

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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Deacon

21 January 2024, 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

AUSTRALIA DAY

Friday 26 January is Australia Day and Mass will be held at 9.00am in the Cathedral. We ask you to come along and pray for our parish, our city and our nation Australia.

There will be no 12.05pm Mass on this day.

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**

FR ALEXANDER MUNYAO AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD NOMINATION

Fr Alex has been nominated for a 2024 Australia Day Award in the **Services in Community (Individual) Category**.

The Ceremony will be held on Friday 26 January at the Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre.

The morning will commence with the official ceremony of welcome speeches, an address by the Australian Day Awards Ambassador, a citizenship ceremony and the awards presentation.

Congratulations and well done Fr Alex!!

BISHOP GREG'S LENTEN TALKS

Bishop Greg will be holding his Lenten Talks in St Mary's Chapel, 6.00pm on Monday 19, 26 February and 11 March. Please note there will no talk on Monday 4 March.

This year he will speak of "Themes From St Therese of Lisieux".

All are most welcome to attend.



The Catholic Weekly

The Weekly is available at the back of the Cathedral for \$2.00.

This week's articles include:

- Thousands pray and remember Cardinal George Pell on anniversary
- Father-son duo inspired to help other dads and boys be Christ-like
- Worldwide Marriage Encounter celebrates 50 years in Australia
- Eileen O'Connor a "perfect model for living the spiritual life"
- Lessons on productivity from monastic life
- Patrick O'Shea: Sydney's best places to go after Mass

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LITURGY ROSTER

January 20/21 - 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time Year B

Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 Margaret Condon
Reader 2 Cathy Donnelly

Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Jonalynne Andersen
Reader 2 Russell Shearman

Sunday 11.00am

Reader 1 Oliver Rixon
Reader 2 Steve Moran

January 27/28 - 4th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B

Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 Janelle Heffernan
Reader 2 Fiona Fennamore

Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Maria Whitney
Reader 2 Alison Cleaver

Sunday 11.00am

Reader 1 Margaret Hogan
Reader 2 Ging-ging Basio

CATHOLIC BOOK AND GIFT SHOP

The Catholic Book and Gift Shop will reopen on Monday 22nd January.

Why not grab a cuppa and cake in the Friends coffee lounge and then wander upstairs to the gift shop - use the stairs or take the lift to level 2.

You will find a vast assortment of gifts for all occasions - Baptisms, Confirmation, Holy Communion.

There are also Ordos and many other books for you to choose from.

The Gift Shop is open Monday to Friday, 9.00am - 4.00pm. Ph 66279229.

All funds raised go to the purchase of equipment and special projects at St Vincent's Hospital and St Joseph's Nursing Home.



YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT
12-14 APRIL 2024
INVERCAULD HOUSE

REGISTER HERE



ABIDE

"do whatever he tells you"

PLEASE REGISTER BY APRIL 7TH 2024.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Parish Office: (02) 6626 0200 or
Sr. Di, CM 0405 327 153



Together with our Seniors
Come and Join
our Frassati Young Adults

for a

Holy Eucharist

on

3 February, Saturday
at 10 AM

at

ST. MATTHEW COMMUNITY CENTRE
3 Jubilee Avenue,
Goonellabah

For more information, call, 02 66260253



TAKE SOME TIME

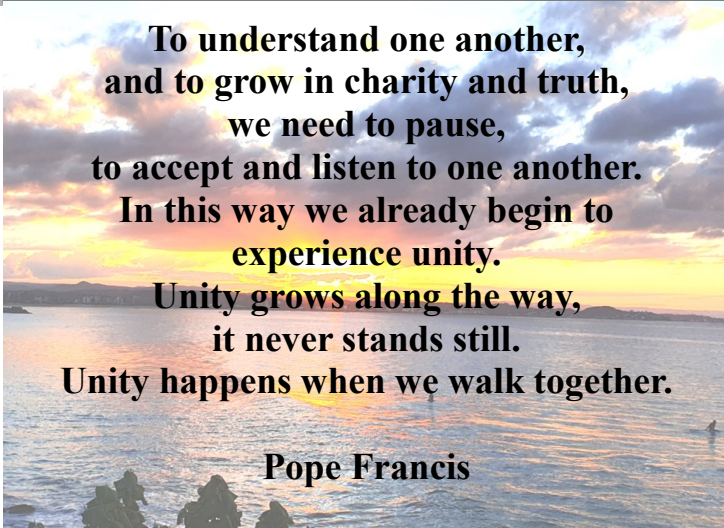
To understand one another,
and to grow in charity and truth,
we need to pause,
to accept and listen to one another.

