

Parish Bulletin

St Carthage's Cathedral Parish, Lismore



SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF:

- St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore
Mass Times
Tues -Thurs 8.00am, Fri 12.05pm.
Sat Vigil 5.30pm, Sun 9am & 11am
Reconciliation-Fri 11.30am-11.50am
Sat 4.45pm-5.15pm
- Carmelite Monastery Chapel,
Goonellabah
Mon-Fri 7am, Sat 8am, Sun 7am
- St Dymphna's Church, Dunoon
Sunday - 8.30am
- St Vincent's Hospital Chapel
Wednesday - 12 noon

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12 January 2025, The Baptism of the Lord, Year C

THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

With hearts full of joy and faith, we opened the Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope, on 29 December.

This Jubilee Year is a time for renewal - a time to deepen our relationship with Christ, strengthen the bonds of our faith family, and commit ourselves to the mission of proclaiming the Gospel through word and action.

This sacred year is an invitation to embark on a spiritual journey, drawing close to God's boundless mercy and love. It is also a time to strengthen the bonds of family and becoming living witnesses of His love in our world.



A MESSAGE FROM WARREN WHITNEY

THANK YOU

My thanks to the Bishops, Parish Clergy and Staff, Carmelite Missionary Sisters, Choir Members and parishioners for their prayers and concern, and well wishes for my recovery after my time in hospital over Christmas. It is great to be back!



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LITURGY ROSTER

Jan 11/12 - The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 Margaret Condon
Reader 2 Gemma Basio
Offertory Brian and Justine Vu

Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Alison Cleaver
Reader 2 Russell Shearman
Offertory Les and Louise Burgett

Sunday 11.00am

Reader 1 Cameron Delaney
Reader 2 May Hall
Offertory Frank and Lorraine Reading

Jan 18/19 - The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 Pauline Celich
Reader 2 Cathy Donnelly
Offertory Amy and Mary Tran

Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Maria Whitney
Reader 2 Pauline Geitz
Offertory Keith and Maureen Hamilton

Sunday 11.00am

Reader 1 Steve Moran
Reader 2 Nestor Basio
Offertory Milan and Joy Naanep



BAPTISMS

Our Parish family welcomes into the faith
and life of the

Catholic Church this week

Alaia Adelaide Castella

Holy Rosary

St Carthage's Cathedral Sunday 10.15am.

St Dympna's Church, Dunoon Wednesday 5.00pm
all welcome

Gospel Sharing

Doyle House, resumes Thursday
February 6 at 3.30 - 5.00pm.

All welcome.



Holy Communion at Home

If you know of someone who would like Holy
Communion at home please call the office on
6626 0200.

St Vincent's Hospital Mass

The regular parish Mass at St Vincent's Hospital
Chapel recommences this Wednesday,
January 15 at 12 noon.

The public chapel is on the ground floor, enter
through the Dalley Street entrance.

All are welcome.

St Carthage's Conference of St Vincent de Paul Volunteers Needed

Contact President Cathy Bell on 66215835 or email:
catherine.bell@vinnies.org.au

CATHOLIC BOOK AND GIFT SHOP

The shop will reopen on Monday January 20.
Come on down into the air-conditioning and grab a
nice iced coffee.

Situated above the Friends Coffee Lounge at
St Vincent's Hospital, Mon- Fri 9.00am - 3.00pm

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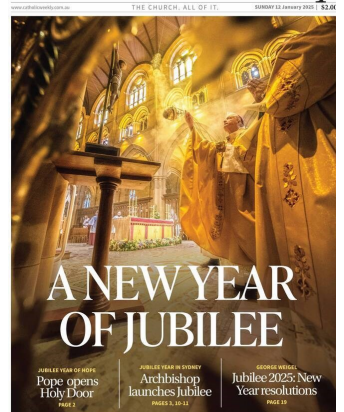
Some of the stories in this week's edition are:

- A new year of Jubilee
- Men devote first Saturday to Our Lady
- History of Holiness for a year of Hope
- Pope appoints Bishop of Bunbury
- Archbishop's Homily: Be tangible signs of hope

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please speak to your priest or the Safeguarding Office (02) 6621 9444.

There are procedures in place to guide how best to help victims - whether children or adults at risk.



