

Parish Bulletin

St Carthage's Cathedral Parish, Lismore



SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF:

- St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore
Wed and Thurs 8.00am
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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9 January 2022, The Baptism of the Lord, Year C



Inspired by the Baptism of Fire

Today marks a turning point in the liturgical year when we move out of the Christmas festive season into Ordinary Time.

We mark that turning point with the gospel account of a major turning point in Jesus' life and in salvation history. It comes with the Baptism of Our Lord. For Jesus, his baptism marks the beginning of his public ministry.

For salvation history, his baptism heralds the coming of a new age, a new era. Gone now is the era of the Old Testament, when the people of Israel, guided by the Law and the prophets, waited with great hope and expectation for the coming of the Messiah and the liberation that he would bring. He has come now.

Jesus, however, wasn't the saviour they were expecting. For a while, John the Baptist looked like the one. But John had no doubts. He recognised Jesus as the Lamb of God, and proclaimed that "He (Jesus) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Jesus' baptism culminates with the appearance of the Holy Spirit, descending on Jesus "in bodily shape, like a dove" and a voice from heaven proclaiming: "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you."

The references to the Holy Spirit remind us of two other significant moments in salvation history. Firstly, in the story of creation in Genesis 1, the Holy Spirit hovered over the earth when it was formless void and shrouded in darkness, and heaven and earth were then completed with all their vast array.

Secondly, in the story of Noah and the Flood (Genesis 6-9), it is a dove which brings the good news of the end of the Flood, a new start, a new creation. This then is to say that to be baptised with the Holy Spirit is to make a new start, to be renewed and re-created. It means a major turning point in our lives.

But John the Baptist proclaims that the baptism which Jesus brings is not only with the Holy Spirit but with fire. This reference to fire reminds us of the tongues of flame that descended on the apostles at Pentecost and that inspired them to go forth fearlessly and preach the gospel to the whole world.

So too does the fire of baptism inspire and urge us. Know too, however, that the fire will also divide us, exposing the division between those who accept and those who reject the offer of salvation and the demands of the Kingdom.

The gospel account of the baptism of Jesus reminds us of our own baptism when we were made into sons and daughters of God, filled with the Holy Spirit, and commissioned to spread the good news of Jesus' coming and the gift of God's grace in the world. Let us give thanks and take heed from Titus who urges us in today's first reading to give up everything that does not lead to God and have no ambition but to do good.

Anne Hunt

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CATHEDRAL WEEKDAY MASSES

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the week day Mass will only be celebrated on Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 January this week.

We hope to resume as normal Tuesday 18 January.

Weekend Masses will be at the usual times:

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 9.00am and 11.00am

You must QR Code, scan Parishioner Card or manually register as you enter and masks must be worn.

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



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This Solemnity recalls our Lord's second epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism by John. Like the epiphany (celebrated last weekend), the Baptism of the Lord is another revelation of Jesus' identity, and the Triune nature of God. This event marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolic of what happened at our baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the father; at our baptism we become the adopted sons and daughters of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.



BAPTISM

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



Padraig Arthur Summers Beveridge

Sonni Elizabeth Vera Allan

Alexis May Czartowski

Catholic Book and Gift Shop

The shop is now closed and 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: Monica Grant.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Roby Blake, Geoff Shirm, Renato Vasquez JR, Sheila Bell, Peter Reynolds, Eddie Burns, Mary Fischer, Riza Angeles, Ian Higgins, Flora Hancock, Loy Callaghan, Glenda Ryan, Frank Scarrabelotti, Shannal Ratnayake, Ann Pierce, Mark and Gillian Lobegeier.

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME: 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 will be removed from sick list next week. Please call the office on 66260200 if you would like them to remain.



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, 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: 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

8/9 January- The Lord's Baptism, Year C

Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 Margaret Condon
Reader 2 Cathy Donnelly

Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Pauline Geitz
Reader 2 Allison Cleaver

Sunday 11.00am

Reader 1 Paul Collits
Reader 2 Nestor Basio

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

Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 Maria Whitney
Reader 2

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

COLLECTION TOTALS - Weekend 1/2 January 2022

First collection - \$ 711.70 Second collection - \$ 579.00 Loose - \$ 209.00

Direct Deposit: First Collection \$ 300.70 Second Collection \$ 163.00

Monthly Direct Deposit: First Collection \$ 185.00 Second Collection: \$ 885.00

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 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.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 62:1-5

Corinthians 12:4-11

John 2:1-11

