/LismoreDioceseAU](https://youtube.com/c/LismoreDioceseAU)

Or use this QR CODE



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### PARISH CLERGY

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**Bishop of Lismore**

Fr Bing Monteagudo

**Administrator**

Fr Alexander Munyao

**Assistant Priest**

Revd Graeme Davis

**Deacon**



5 December 2021, Second Sunday of Advent, Year C



## Misa de Gallo

In the year 1500, the Philippines was rich in agricultural resources. Farmers toiled all day and they only had one break during noon when the heat would be at its peak. However, when the Christmas season would begin, the Spanish priests saw the faithfulness of the people to attend mass despite the day's fatigue. As a compromise, the Spanish friars introduced and began to hold Misa de Gallo (Mass of the Rooster) in Spanish or "Simbang Gabi" (Night Mass) in Tagalog to allow the farmers to hear mass before going to the fields in the morning. The masses would start as early as 4 o'clock in the morning.

These novena masses are an expression of their filial devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. Traditionally for nine consecutive days from December 16 -24, the faithful join and accompany Mary so to speak, as she awaits the birth of her Son. This is the reason, masses on these days are celebrated as Solemn Votive Masses or Masses for a special intention in her honour.

This practice can also be understood as the preparation of the faithful to receive from God the great Aguinaldo of Christmas, which is Jesus, the Saviour of the world. This tradition of Misa de Gallo continues even in Australia.

This year, from December 15 – 23 at 6.00pm in the evening (except Saturday 18 December - 7.30pm), St. Carthage's Cathedral will once again celebrate Misa de Gallo in the Diocese of Lismore. This will be celebrated in the evening to accommodate the needs of the members of the community who have different work schedules.

I wish to encourage the practice of Misa de Gallo because it is a great source of spiritual nourishment and strengthens our relationship with family and friends.

Come be a part of this tradition let us show our devotion to our Blessed Mother and heighten the anticipation of the birth of Jesus.

Fr Bing Monteagudo  
Parish Administrator

## ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

This Wednesday December 8 at 6.00pm, St Carthage's Cathedral, Deacon Prodencio Bacuso Bognay will be ordained a Catholic Priest in the Lismore Diocese.

We ask you to please keep him in your prayers as he starts this next journey.

## THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, MARY - WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 8

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary gives us a chance to celebrate the Mother of God, through whom the incarnation of the Word of God was made possible. It celebrates her nature as a holy and sinless woman from the time of her conception, and Our Lady gives us a model of a life without sin in conformity with God's will. As she is such an important figure in the Advent and Christmas seasons, the feast of her conception allows us to honour her as we prepare for the coming of her Son.

## ST JOHN OF THE CROSS - MONDAY 14 DECEMBER

Mass will be celebrated at 10am on Tuesday 14 December at The Carmelite Monastery.

John of the Cross (24 June 1542 — 14 December 1591), venerated as Saint John of the Cross, was a Spanish Catholic priest, mystic, and a Carmelite friar of converso origin.

John of the Cross is known especially for his writings. He was mentored by and corresponded with the older Carmelite, Teresa of Ávila. Both his poetry and his studies on the development of the soul are considered the summit of mystical Spanish literature and among the greatest works of all Spanish literature. He was canonized and declared Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XIII in 1726. He is regarded as the "Mystical Doctor" by the Church.

**Please note: There will be no 7am Mass on this day.**

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

St Vincent de Paul are again holding their Annual Christmas Appeal. Over the coming weekends St Vincent de Paul will be asking if you can help. Please give generously to this very worthy cause that helps those in need within the community. There are envelopes available at the back of the Church.



## A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

You are all warmly invited to attend the Festival of Nine lessons and Carols to be held on Sunday 19 December at 7:30pm at St Carthage's Cathedral. This evening is presented by Warren Whitney our very talented organist alongside both the choirs from St Carthage's Cathedral and St Andrew's Anglican Church.

