

Parish Bulletin

St Carthage's Cathedral Parish, Lismore



SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF:

- St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore
*Tues -Thurs 8.00am, Fri 12.05pm.
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

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16 January 2022, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C



Drinking the New Wine

Of all Jesus' miracles, we might think his turning water into wine is the least significant. However, for John, this miracle at the wedding feast of Cana takes pride of place as the first of the 'signs' given by Jesus.

Other 'signs' in John's gospel include healing miracles, feeding the 5,000, Jesus walking on water and raising Lazarus from the dead. While John acknowledges there were "many other signs", he chooses these seven 'signs' so "you may believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name" (Jn. 20:30).

Each of these miracle-signs is a foretaste of the single, great miracle of Jesus' resurrection. So, what lessons can we draw from the wedding feast of Cana? First, this is the only recorded miracle that Jesus performed for friends and family. Elsewhere, he seems to dismiss any special significance for family: "Whoever does the will of my Father in Heaven is my brother and sister and mother" (Mtt. 12:50). On another occasion, when returning to Nazareth, we are told Jesus was so "amazed by their lack of faith ... he could work no miracles there" (Mk 6:5f.).

Second, there is the extraordinary interchange between Jesus and his mother, Mary. It is Mary who confronts her son with the problem: "They have no wine!" We need to note, at this point, Jesus had not given any indication of special powers. Next, we cannot help but notice Jesus' annoyance in stating his time had not yet come. But Mary, unperturbed, tells the waiter: "Do whatever he tells you". We know the rest of the story: Jesus not only turns water into wine, but it is the best possible wine.

The human dimension of this story is compelling. Jesus and his disciples know how to celebrate life. No doubt they told yarns, sang songs and danced well into the night. But the time would come when they would face a crisis and be asked to lay down their lives. Interestingly, the next time we hear of Mary in John's gospel is at Jesus' crucifixion. Just as Mary is present to witness the beginning of Jesus' public life at Cana, she is also there to witness what is, for John, the birth of the Church at Calvary.

We are similarly living in a time of transition – what Pope Francis calls a "change of era" – when the old wine seems to be running out. Like Mary, we are being asked to place our vulnerable trust in Jesus who, with the gift of the Spirit, is the new wine for our age. Like the first disciples and early Christians, we know we live in a time of human and political crisis that also embroils society and church. We can only but trust in God who alone is able to turn the water of our fears into the new wine of God's creative presence and enduring love.

Gerard Hall SM
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QR CODES

St Carthage's Cathedral, Carmelite Monastery and St Dymphna's, Dunoon all now have unique QR Codes displayed at their entrances. Due to the number of COVID cases in the area we are now asking all parishioners to please use the QR Codes to register your attendance when visiting any of our churches.

Using the QR Codes is a much more efficient way for any contact tracing the NSW Health and Services requires.

If you do not have a smart phone please ask for assistance to register manually.

Please turn your phones to silent or off during the Mass.

The Parish Office also requires QR check-in and face masks when entering the premises.



AUSTRALIA DAY

Wednesday 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



St Carthage's Lismore *Youth*

ST CARTHAGE'S YOUTH, LISMORE

Sr Di will be co-ordinating the St Carthage's Youth, Lismore this year. This Youth Group will be held every fortnight commencing Saturday February 19 after the 5.30pm Mass until 7.30pm in Doyle House. Children must be aged 10 to 16 years and if you would like your child/ren to attend you MUST

complete the form that can be found at the back of the Church and return it to the Parish office by February 5. **No children will be allowed to attend without this written consent.**

With this in mind, Sr Di is wanting to source a variety of board games and card games that could be used at their get togethers. If you have any that are fully intact and are no longer being used that you would like to donate, the Youth group would be very appreciative. Donations can be left at the Parish Office in Doyle House, Monday-Friday, 8.30am-4.00pm.

TAKE A MOMENT

COVID-19's Omicron variant has dashed hopes for a contained virus and a more relaxed and enjoyable summer with friends and family.

