## **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 Dympna's Church, Dunoon **Sunday 8.30am**
- St Vincent's Hospital Chapel Wednesday 12 noon

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#### PARISH CLERGY

Bishop Gregory Homeming OCD

Bishop of Lismore

Fr Bing Monteagudo **Administrator** 

Fr Alexander Munyao

**Assistant Priest** 

Revd Graeme Davis

Deacon



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Head office: 10 Orion St, Lismore, 1800 802 516.

31 March 2024, Easter Sunday, Year B



# BISHOP GREG'S EASTER MESSAGE 2024

#### **Dear Brothers and Sisters**

Throughout history, in every culture, humans have struggled with two questions: Why is there suffering? and, what is death? On Good Friday Jesus shares our suffering and like us dies. Amazingly the story does not end there. The next day is Holy Saturday when Jesus hovers in the space of death waiting for the Resurrection.

The Christian answer to suffering and death is Jesus Christ, and the key is Holy Saturday because the liminal experience between suffering and life is common to us all. This experience stretches us until we are able to look beyond ourselves. We recognise that we are not alone in this space. Grief and suffering open us to something greater than ourselves. We can find God, we can meet Jesus in our suffering and grief.

What seemed the end of the story opens us to life – the Resurrection. I wish you a happy and blessed Easter.

Bishop Greg

#### PLEASE NOTE

There will be no 8.00am Mass in the Cathedral on Tuesday 2 April and Wednesday 3 April.

The 8.00am Mass will resume on Thursday 4 April.

Mass will still be celebrated at the Carmelite Monastery at 7.00am each morning throughout the week.

#### THANK YOU

We would like to take this time to thank everyone who assisted with Holy Week. It is always wonderful to see the Chrism Mass and all Easter Celebrations attended by many from near and far.

Thanks to Warren Whitney and his talented Choir, the Readers and Servers. Many thanks to you, our Parishioners who joined the prayerful people of God.

As always a thank you to Bishop Greg OCD who gave his leadership and selfless attitude over Holy Week and throughout the year.

We wish you all a Happy and Holy Easter.

From the Clergy, Religious and Staff of the Cathedral.



#### LITURGY ROSTER

#### March 30/31 - Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday

Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 Robert Ireland
Reader 2 Alison Cleaver
Reader 3 Margaret Condon
Reader 4 Janette McFaden

Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Jill Ritson

Reader 2 Russell Shearman

#### **April 7 - Divine Mercy Sunday**

Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 Fiona Fennamore
Reader 2 John Maloney

Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Robert Ireland
Reader 2 Jonalyn Andersen

Sunday 11.00am

Reader 1 May Hall

Reader 2 Cameron Delaney

#### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

For parents of those children who do not attend one of the Catholic Schools, St Carthage's Cathedral Parish will be providing a Sacramental Program for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation (Year 3 and above), Reconciliation and Eucharist (Year 4 and above).

To register your child for any of these Sacraments please contact Jenny at the Parish Office on 66260200 or email: office@stcarthages.org.au

The program will commence Monday 13 May at 6.00pm in Doyle House.

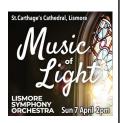
#### LISMORE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Indulge your senses at 'Music of Light' as the LSO, joined by the Murwillumbah Philharmonic Choir and organist Warren Whitney, present a captivating concert of music sure to illuminate the spirit and delight the soul. This event will be held in the Cathedral on Sunday 7 April.

Doors open at 1.30pm, Concert at 2.00pm.

Tickets are available at www.lismoresymphony.org.

Adults \$35, Concessions and 12-18yo \$30, under 12 free.



#### **Rosary Fellowship**

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

#### **Holy Rosary**

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

#### **Gospel Sharing**

Doyle House, Thursday 3.30 - 5.00pm. All welcome.

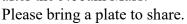
#### **Holy Communion at Home**

If you know of someone who would like Holy Communion at home please call the office on 6626 0200.



#### **Parish Morning Tea**

The next Morning Tea hosted by the Pastoral Council will be held in Doyle House on Sunday 7 April after the 9.00am Mass.





## Easter Sunday 30 & 31 March





## Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, *for all future generations*.

## Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal.

You can donate through the Project Compassion envelopes available at the back of the church or use this QRCode to go to our unique Parish fundraising page.