In this way we already begin to
experience unity.

Unity grows along the way,
it never stands still.

Unity happens when we walk together.

Pope Francis



Reading Reflection

A call to conversion

The Greek word “metanoia” is often used by theologians as well as psychologists to describe a deep change of heart and mind, which results from having our previous beliefs and values challenged and consequently, turning towards a way of living which embraces a greater openness to growth and to God. It is this invitation which Jesus put to his disciples by the sea of Galilee in today’s gospel.

Erik Varden, a Trappist monk whom Pope Francis appointed bishop of Trondheim, Norway, described his own experience of conversion in his book *Entering the Twofold Mystery: On Christian Conversion* (Bloomsbury, 2022) Returning home one night to the priory he was living at, while he was a research student in Paris, he was shocked to find a dishevelled, homeless man sleeping in the doorway.

Annoyed at first, he collected his thoughts and roused the man, who was irate at being wakened. Bishop Varden offered to help the man find accommodation. As they walked through the streets of Paris, the man said his name was Manu (short for Emmanuel) and in the darkness pointed out the vague outlines of homeless people known to him, who were sleeping. He saw to it that the man had warm, safe accommodation for the night. As they parted, the man took his hand, thanked him warmly and expressed the hope that perhaps one day, they would meet again.

Bishop Varden writes that “my heart previously dark, was charged with a joy so profound it was painful.” Although he had previously intended to return to a secure job after his studies, this encounter made him feel a deep call to commit his life to praying for the world “in union with the sacrifice of Christ.” To him, this would be a way to “breathe hope into our too often hopeless world.” This experience set him on the life-changing path to becoming a monk.

For some, responding to a call may set us on a path to the consecrated life or priesthood. For all of us though, it is an invitation to turn away from a world view which is egocentric, narrow, exclusive, or judgmental; to both ourselves and others, towards a broad empowering vision. It is saying yes to a way of being which is intimately grounded in God.

Thomas Merton writes of his moment of insight “In Louisville, at the corner of Fourth and Walnut, in the centre of the shopping district, I was suddenly overwhelmed with the realisation that I loved all these people, that they were mine and I theirs.”

A call to conversion helps us realise that it is the deep reality of beauty, mystery, awe and generosity to which we are ultimately called to commit ourselves. May this sacred commitment to be in intimate communion with God and with all creation, inspire us to live in a way which makes a radical difference to our communities and to the world.

Sophie Clements

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Please remember in your prayers;

THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED: Josephine Serone, Richard Molloy, Maximo Valera, Elias Sareno, Nelsie Castellano, Mario Giacobetti, John Slater, Ron Burgess.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Teresa McFadden.

(If you know of anyone for the sick list please let the office know)

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME: Fr Leo Donnelly, Delaine Mukopfa, Joy Burgess, Elaine Dwyer, Bernadette Wynn, Ian Higgins, Charles Bugeja, Joe Vella.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Chaiel Balcombe and all departed souls.



COLLECTION TOTALS - January 13/14

First collection - \$ 1252.65

Second collection - \$ 898.50

Bank Deposit: Please use Surname and envelope number (if applicable) as a reference e.g. 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



The Catholic Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office

The Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office can be contactable if you have any Safeguarding concerns.

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

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:1-5. 10

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

NEXT WEEK

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28

St Carthage's Conference of St Vincent de Paul



Volunteers Needed : Contact President
Cathy Bell on 66215835 or
email: catherine.bell@vinnies.org.au
or phone Rosie Leo: 0490258139

Rosary Fellowship

1st Saturday of the month 12pm at the front of the Cathedral. Contact: Steve 0417 218 237

Holy Rosary - Recommencing 17 February

St Carthage's Cathedral Saturday's 4.00pm.
Everyone most welcome.

Gospel Sharing - Recommencing 25 January

Doyle House, Thursday 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.

