

# Parish Bulletin

## St Carthage's Cathedral Parish, Lismore



### SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF:

• St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore  
*Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday*  
8.00am and Friday 12noon  
*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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYxOjNyku4JCI08vfeTq-fQ)

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### PARISH CLERGY

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**Bishop of Lismore**

Fr Bing Monteagudo

**Administrator**

Fr Alexander Munyao

**Assistant Priest**

Revd Mr Graeme Davis

**Deacon**



6 December 2020, 2nd Sunday of Advent—Year B

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2020

#### Christmas Eve

Cathedral- 5.30pm, 7.30pm and Midnight.

Carmelite Monastery- 9.00pm

#### Christmas Day

Cathedral - 9.00am and 11.00am

Carmelite Monastery - 7.00am

#### BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.

Please call the Parish Office on 66260200 for Cathedral Masses,  
Monday - Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm to register your name.

For Monastery Masses please call 66241240.

#### Reconciliation

Saturday 19 Dec: 4.45pm - 5.15pm, Sunday 20 Dec: 10.15am - 10.45am

Tuesday 22 and Wed 23 Dec: 8.30am - 9.00am.



### 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 SYPTOMS 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  
and then 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:** Only sit on this sign.  
If young children are in attendance they may sit with an adult.  
All signs are placed at the appropriate distance around the Cathedral to enable  
compliance with the 1.5 metre rule.

**SINGING:** 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 face masks are not compulsory it is recommended in  
places of worship.

**COMING SOON:** You may be aware the NSW government is  
encouraging premises to change to a QRcode system for  
registering details.

We are considering this option and in preparation please download  
the NSW Services app on your mobile phone.  
Manual registration will still be available for those parishioners who do not have  
their own individual mobile phone and for younger family members.



## WEEKDAY MASSES NEXT WEEK 7-11 DECEMBER

The new sound system will be installed next week in the Cathedral so all weekday masses will be held in St Mary's Chapel. This will allow the contractors access to the Cathedral and to have the new system up and running ready for Christmas.

### MISA DE GALLO

This year, from December 15 – 23 at 7 o'clock in the evening (except December 16 & 17 - 4.00pm), we will once again celebrate the Misa de Gallo in St Carthage's Cathedral.

Masses on these days are celebrated as Solemn Votive Masses or Masses for a special intention in honour of Mary, Mother of God.

This will be celebrated in the evening to accommodate the needs of the members of the community who have different work schedules.

The practice of Misa de Gallo 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.

### PRAYER FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Almighty and merciful God,  
may no earthly undertaking hinder those  
who set out in haste to meet your Son,  
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom  
gain us admittance to his company.



Who lives and reigns with you in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

### The Catholic Diocese of Lismore has entered a new partnership with the University of Dayton in Ohio, USA.

The Diocese is joining the University's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) to provide people within the diocese with access to quality online faith formation courses and learning opportunities. Lismore is one of several Dioceses within Australia participating in the VLCFF.

"The partnership offers the Diocese an opportunity to join with others to do what we cannot do alone, that is, offer quality catechetical and faith formation courses on-line via a well-established, appropriately accredited organisation," Bishop Homeming said.

"This virtual learning community will enable any parish or person within the Lismore Diocese to pursue areas of interest for their spiritual and faith development," he added.

For more details about the VLCFF please contact Tony Worner who is coordinating the partnership for Lismore Diocese on 0436 941 280 or via email at [Tony.Worner@stagneparish.org.au](mailto:Tony.Worner@stagneparish.org.au)

## THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, MARY - TUESDAY 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 Monday 14 December at The Carmelite Monastery to celebrate St John of the Cross.

John of the Cross (24 June 1542 — 14 December 1591), venerated as Saint John of the Cross, was 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.**

## **BAPTISM**



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

***Aoife Claire van Someron Boyd***

## **PARISH ADVENT RECOLLECTION**

To be held on Saturday 12th December from 8.30am to 3.30pm at Invercauld House, 163 Invercauld Road, Goonellabah.

Registration \$ 25.00 (includes venue, morning tea, light lunch and afternoon tea.)

Please register your names with the Sisters at the registration table at the back of the Church or call the parish office on 6626 0200 office hours 8.30am-4pm.

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

**THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED:** Aileen Griffin, Fr John Fitz-Walter, Jenny Dodds, Noreen Cubis, Beverley Campbell, Michael Bird, Wayne Vidler, John Doyle, Michael O'Connor.

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

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME:** Noel Deegan, Venusta Fabiani, Westley Higgins, Rita Conlan, Thomas Tooley, Bortolo and Anna Menin, Rosa Moras,

**OTHER SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** John and Monica O'Connor.



## 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 8.00am

Friday - 12 Noon

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.**

### In The Parish

**Bible Studies** will be held each Wednesday, from 6.00pm -7.30pm, in the Farrelly Room, Doyle House.

**Bible Sharing** will be held each Thursday from 5.30pm - 7.00pm, in the Farrelly Room, Doyle House.

### COLLECTION TOTALS - Weekend 29 November, 2020

First collection - \$ 357.30    Second collection - \$ 410.50    Loose - \$ 164.00



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.

### LITURGY ROSTER

6th December - Second Sunday of Advent Year B

	<b>SATURDAY 5.30pm</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9.00am</b>	<b>SUNDAY 11.00am</b>
<b>Reader 1</b>	Margaret Condon	Barbara Walsh	Paul Collits
<b>Reader 2</b>	Fiona Fennamore	Cecilia McKendry	May Hall
<b>Servers:</b>	Annabel, Chloe, Josie Ana	Michael M, Bryan	
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Julian Hill		

### LITURGY ROSTER – 13th December - Third Sunday of Advent Year

	<b>SATURDAY 5.30pm</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9.00am</b>	<b>SUNDAY 11.00am</b>
<b>Reader 1</b>	Annabel Pezzutti	Russell Shearman	Please let the Sisters know
<b>Reader 2</b>	Penny Pender	Jill Ritson	if you are available to read.
<b>Servers:</b>	Annabel, Alanna	Michael M, Bryan	
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Julian Hill		

## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11*

‘Console my people, console them’ says your God.  
‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.’

A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God.’

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8*

**(R.) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

*2 Peter 3:8-14*

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, ‘a day’ can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new

heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

**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

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, ‘Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.’

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 61:1-2. 10-11

Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8. 19-28



  
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