

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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Bishop of Lismore

Fr Bing Monteagudo

Administrator

Fr Alexander Munyao

Assistant Priest

Revd Graeme Davis

Deacon

21 May 2023, The Ascension of the Lord, Year A

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council members have now been finalised.

Congratulations to the three new representatives, Stephen Moran, Cathy Donnelly and Jenifer Juleff. They will join Travis Lyon, Jack Sheridan, Br Peter Walsh, Suzanne Nichols, Margaret Condon, Paul Murphy, Fr Bing, Fr Alex and Sr Evelyn.

Over the coming weeks all Pastoral Council members will revisit formation so please keep them in your prayers as they take on this important role in our parish.

SAFEGUARDING - UPDATED REQUIREMENTS FOR VOLUNTEERS



Parishes were advised in November 2022 of updated requirements for all volunteers who participate in Church voluntary roles. This is to ensure that all volunteers are fully informed, trained and eligible to perform their role. All volunteers will require training and checks depending on the roles performed.

If you volunteer in the Parish, you will be contacted in the near future to advise what requirements are specific to your role. Jenny Falls (Parish Secretary) and Pastoral Council Members - Margaret Condon and Suzanne Nichols - will support parishioners through this process.

St. Carthage's Cathedral Parish is endeavouring to be fully compliant by the end of the year. We have been advised that Parishes could expect to be audited in 2024.

We thank you for your co-operation, patience and understanding in advance and we greatly appreciate all volunteers who support the Parish.

CAN YOU HELP?

We have a parishioner living in Goonellabah that would like to attend the 9am Mass on a Sunday but is unable to get there. If you can possibly help her out please contact her on 6624 2193. She uses a mobility walker so will need to fit it in your car.

CANCER COUNCIL - BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Hoping to see many of you here on Thursday 25th May for the Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea. Bring a plate to share, your cup and your donations. All are welcome.



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INVEST WITH PEACE OF MIND!

Head office: 10 Orion St, Lismore,
1800 802 516.
www.dif.org.au

LITURGY ROSTER

May 20/21 - The Ascension of the Lord

Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 Megan Elliott
Reader 2 Youth Mass

Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Maria Whitney
Reader 2 Kathy Boath

Sunday 11.00am

Reader 1 Steve Moran
Reader 2 May Hall

May 27/28 - Pentecost Sunday

Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 Cathy Donnelly
Reader 2 Janette McFadden

Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Jill Ritson
Reader 2 Alison Cleaver

Sunday 11.00am

Reader 1 Paul Collits
Reader 2 Nestor Basio



BAPTISM

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

Samuel James Jolley

Noah Thomas Jolley

Theodore Mark Preston

Anthony Frederick Preston

Looking Ahead

24 May - Our Lady Help of Christians
25 May - Australia's Biggest Morning Tea 10.00am
28 May - Pentecost Sunday
4 June - The Most Holy Trinity
11 June - Corpus Christi
16 June - The Sacred Heart of Jesus
24 June - Peter's Pence Collection

*Gospel sharing is held every Thursday,
4.30-6.00pm at Doyle House*

Adoration and Benediction

Adoration and Benediction is celebrated at the Carmelite Monastery after the 7am Mass on the First Friday of each month. All welcome to attend.

There will also be Adoration and Benediction on Friday 16 June - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.



Rosary at St Dympna's Dunoon

Rosary is prayed every Wednesday, 5.00pm at St Dympna's Church, Dunoon. All are welcome to attend.

Brotherhood Rosary Crusade

When: 1st Saturday of the month 12pm
Where: At the front of the Cathedral
Contact: Steve 0417 218 237



National Reconciliation Week, 27 May to 3 June, 2023 - Be A Voice For Generations

The theme for this year's Reconciliation Week encourages all Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in tangible ways in our everyday lives - where we live, work and socialize. For the work of generations past, and the benefit of generations future, act today for a more just, equitable and reconciled country for all. It is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.



