

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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28 February 2021, Second Sunday of Lent, Year B



Listening to Jesus

Abraham lived about a thousand years before Jesus. At that time it was not uncommon for people to sacrifice their children, especially their firstborn sons, to various gods as a sign of total devotion. Abraham perceived that sacrificing Isaac was something also required of him; to demonstrate his commitment to God. But the God of Israel is not like the pagan gods and never demands such a sacrifice. The God of Israel wants life, not death.

Yet, the willingness of Abraham to 'let go' of what was most precious to him – the son of his old age – was an inspiration to the people of Israel. It's faith in its extreme. Remember too, that Abraham had already shown a willingness to 'let go' of his family and his homeland to journey to an unknown land in response to God's invitation.

The early church saw the relationship between Abraham and Isaac as pointing to the relationship between God the Father and Jesus. Like Abraham, God was prepared to 'let go' of what was most precious to him – his divine Son – out of love for humanity. God was willing to let his Son 'become flesh', with all that it meant: rejection and ultimately crucifixion.

St Paul is in awe at God's generosity towards humanity. *"God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all."* With such a total gift of love, we have nothing to fear from anything or anyone.

Peter, James and John are taken up a high mountain by Jesus. The experience is amazing. It's an experience so precious that Peter *cannot* let it go. He wants to hold onto it forever. He says to Jesus, *"Rabbi ... let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."* The disciples glimpse the dazzling and eternal beauty of Christ and they don't want to let go. Yet, the disciples had to let go of this precious experience; it was only ever intended to be momentary. They will receive it again as a gift in the next life. For now, their task is to listen to Jesus, *"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."*

This is our task also. To live our lives listening to Jesus speak to us in the Good News and through the experiences of our daily lives. In listening, we'll discover things which we are called to 'let go' – selfishness, unforgiveness, envy, hatred, gossip, prejudice, dishonesty; to 'let go' of people, places, security, health, life.

Like Abraham, may we have the faith and trust to 'let go' and to be open and ready to receive the precious gifts that God wants to give us; as we prepare for the day when we'll meet God face to face in eternity and we can finally say, *"It is wonderful to be here."* David J Hore CSsR © Majellan Media 2021



PLEASE NOTE:

ALL PARISHIONERS ENTERING THE CATHEDRAL MUST SCAN THEIR REGISTRATION CARD OR SIGN IN GIVING FULL NAME AND CONTACT NUMBER FOR **EVERY** FAMILY MEMBER (**PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY**). THIS IS A GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENT FOR OUR COVID PLAN.

Inviting all Young-Adult ages 18 -35 years old for a Spiritual Formation with Bishop Greg on Wednesday, March 3 from 5 to 7 PM at Doyle house, upstairs in the Carroll Room.
Please talk to the Sisters for more information.

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YOUNG ADULT
FAITH
FORMATION
with Bishop Greg Homeming

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Tracey Sendt, Nicola Bailey and Barbara Plumb who were enrolled in the final stage of their RCIA journey as they now prepare for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist this weekend. Please pray for them as they prepare to be received into the Church.

"UNPLANNED" - PRO LIFE MOVIE

On Sunday 14 March at 2pm the ProLife Movie "Unplanned" will be shown in Doyle House. This is a movie for mature audiences only.
Due to Covid Regulations we can only have a limited number in the room so if you are interested please register your name at the back of the Cathedral or phone the parish office on 6626 0200.



ORDINATION TO THE DEACONATE

Bishop Gregory Homeming will ordain Prudencio Bognay to the Order of Deacon, at St Carthage's Cathedral on Friday 12 March at 5.30pm.

All are welcome to attend however due to covid number restrictions, bookings are essential.
Please book directly with the Cathedral Office on 66260200 or email: office@stcarthages.org.au

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 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 and invite your neighbours and your friends.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday during Lent at 6:00pm in the Cathedral.
All are welcome to attend.



Please remember in your prayers;

THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary Mason, Frances Standing, Maureen Salkeld, Fr Bob Barber, Josette Sperry, Helen McNamara, Linda Schmidt, Elena Junayon, Jake Marindue.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Julie Joblin, 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: Martana and Edna Castillo, Barbara Hoult, Marco Arandio, Maria Griffani, Frank Bermingham.



A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: Did you know that each year the Catholic charity, *Aid to the Church in Need*, supports the training of 12,000 seminarians and provides ongoing formation for 8,000 priests. Could you help support a priest or seminarian? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/formation

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

28TH FEBRUARY 2021



Margret is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands that suffered long-term water shortages and damage from Tropical Cyclone Harold. With Caritas Australia's support, Margret's school installed water tanks, repaired cyclone damage and implemented COVID-19 prevention measures, and is now planning to boost food security.
Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home.

You can donate through the envelopes, or by visiting 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 28 February 6.30pm - 8.00pm

ASPIRE Young Adult Faith Formation

Wednesday 3 March 5.00pm - 7.00pm



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021

Pray for Vanuatu

The World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday, 5th 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.



ST DYMPNA'S, DUNOON WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021

St Dympna's at Dunoon will also be holding a World Day of Prayer, Friday 5th March, 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR ALEX!

Fr Alex celebrated his birthday on Thursday 25 February. If you see him around this weekend don't forget to wish him well!



Can You Help??

There is a Year 12 student in urgent need of a family to provide a room so he can complete his final year of schooling.

He has no drug and alcohol issues; he does have historical trauma and a diagnosis of ADHD and is keen to complete his Senior Year.

His long-term goal is to gain an apprenticeship in mechanics.

If you think this is something you can offer please contact Fr Alex for more information on

Ph 66 260200 or Roberta Brooks -Program Worker – Housing & Employment Community, Family & Youth on 0427 533 432

BAPTISM



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

Luke Anthony White

COLLECTION TOTALS - Weekend 21 February, 2021

First collection - \$529.85 Second collection - \$535.50 Loose - \$140.50

Direct Deposit - First - \$170.10 Second - \$458.00

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

This Week - 2nd Sunday of Lent, Year B

	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 are available
Servers:	Annabel, Alanna	Michael M, Bryan	
Acolyte:			

LITURGY ROSTER – 6/7th March - 3rd Sunday of Lent, Year B

	SATURDAY 5.30pm	SUNDAY 9.00am	SUNDAY 11.00am
Reader 1	Anne Ross	Jill Ritson	Please let sisters know
Reader 2	Annabel Pezzutti	Russell Shearman	if you are available.
Servers:	Annabel, Alanna	Michael M, Bryan	
Acolyte:	Julian		

FIRST READING

Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said:

'I am sorely afflicted.'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. **(R.)**

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:

I will call on the Lord's name. **(R.)**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus.

Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

NEXT WEEK

Exodus 20:1-17

Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

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.

