

Parish Bulletin

St Carthage's Cathedral Parish, Lismore



26 July 2020, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF:

- St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
8.00am and Friday 12noon
Sat Vigil 5:30pm, Sun 9am & 11am
- Carmelite Monastery Chapel,
Goonellabah
Mon - Fri 7am, Sat 8am
- St Dymphna's Church, Dunoon
No Mass at the present time

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Weekend Mass Bookings

If you would like to attend one of the weekend Masses you must ring the Parish office on 6626 0200 during office hours **EACH WEEK** to book your place.

There will be no pre booking for future weekends.

Please note the office is open for bookings Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:00pm

God in Our Lives

The first reading of the liturgy tells of the story of King Solomon asking God for wisdom. This is the treasure we are looking for – the wisdom of the kingdom of God. In Matthew's gospel today, Jesus invites us to think about our efforts in promoting God's kingdom. Are we really trying our best to find God in our lives?

The parables of the treasure in the field and the pearl present the different ways of receiving the kingdom into our lives. In the first parable, the man finds the treasure accidentally while working in the field. In the second parable, the merchant has been spending a lifetime desperately searching for the one really great pearl. He knows what he is looking for. Both men are filled with great joy when they find the treasure and they do whatever it takes to keep them.

In these parables, Jesus is asking whether we are making God our priority? Can we sacrifice other things for the sake of the kingdom? God comes to us in different ways. We can find God in surprising situations; an experience of happiness, love, conversion, spiritual transformation, a life lived in depth. We need to dedicate ourselves wholeheartedly to keep this experience, sell everything to buy it. We may have to spend a lifetime finding God. But if we persevere, we will certainly find God.

The values of the kingdom of God are not limited to time and space. It is a state of life that God is calling us to. It is worth struggling and searching for. Jesus urges us to act to gain the kingdom while the opportunity presents. God's presence among us is ultimately mysterious and can't be limited to any one human explanation.

Like Solomon in the First Reading, we need the gift of discerning judgement to be able to find where God is in our lives. Sometimes, we would like God's presence to be clearer, so that God will appear, show us the way through life and make all our problems and anxieties disappear. That is too easy and does not allow us to grow. God wants us to win our spurs. We are to live out the unique gift of life God has given to each one of us, and through that living, to deepen our special and personal relationship with God.

We are to be involved in the struggle of life in all its challenging mixture of good and evil. But despite our occasional fears to the contrary, we are not alone. We have the presence of God living in and through us. We can take confidence from Paul's words to the Romans that even when we lose our way, we are reassured that God is there, turning everything to good.

Anthony Tran CSsR

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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us your humble dwelling,
all your faithful mercies crown.

Jesus you are all compassion,
and unbounded love impart;
visit us with your salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all your life receive;
come to us, return for ever,
never more your temples leave.
We shall always give you blessing,
serve you as your hosts above,
honour, praise you without ceasing,
glory in your perfect love.

Love is His Word

Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with men, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again,
love, only love, is his way.

*Refrain: Richer than gold is the love of
my Lord: better than splendour and
wealth.*

Love is his name, love is his law.
Hear his command, all who are his;
'Love one another, I have loved you.'
Love, only love, is his law. (R)

Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one.
Love, only love, is his word. (R)

We Will Rise Again

Like a shepherd I will feed you;
I will gather you with care.
I will lead you and hold you
close to my heart.

*Refrain: We will run and not grow
weary,
for our God will be our strength, and
we will fly like the eagle,
we will rise again.*

I am strength to the weary,
to the weak I am new life.
Though the young may grow weary;
I will be their hope. (R)

Lift up your eyes,
and see who made the stars.
I lead you, and I know you,
I call you each by name. (R)

Fear not, I am with you;
I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
uphold you with my hand. (R)

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me,
save that thou art.
Thou my best thought,
by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom,
and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and
thou with me, Lord;
Thou and thou only,
first in my heart,
Great God of heaven,
my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven,
my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
Still be my vision,
O Ruler of all.



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

6 August - The Transfiguration of Our Lord—The transfiguration of Jesus is a story told in the New Testament when Jesus is transfigured and becomes radiant in glory upon a mountain. Jesus and three of his apostles, Peter, James, and John, go to a mountain (the Mount of Transfiguration) to pray. On the mountain, Jesus begins to shine with bright rays of light. Then the prophets Moses and Elijah appear next to him and he speaks with them. Jesus is then called "Son" by a voice in the sky, assumed to be God the Father, as in the Baptism of Jesus.



