

# 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, 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:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYxOjNyku4JCI08vfeTq-fQ>

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**Bishop of Lismore**

Fr Bing Monteagudo

**Administrator**

Fr Alexander Munyao

**Assistant Priest**

Rev'd Mr Graeme Davis - **Deacon**

14 February 2021, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



### *Liberating the 'unclean'*

What is it to be reckoned unclean, untouchable? Some years ago my son was watching the old movie Ben Hur in which some lepers appeared, and he was shocked to see how they had to live. He'd heard about lepers but never realised if you had a skin condition you were cast out completely. This is the fate of the leper in today's gospel, who then does the unthinkable and throws himself down before Jesus, pleading to be cured – 'if you want to' – to be made clean, so he might be restored to society. 'Feeling sorry for him' Jesus reaches out and touches him saying, 'Of course I want to, be cured.' And he's freed.

The transmitting of infection becomes in Jesus' touch the transmitting of healing, of God's liberation. Come before him in faith and God happens. There follows a strict warning that he tell no one and immediately report to the priest, as the Mosaic law stipulates in the first reading. Despite this, the man proceeds to tell everyone his good news, so that Jesus now has to live as the leper once did, isolated, far from the towns he had frequented and had to retreat from, previously; but the news travels fast and people come to him from everywhere.

Who do we reckon to be unclean, untouchable? Who have we discarded, turned away from? It's only when we face into the truth of our lives that we can enter into this situation. As Jesus does here and at other liberating moments in the early chapters of Mark's gospel; and it's what brings him finally to the cross, to the moment where he faces into the truth of all our lives, and frees us.

But what happens if we change two words in the gospel? If 'feeling sorry' becomes 'getting angry'. That's what it says in some of the early manuscripts, but it doesn't necessarily fit with our idea of Jesus. Is he angry at the leper for defying the law, or perhaps, less personally, at the demonic undoing of our lives? Either might make sense, though the second more so. However, what if he's angry at the likelihood of his being turned into a celebrity healer, whose healings excite the people and threaten to derail his mission?

Is this why he warned the man not to tell anyone and why he retreated from the towns previously? It's something we hear being spoken of throughout Mark's gospel, as when Peter insists on Jesus being a certain sort of Messiah – not one who dies on a cross – and Jesus says 'get behind me Satan', because it's the cross that will reveal him and God's love. If we insist on Jesus being a celebrity healer, we'll miss the truth of his life and our own.

Anger and sorrow meet in this gospel and through them we hear the call to act as he does, bringing us, at last, face to face with one another, before God.

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

**THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED:** Linda Schmidt, Elena Junayon, Bishop Luc Matthys (Armidale), Jake Marindique, Archbishop Phillip Wilson (Adelaide), Mickey Micallef, James Gilbert, Cesar Jordan, Rogelio Macutay.

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Julie Joblin, Maureen Salkeld, Barbi Osborn, Glenda Ryan, George Ives, Mary Herne, Carmel O'Keefe, Frank Scarrabelotti, Tracy Wing, Louise King, Judith Lehmann, Gerry Ebbelaar, Diane Hughes, Veronica Geitz, Carmel Windred.

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME:** Frank Bermingham, Maria Griffani, Jack Thorp, Jim Duffy, Regina and Jim Bazzo, Anthony Garcia, Byron Moss.



## ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Season of Lent when we prepare for the Feast of Holy Week. From Ash Wednesday to Holy Week it is a time of fasting, penance, prayer and abstinence. Please use this special time of Lent to pray for others and our own forgiveness and reconciliation with God and neighbour.

Ashes will be blessed after the Homily at each of the Masses in our parish and at the schools on Ash Wednesday, 17 February.

Mass times are as follows:

7am - Carmelite Monastery

8am - Cathedral

12noon - St Vincent's hospital

12:05pm - Cathedral

5:30pm - Cathedral

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will take place on Friday's during Lent at 6:00pm in the Cathedral commencing 19 February.



## BISHOP GREG'S LENTEN TALKS

Once again Bishop Greg Homeming's Lenten talks will be held in the Cathedral on the following Tuesday nights:

Tuesday 23rd February

Tuesday 2nd March

Tuesday 9th March

Tuesday 16th March

**Bishop's talks commence at 6pm and conclude before 7pm.**

All are most welcome to attend. So spread the word



## ORDINATION TO THE DEACONATE

Prudencio Bugnay will be ordained to the Diaconate in St Carthage's Cathedral on Friday 12 March by Bishop Greg Homeming OCD at a time to be advised. More details regarding time and bookings in next week's Parish Bulletin.



