

# Parish Bulletin

## St Carthage's Cathedral Parish, Lismore



### SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF:

- St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore
- Carmelite Monastery Chapel, Goonellabah
- Mon-Fri 7am, Sat 8am, Sat Vigil 5.30pm, Sun 7am and 9am**
- St Dymphna's Church, Dunoon
- Sunday - 8.30am**

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### PARISH CLERGY

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**Bishop of Lismore**

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**Administrator**

Fr Alexander Munyao  
**Assistant Priest**

Rev'd Graeme Davis  
**Deacon**

17 July 2022, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C



### Sacred Quality Of Trees

In the religious imagination of humanity, a tree is often understood to be a symbol of the connection between heaven and earth: branches, spread out and covering all beneath them, are joined by a trunk to roots plunged into the ground. The foliage above gives shade – protection from the harsh heat of the day – and fruit – for our nourishment. Besides water (which like fruit 'falls' from above) human survival depends on shelter and food, both of which the tree provides.

The terebinth tree, common in the holy land, manifests this sacred quality of trees: its thickly leaved branches (bearing berry-like fruit used in traditional medicine and cooking) span low and wide over the observer beneath them; its stubborn trunk protuberates out of the dry, rocky earth like a miracle.

In this way the tree repeats the structure of the world – sky and earth – seen from a spiritual point of view. Add to this the pungent smell of the terebinth – resinous, full of life – and perhaps you have a sense of the setting for today's engrossing Old Testament reading: Abraham, camped under the terebinth of Mamre, is visited by three strangers, whom he graciously entertains, waiting on them, feeding them the best he has to offer. And conversing with them: they (or he: somehow the three persons are the appearing of the one God) make a promise that in a year's time Abraham's barren, elderly wife Sarah will have a son.

The gift of a son initiates the surprising way the God who called Abraham out of Babylonia to a different way of life will fulfill his original promise to give Abraham uncountable descendants, who will inherit the land in which he is camped and bring great blessing to all the world.

A people, a land, and universal blessing: all of this is meant to turn our minds back to the beginning of the bible when God created people, in a land (the tree-garden of Eden) and gave them a universal vocation based on a blessing. Abraham and Sarah, under the terebinth, are a New Adam and Eve, the renewal of God's original humanity project that sin threatened to derail. This project culminates in Christ, the ultimate Adam, through whose 'tree' the universal blessing promised to Abraham comes to the world. From the Garden of Eden to the Cross to the New Creation (with its centrally placed Tree that nourishes and heals all), the storyline of redemption is marked at major moments by trees. Their interrelated symbolic significance contributes to the meaningful unity of the whole biblical epic.

Next time you are outside, spend a few contemplative minutes underneath a tree. It's not hard to see the cosmic beauty of that tree as a faint image of the coming 'world without end, amen' for which we are always praying.

W Chris Hackett

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## RCIC - SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

We are very excited that we are able to offer the Sacramental Program for children living in our parish and attending State and non-Catholic Schools.

Baptism and Confirmation will be offered to those children in Year 3 and above, Reconciliation and Eucharist, Year 4 and above.

If you would like your child/children to receive any of these Sacraments they have yet to receive, please contact the parish office on 6626 0200 or email: [office@stcarthages.org.au](mailto:office@stcarthages.org.au) before 1 August.

## RCIA - ADULT SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

We will be holding an information night for any adults who would like to be received into the Catholic Church. This night will take place on Wednesday 27 July, 6.00pm at the St Matthew's Community Centre, 3 Jubilee Avenue, Goonellabah.

## THE GOOD PANTRY LISMORE

Many people across the Lismore Diocese are still desperately flood-affected. The Diocesan Flood Appeal has been generously supported by donors across the country and around the world. Bishop Greg has carefully considered the needs of our community, and decided to support causes that will have lasting benefits for the largest number of people.

The first initiative will be to launch The Good Pantry Lismore, in partnership with the Lismore Soup Kitchen (The Winsome). The facility will sell dry pantry items at low cost for people in need, particularly flood-affected residents and Health Care Card holders from Monday 18 July.

The Good Pantry Lismore will open weekdays from 10am to 3.00pm at 51 Wyrallah Road, East Lismore.

More information will be available on The Good Pantry Lismore Facebook page (current Facebook page '51 Wyrallah Food hub Lismore').

## SVDP CONFERENCE LISMORE

Have you or another Lismore parishioner you know been impacted by flood waters?

If so, we may be able to provide assistance with everyday essentials such as white goods and beds.

Please call us for assistance on 6621 4672, 11.00am-11.30am, Monday, Wednesday, Friday.