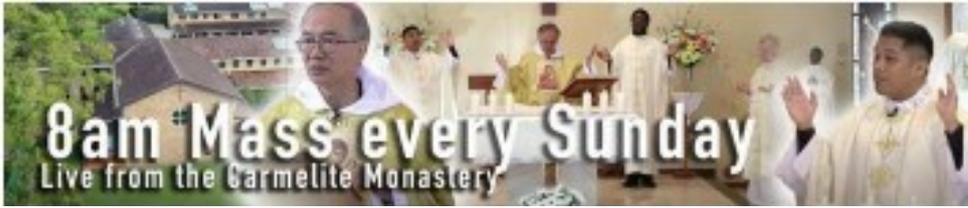
8 August—St Mary of the Cross MacKillop—Mary Helen MacKillop RSJ (15 January 1842 – 8 August 1909) was an Australian nun who has been declared a saint by the Catholic Church, as St Mary of the Cross. Of Scottish descent, she was born in Melbourne but is best known for her activities in South Australia. Together with the Reverend Julian Tenison-Woods, she founded the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (the Josephites), a congregation of religious sisters that established a number of schools and welfare institutions throughout Australia and New Zealand, with an emphasis on education for the rural poor.

The process to have MacKillop declared a saint began in the 1920s, and she was beatified in January 1995 by Pope John Paul II. Pope Benedict XVI prayed at her tomb during his visit to Sydney for World Youth Day 2008 and in December 2009 approved the Catholic Church's recognition of a second miracle attributed to her intercession. She was canonised on 17 October 2010, during a public ceremony in St Peter's Square at the Vatican. She is the first Australian to be recognised by the Catholic Church as a saint.

TAKE SOME TIME

“We have observed that, in society and the world in which we live, selfishness has increased more than love for others, and that men of good will must work, each with his own strengths and expertise, to ensure that love for others increases until it is equal and possibly exceeds love for oneself.”
Pope Francis.

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**SUNDAY MASS
WITH BISHOP GREG
HOMING ON
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You are invited to view Holy Mass from 8am live and on demand from your devices and at any time afterwards. You can access the livestream on the Diocesan Website or by clicking on the following link <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYxOjNyku4JCI08vfeTq-fQ>

You can even point the camera on your smart device at the digital code here and it will take you to the live stream.

Cathedral Mass Times

Tuesday 8am
Wednesday 8am
Thursday 8am
Friday 12 Noon
Saturday 5:30pm**
Sunday 9am**
Sunday 11am**

There will be no Sunday evening Mass.

Confession times:

Saturday 4:45 - 5:15pm
Sunday 10:15 - 10:45am

**Bookings for the Cathedral weekend Masses should be made through the parish office on 6626 0200.

Carmelite Monastery Mass Times

Monday to Friday 7am
Saturday 8am

As the Monastery can only have 20 parishioners due to it's floor space you must book in for **ALL** Carmelite Masses by calling their office on **6624 1240**.

You can leave a message if they do not answer.

There will be no Sunday Mass at the Monastery, live streaming will continue.

The Bishop, realising that not all parishioners can be accommodated has continued the dispensation from the Sunday obligation.

BAPTISM

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

Kingston Oliver Wellham-Bramley



NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES



Don't forget to collect your new Planned Giving envelopes from the back of the Cathedral.

Any envelopes left in the Cathedral after this weekend will be returned to the parish office and will need to be collected from there.

The Catholic Weekly is once again available for \$2 at the back of the Cathedral every weekend.



LITURGY ROSTER – for 2nd August - 18th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A

	SATURDAY 5.30pm	SUNDAY 9.00am	SUNDAY 11.00am
Reader 1	Sylvia Harris	Marissa Wiggins	
Reader 2	Fiona Fennamore	Lisa Pirlo	
Servers:	Annabel, Chloe, Josie-Ana	Michael M, Bryan	

If you usually read at the 5:30pm Sunday Mass and are attending the 11am Mass, please let the Sisters know if you would like to read.

Please remember in your prayers;

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Jenny Dodds, Judith Lehmann, Gerry Ebbelaar, Diane Hughes, Mary Herne, Veronica Geitz, Carmel Windred.

(If you would like to add anyone to this list please contact the office)

THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED: Kathleen McNamara, Fran Kelly (McDermott), Bryan Ianna, Marie Walker

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME: Pietro Tomasini, Paolo Fusarelli, Brian Pidcock, Ione Thorp, Colin Willis, Susan Pezzutti, Mercy Seery, Conception Flores, Doris and Ossian Todd.

OTHER SPECIAL INTENTIONS: All Souls in Purgatory



FIRST READING

1 Kings 3:5.7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold.

(R.)

Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant.

Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. **(R.)**

That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. **(R.)**

Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it.

The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from

his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 55:1-3

Romans 8:35. 37-39

Matthew 14:13-21



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