

# Parish Bulletin

## St Carthage's Cathedral Parish, Lismore



### SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF:

- St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore  
*Tues -Thurs 8.00am, Fri 12.05pm.*  
*Sat Vigil 5.30pm, Sun 9am & 11am*  
*Reconciliation - Sat 4.45pm-5.15pm*
- Carmelite Monastery Chapel,  
Goonellabah  
*Mon-Fri 7am, Sat 8am, Sun 7am*
- St Dymphna's Church, Dunoon  
*Sunday - 8.30am*

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27 November 2022, First Sunday of Advent, Year A



### Walking In The Light Of The Lord

The opportunity to make a fresh start is something that we all value, especially if we have been struggling with problems which have weighed us down. The tradition of making New Year resolutions illustrates this deep desire to put behind us and move on.

Today, the Church begins another liturgical year. The celebration of the birth of Christ is coming: the season of Advent is here, and now is the time to take stock. Accordingly, the readings for the liturgy guide us to look back on history and learn from it.

The people of the Old Testament were schooled in being able to interpret their story and see the hand of God at work. Put simply, they realized that when they tried to go it alone, they made a mess of things. However, during those periods of their history when they were attentive to the prophets and God's message they seemed to prosper. In today's gospel Jesus was encouraging them to look back by reminding them of the story of Noah and the Flood. That was the point of no return in the early chapters of Genesis, when, as they saw it, God had become utterly fed up with them.

Jesus was reminding them that we don't know what the future holds, so it makes good sense to be attentive and ready for anything. St Paul learnt this lesson and encouraged his friends in Rome to do the same. Once we have discovered the wonder of God's presence, it does not make sense to live chaotic lives, which are self-destructive.

In the midst of all the ups and downs of their experience, the Jewish people clung to the belief that God would eventually redeem them. Interspersed with all the warnings about the dangers of going astray, there were the promises of better times to come. Isaiah, the greatest of the prophets, returns to these promises again and again, which is why we will hear a lot from him throughout the season of Advent.

The opening chapter of his book is a heartfelt call to repentance. Later, in chapter two, we hear of his great vision of redemption: all the nations will stream to the temple of the Lord and people will learn to live without needing to go to war. The invitation is to "walk in the light of the Lord".

You are reading this because you have been blessed with the gift of faith that Jesus is that light, and he came into the world 2000 years ago, demonstrating how that prophecy of Isaiah can be fulfilled.

As we prepare for Christmas this year, listening to and learning from the New Testament writers as they quote the prophets of old, let us pray that the Lord will deepen our faith in his abiding presence with us – Emmanuel.

Timothy J Buckley CSsR

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## FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT, YEAR A

Advent is a very special time of year that sometimes gets lost in the bright lights of the Christmas season it precedes. The first day of Advent is the first day of a new Liturgical calendar and begins a four week period of preparation in anticipation of the nativity of Jesus at Christmas.



### Advent Prayer

*God of hope, we light this candle as we prepare for the coming of your Son. Awaken our hearts to you this Advent season, so that when Christ arrives, we are ready to receive him with all our hearts, all our minds, and all our strength. Amen.*

### ST CARTHAGE'S CATHEDRAL NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

St Carthage's Cathedral Nine Lessons and Carols will take place on Sunday 18 December, 7.30pm. This evening is presented by Warren Whitney and the St Carthage's Cathedral Choir.



The original service of Nine Lessons and Carols derives from a service the clergyman E. W. Benson first gave in a wooden hut in Cornwall, UK, on Christmas Eve, 1880. Benson went on to become Archbishop of Canterbury and the service went on to become one of the most widely popular services in the Christian calendar.

Come along and share in the Christmas Spirit.

### NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Combined Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols will take place at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Lismore on Saturday 10 December, 7.30pm. All are invited and entry is free.

### MISA DE GALLO

Once again this year from December 15 – 23 we will celebrate the Misa de Gallo in St Carthage's Cathedral.

Masses on these days are celebrated as Solemn Votive Masses or Masses for a special intention in honour of Mary, Mother of God.