### The Catholic Weekly

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





St John's College Woodlawn - Year 7/2025 Enrolment Timeline

College Open Night – Wednesday 3 April 2024, 5.00pm – 7.00pm, Bookings essential.

Please visit <a href="www.lisjclism.catholic.edu.au">www.lisjclism.catholic.edu.au</a> to make a booking. Applications close – Wednesday 1 May, 2024

Interviews – Monday 13 May and Tuesday 14 May, 2024

First Round of offers – Friday 31 May 2024, Second Round of offers – Friday 21 June 2024

Email: lisjc-enrolments@lism.catholic.edu.au

#### Reading Reflection - Easter Sunday

#### Professing our faith in a broken world

War, disease, famine, and economic uncertainty are part of our daily news. The global scenario is depressing, and we feel for the numerous civilian victims. What can we do and how can we respond as we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord?

Our primary response must be one of hope even in the midst of these global catastrophes. Our hope is based on the fundamental Christian belief that Jesus Christ rose from the dead and without this belief our faith is futile, and we are a people living with a delusion.

Despite the work of the 'masters of suspicion': Karl Marx, Sigmund Freud and Friedrich Nietszche who proposed respectively that religion was "the opium of the people," "an illusion," and that "God is dead," these critiques need to be addressed in our lives and our response is based on the scriptures and our lived experience.

John's gospel tells us the story of Mary of Magdala who came to the tomb early in the morning and saw the stone removed. She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciples to tell them the news. Simon Peter and the 'beloved disciple' ran to the tomb and the younger man waited until Simon Peter arrived and entered the tomb.

He saw the linen cloths on the ground and the cloth that had been over his head. Peter sees the fact that there is no body and observes the details, but the 'beloved disciple' then entered the tomb and we hear that "he saw, and he believed." Peter is the leader of the followers of Jesus, but the unnamed 'beloved disciple' is the model disciple and believer.

While Mary of Magdala is the bearer of the news, it is Peter who proclaims the good news to the household of the Gentile Cornelius and his household. The message of Jesus is not just good news for the Jews but good news for all people.

The good news has influenced the lives of many people who are sustained by their belief especially when they experience difficulties in their lives. They also bear witness by their lives to the difference that faith makes to our lives. Their example is a powerful witness to their children and grandchildren who need to address the issues raised by the 'masters of suspicion'.

In a climate of increasing relativism in our Catholic schools where there is limited sense of Catholic identity and mission, it is important that we profess our faith through the example of our lives and a continuing commitment to making a difference in our world. Our prayers for a broken world may not bring immediate change to those who are suffering but our commitment to solidarity with them is part of our Christian witness.

May we be inspired by the example of the 'beloved disciple' and bear witness to our belief and hope in the presence of God in our midst.

Michael A Kelly CSsR © Majellan Media 2024

#### Please remember in your prayers;

**THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED:** Canesio Basio, Frank Vanz, Annette Watson, Peter Smith, Betty Arts, Barry Foley, Peter Tiernan, Paul O'Neill, Lourie Williamstown, Robert Donadel, Therese Price, Sue Rice (Wyoming, Guyra).

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Bridget Collits, John Rynne, Frank Tooley, Annette O'Connor, Eddie Burns, Esther Todd, Teresa McFadden, Kenneth Waller, Betty McKee, Ian Goldspring, Maureen Felsch, Dr Richard Scolyer AO & Team, John Barns, Carl Felsch, Michael Martin.

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME:** Fr Charles Kakumanu, Fr Steven O'Donnell, Neville Byrne, Tony Evans, Anastacia Tooley, Oliverio Monteagudo, Maureen and Kevin Robson, Robert Schmidt, Michael Behan, Rhonda Coffey.

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** All departed souls



First collection - \$ 1117.60 Second collection - \$ 759.60

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

#### SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH

Safeguarding in our parish is a community responsibility. If you believe someone is being harmed please speak to your priest or the Safeguarding Office (02) 6621 9444. There are procedures in place to guide how best to help victims - whether children or adults at risk.



#### EASTER SUNDAY READINGS

#### FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The Word of the Lord. Response: Thanks be to God.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (**R.**)

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

#### **SECOND READING**

Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him

The Word of the Lord. Response: Thanks be to God.

#### **SEQUENCE**

In booklet

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

#### **GOSPEL**

John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

#### **NEXT WEEK**

Acts 4:32-35 1 John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31