Please remember in your prayers;

THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr Carmel Sheridan RSJ, Christopher Ryan, Andrea Watts, Domenico Moras and Macedon Borres Jnr.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Brian McGuigan, Robyn Whitney, Catherine Aylward, Esther Todd, Kenneth and Frances Waller, Peter Newport, Michael Webb, John Devassy, Loy Callaghan, June Sharpe, Kristin Robison, Stephen Munyao and Marcelino Gabriel.

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME: Bishop Patrick Farrelly, Bishop John Joseph Carroll, Fr Denis Mullins, Bill Bugeja, Joseph Vella, Innocente Moras, Fran Griffin, Beatrice Mary Jarrett, Gerald Rutherford, Ernie Amos, Allyn McGuigan, Keith McGuigan, Brian Tarlinton, James Condon, Margaret Scott, Joyce Fields, Terry Coffey, Ivy Clifford, F/SGT Ronald Wynn, Steven Deucher, Warren Bird, Kathleen Bollard, Norma and Augustin Labininay, Vigilia and Keith Lavender.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Margarita Caldeo, Aileen Sims, Venancia Rabongge, Valentina Zagado.



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

Reading Reflections

I Am Always With You

Forty days after Easter, when we celebrated Jesus' resurrection, today we celebrate his ascension into heaven and to the right hand of the Father. Artists throughout the centuries have imagined the scene: the disciples staring upwards as the Risen Jesus is lifted up before them and disappears into the clouds, their last glimpse of him is his feet as he disappears from sight.

Jesus' ascension marks the definitive ending of his previous mode of life among us. How strange, at first thought, that we celebrate his departure from us. Would we not greatly prefer to have him stay with us, to enjoy his being among us. But in his ascension he departs from us. He is out of sight now, no longer bodily among us, having vanished from visibly earthly existence.

And yet, the great mystery of the Ascension is that, with the completion of his mission – his life, death, resurrection and ascension and return to the Father – he is now, as never before, with us -and with each and every generation of believers, present to us in every moment. He is still God with us, Emmanuel. He is indeed more perfectly and completely present to us in each moment of our lives than in this earthly life.

The evangelist, Matthew, brings his gospel to conclusion in today's gospel reading, but not directing our gaze to Jesus ascending into the clouds. Indeed, Matthew doesn't actually mention Jesus' ascension. Matthew focuses instead on Jesus' final words, his commissioning of the disciples: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." Jesus' mission is thus extended to all the nations, through us, his disciples. His mission is now our mission, the Church's mission.

Last of all, Matthew repeats Jesus' comforting assurance, that "I am with you always, to the end of the age." Jesus had also promised them that he would not leave us orphans (Jn 14:18). He would send the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, to inspire, guide and counsel us. Next week, fifty days after easter, we will celebrate Pentecost and the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples.

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, the Church later came to understand that Mary must also have shared the experience of the Ascension, rising bodily to heaven. In August we will celebrate her assumption into heaven. Here indeed is the meaning to today's feast for each and every one of us: it is our destiny to enter heaven too.

So it is that the Letter to Ephesians exhorts us today: "know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power to us who believe."

Anne Hunt

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COLLECTION TOTALS - Weekend 13/14

First collection - \$ 1074.13

Second collection - \$ 606.20

Loose - \$ 355.20

Please write on the envelope the amount given.

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 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



The Catholic Weekly

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

This week's articles include:

- Let there be light: Fatima procession illuminates St Mary's.
- ACT Government mounts takeover of Calvary Public Hospital.
- Monica Doumit: Shutting hospitals and schools won't keep them Catholic.
- Sainly spray: Danny Mulyono brightens up Catholic Schools.
- Tassie Benedictine makes final vows.
- Should we pray the Our Father with hand outstretched? Fr Flader weighs in.

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FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **(R.)**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

NEXT WEEK

Acts 2:1-11

Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

