

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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Assistant Priest
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Deacon

3 November 2024, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

Last week we shared the Pastoral Council Mission Statement.
Now we present the Vision Statement.

Vision Statement

We enact our mission by

1. **Living our lives as Christ calls us through God's Word, the Sacraments, Evangelisation, Parish Ministries and Outreach Services to the broader community.**
2. **Being a welcoming community, seeking to engage and support each other through our spiritual, pastoral and faith-based growth.**
3. **Encouraging parishioners to be actively engaged in the life of the parish, participation in ministries and faith formation experiences and**
4. **Supporting and encouraging our Youth through our witness to Christ in our community.**
5. **Responding positively to the challenges to remain a strong faith community prepared to be open and accepting of all and especially the marginalized.**

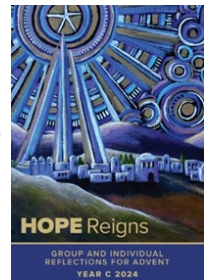
PARISH MORNING TEA will be held in Doyle House this Sunday, 3rd November, after 9.00am Mass.

Everyone is welcome however we do ask you to please bring a plate of goodies to share.

ADVENT PROGRAM

Thank you to those who expressed interest in the Advent Program "Hope Reigns". This is a last call for any one who would like to order a book (\$5.50).

There is a sheet at the back of each Church or call Margaret Condon (0428 408 304).



NOVEMBER MASSES

It is not too late to submit names for the November Masses. Collect an envelope from the back of the church and place it on the collection plate. Please write the names clearly. Each week the list will be updated and displayed in the church. Hardcopies can be made available as well for those who would like to have it. Call Jenny at the Parish Office on 6626 0200.

Expressions of Interest:

We would like to rent/lease the South Lismore Parish Hall to maximise income for the parish.

It could be used for Day Care, Exercise Groups, Gym, Pilates/Yoga Studio, Dancing groups etc.

Separate spaces upstairs & downstairs or the entire Hall.

Get the word out there!!

Contact Chris Byrne at the Cathedral Parish on 6621 2051 for any enquiries.



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

LITURGY ROSTER

November 2/3 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 John Maloney
Reader 2 Gemma Basio
Offertory Gale and Jim Munce

Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Maria Whitney
Reader 2 Alison Cleaver
Offertory Bianca Urbina & Minda Argent

Sunday 11.00am

Reader 1 Oliver Rixon
Reader 2 May Hall
Offertory Thomas Francis and Sneha Varghese

November 9/10 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 Pauline Celich
Reader 2 Cathy Donnelly
Offertory Taji Thomas & Family

Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Robert Ireland
Reader 2 Russell Shearman
Offertory Geonel West & Family

Sunday 11.00am

Reader 1 Cameron Delaney
Reader 2 Steve Moran
Offertory Glen & Margaret Amos

Holy Rosary

St Carthage's Cathedral Sunday 10.15am.

St Dympna's Church, Dunoon Wednesday 5.00pm
all 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.

The Catholic Book and Gift Shop

They have arrived - 2025 annual publications.
Many other gifts for all occasions.

We are open each weekday, 9am - 3pm.
Level 2 at Dalley Street entrance to St Vincent's Hospital.

If you would like some put aside call
66279229 / 0438230638



If you are interested in coming along for a get together for a cuppa in **Support of Pro-Life and Family** please phone Beth 0426 295 013 or Jennifer 0488 335 936 for more information.

 St Carthage's
Community Care

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We support older people, people with cognitive change, people with disabilities, children with disabilities, and carers.

Seniors Day Club

Come and join us for some fun activities and entertainment at our Seniors Day Club!

Our Day Club has been running for over 30 years and provides social engagement, respite and activities for older people registered with my Aged Care, or on a current waiting list for a package (private rates available).

If you are 65 years or over (50+ for Indigenous participants), and reside in the Lismore region why not come along and join the fun.

Contact St Carthage's Community Care to find out more on 6620 0000 or email; enquiries@stcarthages.org.au



Please remember in your prayers;

THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED: Marie Synott, Kaylene Pagotto, Denise Robinson, Angeles Adapon, Jimmy Robertson, Francisca Castro, Numeriano Ditan.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Russell Watt, Lisa Ferris, Teresa Almanza, Ian-Christopher Bajo, John Rynne, Esther Todd, Michael Martin.

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME: Lenore Seymour, Jim Hogan, Nonieza Mase, Jaime Marquez, Cristanta and Simeon Regudo, Leslie Conlan, Evelyn Marquez, Percy Winkler, Reginald and Jennifer Dodds.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Raby Blake, Fernando and Lorenzo Castillo, Anastacio Caldeo, Terry Sims.



Reading Reflection

God's love is in our hearts

From the moment in Chapter 12 of the Book of Genesis when God promises salvation to Abraham, the story of the Old Testament people is one of them repeatedly being called to faithfulness. In the Book of Deuteronomy, we listen to Moses, who having just received the Ten Commandments, now tells the people not to regard these Commandments as a list of instructions to be obeyed, but words to be written on their hearts.

When Jesus is questioned by the scribe about which is the first of the commandments, without hesitation, Jesus sums it all up by reminding him that everything begins and ends with the love of God and our neighbour. Happily, and for once with one of the scribes, the conversation ends in agreement and Jesus is able to assure him that he is "not far from the Kingdom of God." Notably the scribe has recognised that love is more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.

I suggest that here we have a fruitful focus for our meditation. The Law of God is not there to make life difficult for us or to catch us out, but when it is written on our hearts, it enables us to live a life of love: to live life to the full. When Jesus came into our world he presented us with a wholly new vision of God. He reveals that God is a Father who has created us for love and in sending his Son has shown us the ultimate meaning of sacrifice, for we now know that we have a God who *literally* loves us to death.

Accordingly, in the letter to the Hebrews the nature of priesthood and sacrifice is explored. Christ has made the ultimate sacrifice "once and for all." Now it is up to us to imitate his sacrificial form of loving by recognising that love is the emptying of ourselves so that we can give ourselves completely to God and our neighbour. That is precisely why we gather each Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist: the memorial of Christ's sacrifice and the means whereby he fulfils his promise to be with us always; the means whereby he unites us with himself and one another by feeding us with himself.

Jesus assured us the Holy Spirit would lead us to all truth: the truth about God, about ourselves and about the world around us. At each Eucharist we invoke the Holy Spirit to make Christ present so that we can indeed be transformed into his Body and be able to proclaim a message of love, hope, compassion and reconciliation to a world which so desperately needs more people to have God's word written on their hearts.

When we are sent forth from the Eucharist this weekend, may it be with renewed confidence that God's word is written large on our hearts.

Timothy J Buckley CSsR

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The Catholic Weekly

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

This week's articles include:

- End of Synod proves how much Catholics have in common
- The Abdallah's meet the Royals
- Joe de Bruyn; ACU graduation speech in full
- Tim Kirk; Wine and faith at Catholic Parishes at Bondi
- A Brush with Faith: Cleansing the Temple
- Retreats 2024: A guide to your retreat centres

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<https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/subscriptions-to-the-catholic-weekly/>



COLLECTION TOTALS - 26/27 October 2024

First Collection - \$ 1788.10

Second Collection - \$ 1443.35

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



FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2

(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be to the God that saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown love for his anointed. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 7:23-28

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

NEXT WEEK

1 Kings 17:10-16

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

PLANNED GIVING

If you would like to be added to our planned giving, please see one of the Sisters and they will give you a form to complete.

The completed form can be placed on the collection plate.

Envelopes will be ready for you to collect the following week.

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.

