

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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28 January 2024, 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

THANK YOU FR JIM CARTY

It is time to say farewell once again to Fr Jim Carty. It is always such a pleasure to have him in our Parish sharing his deep love for God through his passion and dedication in his ministry.

On behalf of all the St Carthage's Cathedral Parish Community, we wish you well on your next journey Fr Jim. Hope to see you back again sometime in the future.

Welcome back Fr Bing! We hope you are well rested and look forward to catching up on all your holiday news.

SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

This week and next our Parish schools will commence the start of the 2024 school year. Over the coming weeks they will hold their commencement Masses here in the Cathedral.

We wish the staff, students and parents all the best for the coming year.

“God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body, and spirit.
Be with our children as they begin a new school year.

Bless them and their teachers and staff.

Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and
peace and zeal to their hearts.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Parish Morning Tea

The next Morning Tea hosted by the Pastoral Council will be held in Doyle House on Sunday 4 February after the 9.00am Mass. Please bring a plate to share.

All are welcome to attend.



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.



BAPTISMS

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

Elinor Suji Pezzutti

The Catholic Weekly

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



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LITURGY ROSTER

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

February 3/4 - 5th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B

Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 John Maloney
Reader 2 Janette McFadden

Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Jill Ritson
Reader 2 Jonalyne Andersen

Sunday 11.00am

Reader 1 Paul Collits
Reader 2 Nestor Basio

Adult Online Faith Formation

The Diocese has just begun a fourth year of a partnership with the *Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF)* at the University of Dayton, Ohio.



Registrations for Cycle 2 Courses with the *Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF)* are now open. Close on February 28. (Courses begin March 4.)

Learn more about the VLCFF at <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/about/> or through [St Agnes Parish's website](https://stagnesparish.org.au).

If anyone is interested in pursuing any of the listed courses, don't hesitate to contact Tony Worner at VLCFF.LismoreDiocese@stagnesparish.org.au or 0436941280.

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.



CATHOLIC BOOK AND GIFT SHOP

The Catholic Book and Gift Shop is now open.

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 - 3.00pm. 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

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ABIDE

"do whatever he tells you"

PLEASE REGISTER BY APRIL 7TH 2024.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Parish Office: (02) 6626 0200 or
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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



Reading Reflection

A new way of teaching

In today's gospel, the Evangelist Mark, from whose gospel we will take the Gospel readings this year (Year B), tells us about the very beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Last week, we learnt of Jesus choosing his disciples. This week, Mark describes Jesus' first public action. In important ways, this portrayal of Jesus here at the outset of his public life encapsulates the key elements of Jesus' person and ministry that inform Mark's whole gospel.

In this brief passage we learn two vital things about Jesus: he teaches with authority and he has power over evil.

In the first few verses, Jesus goes to the synagogue in Capernaum. He is, after all, a faithful Jew. It is the sabbath. And there he begins to teach. To the utter amazement of those in the synagogue - for no one knows Jesus, has heard of him or where he's from - he teaches with extraordinary authority.

But this puzzling thing is then followed by another astonishing thing: an exorcism, when Jesus commands and rebukes an unclean spirit to come out of an afflicted man; here too he demonstrates extraordinary authority. Even a demonic spirit obeys him.

In this way, Mark describes that, in his very first public appearance, Jesus teaches with authority and performs an exorcism with similar authority. The people perceive something radically new here, and there is something compelling about the congruence of Jesus' teaching and his actions. They exclaim: "What is this? A new teaching—with authority!"

It is interesting to note that it is the unclean spirit - not the synagogue goers - who actually recognizes Jesus and calls him by his name: "Jesus of Nazareth . . . I know who you are, the Holy One of God." Notice too that the synagogue goers exclaim "*What* is this?" not "*Who* is this?" At the end of this gospel, the centurion will exclaim the truth Mark wants us to understand: "Truly this man was the Son of God."

So Jesus not only teaches with authority (and his listeners were clearly used to teachers who teach without authority), but what he teaches in word and in action is very clearly a NEW teaching!

His teaching is the good news of the coming of the Kingdom; his actions enact the good news he proclaims, demonstrating his power and authority.

As we go through this liturgical year, our readings from Mark's gospel will highlight these essential characteristics of Jesus' person and ministry: Jesus as teacher, who teaches with authority and whose teaching is the truth; and Jesus as victorious over the forces of evil and darkness, even death.

He is indeed the Holy One of God. Let us place our faith and trust in him, listen to him, and follow him. He doesn't promise that it will be easy, but he does promise that he is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Anne Hunt

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Please remember in your prayers;

THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED: Firmina Borin, Al Dangilan, Nica Pineda, Ernesto Biag Vasquez, Josephine Serone, Richard Molloy, Maximo Valera, Elias Sareno, Nelsie Castellano, Mario Giacobetti, John Slater, Ron Burgess.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Teresa McFadden, Kenneth Waller, Betty McKee, Ian Goldspring, Maureen Felsch and Carl Felsch. (If you know of anyone for the sick list please let the office know)

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME: Fr Leo Donnelly, Byron Moss, Anthony Garcia, Robert Argent, Kathleen Hicks, 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 20/21

First collection - \$ 1597.20

Second collection - \$ 837.00

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



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

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

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."'

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9

**(R.) If today, you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

Come in, let us kneel and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself

to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

NEXT WEEK

Job 7:1-4. 6-7

1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23

Mark 1:29-39

St Carthage's Conference of St Vincent de Paul



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