

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
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>

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10 January 2021, Baptism of the Lord, Year B



The Lights Are Always On

Christmas is an exciting time. Putting up the Christmas tree, buying presents for loved ones and friends, and enjoying a sumptuous feast is cause for great joy. But it's a different story when the season for gift giving and merry making comes to an end. It can feel like an onerous chore to pack the decorations away for another year.

The buzz and anticipation are missing. Without all the sparkle and lights, our homes and even the local supermarket seem devoid of colour and excitement. But Christmas doesn't have to end... and it is not meant to end. Though the church's Christmas liturgical season ends this Sunday with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Christmas itself does not end. This is because, at its very core, Christmas celebrates the incarnation of God as a human person, that God took on human form to live among us as one of us. God wanted to show us how much God wanted to be with us and to be one of us. Though the Christmas season officially ends, God continues that close relationship with us.

This calls us to transform the external celebration of the Christmas season with all its sparkle and lights into an internal celebration that occurs every day of our lives. This is the Christmas gift that keeps giving, because God wants to grow into an ever deeper and closer relationship with us. This is the eternal light that continues to shine deep in the centre of our lives. It is a relationship that is the source of joy, hope and love. We are invited to bring that joy, hope and love onward to grow into better relationships with one another.

So, while the Christmas tree has come down and the decorations and the fairy lights are now neatly stored away in their boxes, Christmas itself is still waiting to be unboxed, to be unboxed in our spirits, in our hearts and in our lives. Faith, hope and love are not meant to be stored away, but to be shared and celebrated with others. Though the manger may be stored away, the living God is still very much with us. Christmas does not end, but continues to be around us and inside us.

Baptisms are about new beginnings and, just as Jesus entered a new beginning in his human life when he underwent baptism by his cousin John the Baptist, we too are invited to set out anew in new beginnings in our relationships with others. Christmas does not end, but continues in our lives and in the lives of others, forever bringing new life, starting new beginnings, with God ever present in our midst.

Mark Chia CSsR
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SUNDAY MASS CARMELITE MONASTERY

The Sunday 7.00am Mass has resumed at the Carmelite Monastery.

If you would like to attend weekend Masses at the Monastery, Saturday 8.00am or Sunday 7.00am, you must book in by calling the Carmelite office on 66241240.

AUSTRALIA DAY

Tuesday 26 January is Australia Day and the 8am Mass at the Cathedral will be a celebration of this day. Please come along and pray for our parish, our city, our nation Australia.

A Prayer for our Nation:

Grant we pray O God, that as the southern cross shines in our skies, so may Christ bring light to our nation, to its peoples old and new, and by your saving grace, transform our lives through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

**MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
PATRONESS OF AUSTRALIA
PRAY FOR US**



PARISHIONER REGISTRATION CARDS:

If you would like a registration card for Mass please give the Sisters your details and the card will be ready for collection the following week.

Please bring the card each time you attend the Cathedral to assist with quick registration.

FRIENDS OF ST VINCENT'S

Once again we thank the Friends of St Vincent's Hospital and the McKendry family who created a beautiful formation of the crib for the celebration of the birthday of Christ. We offer them a huge thank you for this outstanding work.



BAPTISM



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

Sylas Leo Ibarrientos

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 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.



Please remember in your prayers;

THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED: William Wood, Terry Pilati, Norma Pittana, Maria Robertson, Michael Kilpatrick, Luke McNamara, Ida Mella, Marea Berger, Peter Podgorczyk,

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Maureen Salkeld Glenda Ryan, George Ives, Frank Scarrabelotti, Tracy Wing, Val Magurran, Louise King, Mary Herne, Judith Lehmann, Gerry Ebbelaar, Diane Hughes, Veronica Geitz, Carmel Windred.

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME: Geoff and Patrick Schmidt.

OTHER SPECIAL INTENTIONS: For all Souls in Purgatory.



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 - 12.05pm

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.

Please bring your Parishioner Registration Card for scanning on entry.

Carmelite Monastery Mass Times

Monday to Friday 7.00am

Saturday 8.00am **

Sunday 7.00am **

****If you would like to attend the Saturday or Sunday 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.

The Bishop, realising that not all parishioners can be accommodated has continued the dispensation from the Sunday obligation.



COLLECTION TOTALS - Weekend 3 January, 2021

First collection - \$356.90 Second collection - \$432.00 Loose - \$ 32.85

Direct Deposit - \$230.00

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

10th January - Baptism of the Lord, Year B

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

LITURGY ROSTER – 17th January - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

	SATURDAY 5.30pm	SUNDAY 9.00am	SUNDAY 11.00am
Reader 1	Maria Whitney	Steve Moran	Please let sisters know
Reader 2	Penny Pender	Robert Ireland	if you available.
Servers:	Annabel, Chloe, Josie	Michael M, Bryan	
Acolyte:	Julian Hill		

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-11

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat
and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.
See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples,
a leader and a master of the nations.
See, you will summon a nation you never knew,
those unknown will come hurrying to you,
for the sake of the Lord your God,
of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens
and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield
and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread
for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not
return to me empty, without carrying out my will and
succeeding in what it was sent to do.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Is 12:2-6. R. v.6

(R.) You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. **(R.)**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. **(R.)**

Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-9

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child that he begets.
We can be sure that we love God's children
if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;
this is what loving God is –
keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten by God
has already overcome the world;
this is the victory over the world –
our faith.
Who can overcome the world?
Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only,
but with water and blood;
with the Spirit as another witness –
since the Spirit is the truth –
so that there are three witnesses,
the Spirit, the water and the blood,
and all three of them agree.
We accept the testimony of human witnesses,
but God's testimony is much greater,
and this is God's testimony,
given as evidence for his Son.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:
This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:7-11

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist 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.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee
and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he
come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart
and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice
came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my
favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

NEXT WEEK

Samuel 3:3-10, 19

Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

John 1:35-42