## ASPIRE

All Young Adults aged 18-35 are invited to the Spiritual Formation with Bishop Greg on 26 July, 4:45pm - 6:30pm at St Matthew's Community Centre, 3 Jubilee Avenue, Goonellabah. For more information contact Sr Di on 0405 327 153 or [youth@stcarthages.org.au](mailto:youth@stcarthages.org.au)

# aspire

YOUNG ADULT  
FAITH  
FORMATION  
with Bishop Greg Homering

## Helping Lismore rebuild and recover



**Low cost dry pantry items  
Open weekdays from 10am to 3pm**

To donate funds please go to  
[givenow.com.au/winsome](http://givenow.com.au/winsome) or scan the QR code



## It's food for the greater good!

A joint project of the Lismore Soup Kitchen Inc  
(The Winsome) and the Diocese of Lismore



## The Catholic Gift and Book Shop at St Vincent's Hospital

Bibles and some children's books together with Communion and Confirmation gifts have now arrived.

There are numerous other gifts and cards available as well.

Grab yourself a cup of coffee or drink along with homemade scones/muffins and make yourself comfortable in our upstairs eating area.

Open 9am - 4pm, Monday to Friday.

Enter through the Coffee lounge and use the stairs or use the hospital entrance and take the lift to Level 2 and follow the signs.



Children's Bibles

Communion and Confirmation  
Gifts

Jigsaw Puzzle

## LITURGY ROSTER

### 16/17 July - 16th Sunday Ordinary Time

#### Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 Cathy Donnelly  
Reader 2 Suzanne Nichols

#### Sunday 7.00am

Reader 1 Wendy Sheridan  
Commentator Judy Evans

#### Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Annabel Pezzutti  
Reader 2 Rory Coffey

### 23/24 July - 17th Sunday Ordinary Time

#### Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 Janelle Heffernan  
Reader 2 Margaret Condon

#### Sunday 7.00am

Reader 1 John Kelly  
Commentator Kim Holwell

#### Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Russell Shearman  
Reader 2 Jill Ritson

### ST MARY MAGDALENE - 22 JULY

St Mary Magdalene is remembered as the 'apostle to the apostles' because she was the first to announce the resurrection of Jesus. The apostles did not believe her and went to see for themselves. According to John, Mary Magdalene was specially privileged to see and speak to the risen Lord on Easter morning.

### ST JAMES, APOSTLE - 25 JULY

Very early in his public life, Jesus called James to follow him. Along with Peter and John, James was one of the favored three to witness the Transfiguration of Jesus, the raising of Jairus's daughter, and the agony in the garden on Holy Thursday night.

## MASS TIMES

### Carmelite Monastery

Monday to Friday 7am

Saturday 8am

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm

Sunday 7am and 9am

Reconciliation: Saturday 4.45pm - 5.15pm

### St Dymphna's Dunoon

Sunday 8.30am

### St Vincent's Hospital

Wednesday 12noon

### Parish Office

The Parish Office is located on the top floor of Doyle House.

The new entrance is on the left-hand side of the building.

Ring the door bell and we will come down to you. Phone number is 6626 0200

### Looking Ahead



22 July - St Mary Magdalene

25 July - St James

26 July - Aspire - St Matthew's Community Centre

Bible Sharing every Thursday evening 4.30pm-6pm  
(St Matthew's Community Centre)

### The Catholic Weekly - This Week's Stories

- What's next? The Plenary is over: Where do we go from here?
- All hands on the ropes. What happens when the Campanologists gather
- Western civilization. New Campion college course
- Movie Review: *Thor: Love and thunder*
- To Kill a Priest. New searing novel focuses on a tragedy.

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### *Please remember in your prayers;*

**THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED:** Pat Carne, Raymond Gale, Michael Condon, Barry Wappett, Inez Jones, Greg Sullivan.

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Karl Meir, Chris Bird, Marlene Tooley, Ian Higgins, Stephen Munyao, Rosa Aboc, Mary Ranger, Marcelino Gabriel, Glenda Ryan, Loy Callaghan.

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME:** Colin Willis, Paolo Fusarelli. Doris and Ossian Todd, Coralie Cruice, Vigilia Lavender, Anna Hamilton, Clyde Richards, Wally Pender.

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Fran Griffin, Ann Thomson, Fernando, Garguin, Victor and Malou Castillo, Margarita Caldeo.



### **COLLECTION TOTALS - Weekend 9/10 July**

**First collection - \$ 404.30      Second collection - \$ 351.00      Loose - \$ 124.00**

**Direct Deposit: First Collection - \$ 186.00      Second Collection - \$ 350.00**

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



## FIRST READING

Genesis 18:1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

**(R.) *The just will live in the presence of the Lord.***

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?  
He who walks without fault;  
he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart;  
he who does not slander with his tongue. **(R.)**

He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord. **(R.)**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

Colossians 1:24-28

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering

God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Luke 10:38-42

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## NEXT WEEK

Genesis 18:20-32

Colossians 2:12-14

Luke 11: 1-13

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