Reading Reflection

Being zealous for good deeds

After our joyful celebration of the feast of Christmas, followed by the feasts of the Holy Family and, last week, the Epiphany, we come to the end of the Christmas season. We now enter what we call Ordinary Time and, on its first Sunday, we have the Baptism of Our Lord.

Following on from last week's Feast of the Epiphany, the gospel reading for the Baptism of Our Lord offers an even more vivid manifestation, another epiphany, revealing the identity of Jesus: "this is my beloved Son."

In our first reading, the prophet Isaiah consoles the people of Israel, then in exile in the desert, reminding them of God's promises, telling them "prepare the way of the Lord" and assuring them that "the glory of the Lord shall be revealed ... the Lord is coming with power."

The Responsorial Psalm then proclaims, "You send forth your spirit ... and you renew the face of the earth." Today's reading from Luke's gospel shows the realisation of these promises.

In preparation for the Lord's coming, John the Baptist had been preaching repentance for sin and a baptism of repentance in the waters of the River Jordan. So powerful was his preaching that many wondered if indeed John was the Christ, the One who was to come.

But John vehemently denied it, insisting that he was not even worthy to touch Christ's sandal, and that, while he baptises with water, the coming one, "someone who is more powerful," will baptise "with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

On the brink of his public ministry, Jesus, about thirty years old, emerges from the crowd and comes to John the Baptist for baptism. John, recognising that Jesus is the One, at first resists Jesus' request, but then agrees and baptises Jesus.

An extraordinary epiphany then follows. While Jesus is at prayer after his baptism by John, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in bodily shape, like a dove, and a voice from heaven was heard, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The dove reminds us of the story of creation when God's spirit was described as hovering over the waters like a dove and of the story of Noah and the flood when the dove proclaimed a new beginning, a new era.

The words of the Father reveal Jesus' unique relationship to the Father, a relationship of sonship: he is the Beloved Son. It is no accident that this Feast of Our Lord's Baptism opens Ordinary Time, because it reminds us of our identity as daughters and sons of God, granted through the grace of our baptism.

Through our baptism, we enter into the family and hospitality of God. Our second reading reminds us that, as members of that family, we are called to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, to give up everything that does not lead to God, and to be a people who are zealous for good deeds.

Anne Hunt

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First Collection - \$ 1259.95

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Please remember in your prayers;

THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Johny Arattukulam OCD, Sheila Bell, Gloria Flanagan, Sharon Irwin, Nina Agol Caldeo, Alf Bugden, Francisca Rivera, Michelle Carson.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Mary Moss, Carol Ashton, Bridget Collits, Russell Watt, Helen Johnson, Lisa Ferris, Teresa Almanza, John Rynne, Ian-Christopher Bajo, Esther Todd, Michael Martin.

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME: Cardinal George Pell, Bernadette Wynn, Patrick Schmidt, Garguin Castillo, Edna Castillo, Martana Castillo, Byron Moss, Aileen Partridge, Florencia Landayan, Ricardo and Estella Eugenio, Loreto Sunga, Guillermo Ona, Emilia Carandang.



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 103:1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-30. R. v.1

(R.) Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe!
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **(R.)**

Above the rains you build your dwelling.
You make the clouds your chariot,
you walk on the wings of the wind,
you make the winds your messengers
and flashing fire your servants. **(R.)**

How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
There is the sea, vast and wide,
with its moving swarms past counting,
living things great and small. **(R.)**

All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up:
you open your hand, they have their fill. **(R.)**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

God’s grace has been revealed, and it has made
salvation possible for the whole human race and taught
us that what we have to do is to give up everything that
does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions;
we must be self-restrained and live good and religious
lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in
hope for the blessing which will come with the
Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour
Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set
us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so
that it could be his very own and would have no
ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for
mankind were revealed, it was not because he was
concerned with any righteous actions we might have
done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own
compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing
water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy
Spirit which he has so generously poured over us
through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we
should be justified by his grace, to become heirs
looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I;
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-16. 21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people,
who were beginning to think that John might be the
Christ, so John declared before them all, ‘I baptise you
with water, but someone is coming, someone who is
more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the
strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy
Spirit and fire.’

Now when all the people had been baptised and while
Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven
opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily
shape, like a dove. 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.