The original service of Nine Lessons and Carols derives from a service which the clergyman E. W. Benson first gave in a wooden hut in Cornwall, UK, on Christmas Eve, 1880. Benson went on to become Archbishop of Canterbury and the service went on to become one of the most widely popular services in the Christian calendar, thanks to it being revamped by and broadcast annually from, Kings College, Cambridge.



After the past two years of uncertainty and challenging times, we ask you to come along and join us in spreading a little Christmas Spirit.

## PRAYER FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT



God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



## **BAPTISM**

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

*Grace Annette Swift*

*Vincenzo Lorenzo Predebon*

*Please remember in your prayers;*

**THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED:** Bishop Bill Wright, Sr Joan Reynolds, Sr Judy Quirk, Betty Briggs, Wendy Simmons, John Ryan, Mario Malabanan, Michael Toohey, Diana Daley.

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

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME:** Rita Conlan, Venusta Fabiani, Thomas Tooley, Paul Beer, Rosa Moras, Pedro Leonardo Chuaquico Jnr.

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** For all Souls in Purgatory

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





### Community Care Worker - Multiple Vacancies (Aged care or Disability Support)

- Must have Cert III in Individual support or similar
- Genuinely caring & compassionate towards others
- Own vehicle & drivers licence
- Ability to obtain clear police check
- Double vaccinated against COVID19 (or valid medical contraindication form)

Join a team of caring professionals and make a positive difference to someone's life! Choose your own hours to suit your lifestyle!

Call Karla Orth 0413 466 458 for more information or email your resume to [hr@stcarthages.org.au](mailto:hr@stcarthages.org.au)



### HR Officer

St Carthage's Community Care is looking for a pragmatic, engaging and personable Human Resources professional to support the organization in a stand-alone generalist HR role.

This role involves performing all basic and advanced HR responsibilities, such as end-to-end recruitment, HR administration and providing advice on all HR areas including employee relations (external support available), performance management and employee engagement.

Call Karla Orth 0413 466 458 for more information or email your resume to [hr@stcarthages.org.au](mailto:hr@stcarthages.org.au)

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- 8 December - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- 8 December - Ordination to the Priest Hood of Prodeocio Bognay**
- 15 December - Missa De Gallo 6.00pm**
- 19 December - Festival Nine Lessons and Carols Christmas Mass times TBA next week.**



**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:** There is a limit of 300 Parishioners. Remember to observe social distancing of 1.5 metres from other family groups when sitting and only sit in the open pews.

**MASKS:** As per NSW Health regulations all parishioners over 12 years old must wear a mask in places of worship.

**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

#### *4/5 December - Second Sunday of Advent Year C*

##### **Saturday 5.30pm**

**Reader 1** Fiona Fennamore  
**Reader 2** Annabel Pezzutti

##### **Sunday 9.00am**

**Reader 1** Cecilia McKendry  
**Reader 2** Elizabeth McKendry

##### **Sunday 11.00am**

**Reader 1** Barbara Walsh  
**Reader 2** May Hall  
**Acolyte: Julian Hill**

#### *11/12 December - Third Sunday of Advent Year C*

##### **Saturday 5.30pm**

**Reader 1** Margaret Condon  
**Reader 2** Cathy Donnelly

##### **Sunday 9.00am**

**Reader 1** Jill Ritson  
**Reader 2** Russell Shearman

##### **Sunday 11.00am**

**Reader 1** Paul Collits  
**Reader 2** Nestor Basio

### COLLECTION TOTALS - Weekend 28 November 2021

First collection - \$ 537.50      Second collection - \$ 609.50      Loose - \$ 122.70  
Direct Deposit: First \$ 325.70      Second \$ 73.00

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

Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory.

For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.

And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125. R. v.3

*(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. *(R.)*

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. *(R.)*

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. *(R.)*

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. *(R.)*

## SECOND READING

Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to

become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Iturea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.  
Every valley will be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
winding ways will be straightened  
and rough roads made smooth.  
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18



### **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](mailto:safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au)