Let us pray this week for all those who are sick and isolating,
for those who are still unable to join family because of
travel restrictions,
for our over-stretched health workers
and for all those struggling economically.

Catholic Book and Gift Shop

The shop will re-open on Monday 17th January, 2022.

Many thanks for your support during an eventful 2021.

Want to volunteer!!!
Call Ann on 0438230638.

Please remember in your prayers;

THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED: Frank Scarrabelotti, Fay Donnelly, Monica Grant.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Mark Skimmings, Roby Blake, Geoff Shirm, Renato Vasquez JR, Ian Higgins, Loy Callaghan.

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME: Byron Moss, Anthony Garcia, Bernadette Wynn, Violet McGuigan, Bruno Saffioti, Martana, Garguin and Edna Castillo, Pam Cook.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Fernando and Feliza Santos, Agnes Santos and Bob Hayward.

Names on the sick list will remain for 8 weeks.

Please call the office on 66260200 to add or remove names



SYNOD OF BISHOPS

Catholics across Australia are being consolidated for the next International Synod of Bishops, the theme; "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission." Pope Francis asks us to dream of a renewed church where all people feel that they have a home and can participate.

We are encouraged to prayerfully reflect and make submissions via a user-friendly online portal. All people are encouraged to meet in groups or submit individually. Multiple submissions are welcome. These submissions will comprise the report from the Diocese of Lismore for the 2023 Synod. See the process at:

<http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>



The Catholic Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Diocese of Lismore, we ask you to contact us.

We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss options you have available to you.

To contact the Safeguarding Office, please phone (02) 6621944 or email: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au



KEEPING EVERYONE COVID SAFE
IF YOU HAVE ANY COLD/FLU
LIKE SYMPTOMS PLEASE DO
NOT ATTEND.

ON ARRIVAL: All Parishioners must sanitise hands on entry, register using QR Code, or manually 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: Remember to observe social distancing of 1.5 metres from other family groups when sitting.

MASKS: Please wear a mask whilst in the cathedral.

HOLY COMMUNION: Please observe social distancing when coming forward for Holy Communion which may be only given in the hand.

SINGING: There is to be no singing until further notice.

LITURGY ROSTER

15/16 January - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr C

Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 Maria Whitney
Reader 2 Suzanne Nicholls

Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Cecilia McKendry
Reader 2 Elizabeth McKendry

Sunday 11.00am

Reader 1 May Hall
Reader 2 Barbara Walsh
Acolyte: Julian Hill

22/23 January - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr C

Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 Annabel Pezzutti
Reader 2 Fiona Fennamore

Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Alison Cleaver
Reader 2 Jill Ritson

Sunday 11.00am

Reader 1 Nestor Basio
Reader 2 Paul Collits

COLLECTION TOTALS - Weekend 08/09 January 2022

First collection - \$ 456.05 Second collection - \$ 486.50 Loose - \$ 167.00

Direct Deposit: First Collection \$ 240.70 Second Collection \$ 123.00

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.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the
Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
nor your land 'Abandoned',
but you shall be called 'My Delight'
and your land 'The Wedded';
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.
Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 95:1-3. 7-10. R. v.3

(R.) Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **(R.)**

Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R.)**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name. **(R.)**

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit;
there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to
the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in
different people, it is the same God who is working in
all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is
given to each person is for a good purpose. One may
have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by
the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching
instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another

the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again
the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the
power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift
of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and
another the ability to interpret them. All these are the
work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes
different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of
Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also
been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine
provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother
of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said,
'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.'
His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells
you.' There were six stone water jars standing there,
meant for the ablutions that are customary among the
Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus
said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they
filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told
them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the
steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine.
Having no idea where it came from – only the servants
who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the
bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best
wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have
had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till
now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was
given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and
his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10

Corinthians 12:12-30

Luke 1:1-4. 4:14-21



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