**Bishop Greg Homeming would like to invite Parishioners of the Diocese of Lismore to a**

## **JUBILEE MASS**

*in honour of*

***Fifty years a priest***

***Twenty years a bishop***

***Most Revd Geoffrey Jarrett***

***5th Bishop of Lismore***

*to be held at*

***St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore***

***Monday, 22 February 2021***

***5.30pm***

***Due to COVID number restrictions, bookings are essential. Please book directly with the Cathedral Office on 6626 0200 or email: [office@stcarthages.org.au](mailto:office@stcarthages.org.au)***



St Carthage's Community Care is looking for outstanding Community Care Cleaners to join our growing team!

- Is your job security important to you?
- Multiple opportunities available, with flexible hours/days - enjoy excellent work/life balance!
- Benefit from a competitive hourly rate + salary sacrifice & company smart phone!

As a Community Care Cleaner, you will be providing domestic assistance to our clients across a designated region in the Northern NSW (Tweed Coast, Byron/Ballina, Lismore, Casino, Yamba, Grafton)

St Carthage's would arrange your roster depending on your location and availability. These roles are being offered on a casual basis (up to 35 hours per week).

Please email your application to [hr@stcarthages.org.au](mailto:hr@stcarthages.org.au) or contact Karla on 02 6620 0000 for more information.

## **PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY**

**14TH FEBRUARY 2021**



Please take home a set of Project Compassion envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "**Be More**". Through your generosity and by aspiring to be more, you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

You can donate through the envelopes, or by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413



## What's On

### Cathedral

#### The Rosary

Saturday 5.00pm

Sunday 8.30am

Sunday 10.30am

#### Confession

Saturday 4.45pm - 5.15pm

Sunday 10.15am - 10.45am



### Doyle House

#### Bible Study

Wednesday evenings 6.00pm - 7.30pm

#### Bible Sharing

Thursday evenings 5.30pm - 7.00pm

#### Proclaim Lismore Youth Group

Sunday 14 February 6.30pm - 8.00pm

#### Finance Council Meeting

Thursday 18 February

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021**

### *Pray for Vanuatu*

The World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7pm.

The prayer service will be held at the Seventh Day Adventist Church ,  
44 Uralba Street Lismore.

You are invited to join with members of the combined local church groups in praying for the people of Vanuatu. All welcome.



## WEDDING

*Congratulations to  
Jonathan O'Brien*

*and*

*Lisa Pirlo*



*who celebrated their marriage last weekend in  
St Carthage's Cathedral*



## BAPTISM

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

*Bobbi-Jean Rankin-Flick*

### COLLECTION TOTALS - Weekend 7 February, 2021

First collection - \$679.45    Second collection - \$887.50    Loose - \$ 146.25

Direct Deposit - First - \$135.10    Second - \$63.00

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

14th February - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

**Reader 1**

**SATURDAY 5.30pm**

Penny Pender

**Reader 2**

Maria Whitney

**Servers:**

Annabel, Alanna

**Acolyte:**

**SUNDAY 9.00am**

Robert Ireland

Michael M, Bryan

**SUNDAY 11.00am**

Cathy Donnelly

## LITURGY ROSTER — 21st February - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

**Reader 1**

**SATURDAY 5.30pm**

Cathy Donnelly

**Reader 2**

Pauline Celich

**Servers:**

Annabel, Alanna

**Acolyte:**

**SUNDAY 9.00am**

Pauline Geitz

Alison Cleaver

Michael M, Bryan

**SUNDAY 11.00am**

Please let sisters know  
if you are available.



## FIRST READING

Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

**(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,  
whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord  
imputes no guilt,  
in whose spirit is no guile. **(R.)**

But now I have acknowledged my sins;  
my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess  
my offence to the Lord.'

And you, Lord, have forgiven  
the guilt of my sin. **(R.)**

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,  
exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy,  
all you upright of heart. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

## NEXT WEEK

Genesis 9:8-15

Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15

### KEEPING EVERYONE COVID SAFE

**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 in our region, the wearing of masks in places of worship is a recommendation of the NSW Government.