Although traditionally held in the early hours of the morning, to accommodate the needs of the members of the community who have different work schedules we will celebrate in the evenings at 6.00pm (except December 17 - 7.30pm).



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*Together We Stand*

Come and join the Headliners Chorus as we lift our voices in song for our Community.

All proceeds will go to the St Carthage's Flood Appeal. A program of well-known songs including a touch of Christmas, will make it an uplifting afternoon for all to enjoy.

Sunday 11 December 2022  
at 2.00pm  
St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore  
Entry by Donation



## LITURGY ROSTER

### *November 26/27 - 1st Sunday of Advent Year A*

#### **Saturday 5.30pm**

Reader 1 Cathy Donnelly  
Reader 2 Janette McFadden

#### **Sunday 9.00am**

Reader 1 Jill Ritson  
Reader 2 Russell Shearman

#### **Sunday 11.00am**

Reader 1 Rory Coffey  
Reader 2 May Hall

### *December 3/4 - 2nd Sunday of Advent Year A*

#### **Saturday 5.30pm**

Reader 1 Janette McFadden  
Reader 2 Fiona Fennamore

#### **Sunday 9.00am**

Reader 1 Kath Boath  
Reader 2 Kelli-Ann Bugden

#### **Sunday 11.00am**

Reader 1 Steve Moran  
Reader 2 May Hall

## Looking Ahead

10 December - Combined Nine Lessons and Carols -  
St Andrew's Anglican Church, 7.30pm

11 December - Headliners Chorus Appeal, 2.00pm

15 December - Misa de Gallo commences, 6.00pm

18 December - St Carthage's Cathedral Parish,  
Nine Lessons and Carols, 7.30pm

Bible Sharing every Thursday evening  
4.30pm-6pm  
(Doyle House)



RCIA Program Weekly at Doyle House

## Rosary at St Dympna's Dunoon

Rosary is prayed every  
Wednesday, 5.00pm at  
St Dympna's Church, Dunoon.

All are welcome to attend.



## The Catholic Weekly - This week's stories include:

- Theology of the Body. Christopher West heads to Sydney
- NSW Floods: Refugees return the favour
- "I'll close them all". NT Bishop confronts government over schools
- Knights and Dames: Ten Sydneysiders honoured
- The Shadow Bishops
- Christmas at The Cathedral Lights

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## Seeking Administrative Trainees.

The Chancery in Lismore and Invercauld House in Goonellabah would like to support a trainee in their pursuit of a Cert III in Business Administration.

At the Chancery, the trainee will receive exposure to many areas of administration, supporting all other administrative positions.

At Invercauld House the trainee would be able to gain experience working in administration in a hospitality venue.

If you know of anyone who is passionate about obtaining administrative experience as a trainee in a caring supportive environment or you would like additional information, please contact Marijo Bradley on 6621 9444.

## **COLLECTION TOTALS - Weekend 20 November**

**First collection - \$ 803.95**

**Second collection - \$ 657.90**

**Loose - \$ 285.55**

**Direct Deposit: First - \$ 140.00 Second - \$ 125.00**

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 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



## *Please remember in your prayers;*

**THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED:** Fr Louis Malloy, Glenda Ryan, John Doolan, Zenaida Dulce, John Meyer and Carole Loveridge.

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** June Sharpe, John Kopinski, Karl Meir, Kristin Robison, Chris Bird, Ian Higgins, Stephen Munyao, Rosa Aboc, Mary Ranger, Marcelino Gabriel.

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME:** Rita Conlan, Paul Beer, Thomas Tooley and Rosa Moras,

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** For all souls in Purgatory



## FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.

**(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

I rejoiced when I heard them say:

‘Let us go to God’s house.’

And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel’s law it is, there to praise the Lord’s name.

There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. **(R.)**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:

‘Peace be to your homes!

May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!’ **(R.)**

For love of my brethren and friends

I say: ‘Peace upon you!’

For love of the house of the Lord

I will ask for your good. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

## NEXT WEEK

**Second Week of Advent Year A**

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12



### **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.

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