

# Parish Bulletin

## St Carthage's Cathedral Parish, Lismore



10 October 2021, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF:

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

Online Streaming of Sunday Mass can be viewed on the Lismore Diocesan Website or at the following link:

[youtube.com/c/LismoreDioceseAU](https://youtube.com/c/LismoreDioceseAU)

Or use this QR CODE



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Bishop of Lismore

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Assistant Priest

Revd Graeme Davis

Deacon



## Please Note:

**Unfortunately due to the current Lockdown all Churches in the Lismore LGA are now closed.**



### *The Road that Leads Us to God.*

The kingdom of God is the heart and essence of Jesus' teaching. References to the kingdom appear 114 times in the four gospels. According to our earliest gospel, Mark (1:15:cf. 3:24; 4:11, 26, 30), Jesus initiated his message with the proclamation, "The present era of history is at an end, the reign of God has come near; convert your mind and believe in the good news."

In Jesus' teachings, this kingdom of God emerges as a vision of a future direct rule by God upon earth. It was not, as is often thought today, a vision of heavenly spiritual realm, or even life after death per se; but a future physical, corporeal, historical reality. Jesus characterized this coming reign of God as overturning of the present world order – a new relationship between God and creation, a "rebirth" and a "regeneration" when "the first will be last and the last first" (Mk 10:31; Matt 19:30), and those who will be great in God's reign will be those who serve (Matt 20:26-27).

For Jesus, this reign of God was both a future event and present now in and through his ministry. In Luke's Gospel (17:20-21), the Lukan Jesus even goes so far as to say, "The Kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' Indeed, the kingdom of God is among you" (or, in some translations, "within you").

In the popular imagination, the Christian proclamation of salvation and redemption are commonly identified with attaining one's heavenly reward in a 'life after death'. A fresh appreciation of Jesus' teaching on the kingdom, however, suggests that redemption is as much about living as about dying. In today's gospel, Jesus engages in a series of discussions about the kingdom and eternal life with a stranger he meets on the road, and then, with his disciples. The gist of the two encounters is that one cannot earn eternal reward simply by obeying the commandments or doing good deeds. But one can enter the kingdom now by turning one's life over to God's will and trusting in the divine providence.

A good friend of mine in the priesthood often tells his congregation that heaven and hell are not "places" as such, but "situations" where one's life option is eternalized. The Jesuit, John Powell, wrote that "gentle and caring elderly people have spent their entire lives practicing at being gentle and caring." As I read today's gospel, I was reminded of Thomas Merton's Prayer of Unknowing: "My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going... and the fact that think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you... I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that, if I do this, you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it."

Ian J Elmer

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## PLENARY COUNCIL

The Plenary Council began on Sunday 3rd October with the Opening Mass celebrated by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB.

We continue our prayers that this Plenary Council, guided by the Holy Spirit, will bear much fruit for the Catholic Church in Australia.

We also ask for your prayers for our Diocesan members attending the Plenary Council: Bishop Gregory Homeming, Fr Paul Gooley, Fr Peter Slack, Dr Deidre Little and Miss Ellen Hales.

Daily masses and some sessions are being live streamed and recorded and are available from the Plenary Council website <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/masses-and-livestreams/>



## ROSARY IN THE PARK



The Annual Fatima Rosary in the Park will be held next Saturday 16th October at 2.15pm.

It will be held in the usual place at the corner of Brewster and Uralba Street under the trees.

Please bring a chair, hat, water bottle and rosary beads.

**Please note as per NSW Health Restrictions all those attending outdoor gatherings must be FULLY vaccinated with a limit of 30 people in attendance. If you are unvaccinated you are unable to attend.**

## MISSION SUNDAY

Bishop Greg has kindly given his support to hold the Mission Sunday Appeal for the entire month of October. Envelopes are available at the entrance to the Church. Donations can also be made using the

## For we **CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING** about what we have **SEEN & HEARD**

ACTS 4:20

In two weeks, Catholic Mission will share with us the powerful story of Churai\*, a mother who found her way to the Mother and Babies Home, run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, during a desperate time in her life.

The Good Shepherd Sisters' mission is to promote the dignity and human rights of all, especially women and children; but they can only do that with support from people like you.

Please come with an open and generous heart.

\*Name and images altered to protect identity



Freecall: 1800 257 296  
[catholicmission.org.au/thailand](http://catholicmission.org.au/thailand)



### *Please remember in your prayers;*

**THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED:** June Martin, Judie Hoolihan, Valerie Stockdale, Anthony Nutt, Santino Pirlo, Fe Delmino, Umberto Viero, David Callachor, Mary Keogh.

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Ian Higgins, Frank Scarrabelotti, Loy Callaghan, Mary Moss, Glenda Ryan, Juanchito Almonte, Jerome Almonte, Kerrie Divette, Shannal Ratnayake, Ann Pierce, Mark and Gillian Lobegeier.

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME:** Leslie Conlon, Adrian and Mary Todd, Archie Balaba, Vergenia and Malou Castillo, Exequil and Marivic Labial, Bridget Silva, Margaret Ranasinghe, Gerald and Therese Ranasinghe, Nancy and Frank Tarlinton, William Tooley, Rosario Almonte, Pilalel Benitez, Isabella and Gabriella Benitez, Carmelita Benitez.

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Edel and Cynthia Valero (60th Wedding Anniversary)





***Dare to be different!***

**Vocation Discernment Retreat  
for men ages 18 - 35 years old**

November 5 - 7, 2021  
Invercauld House  
#163 Invercauld Road, Goonellabah  
For more information, contact:  
(02) 6626 0200  
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Please register before October 25

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

- 15 October - St Therese of Avila
- 18 October - St Luke
- 24 October - Mission Sunday
- 28 October - Sts. Simon and Jude
- 1 November - All Saints Day
- 2 November - All Souls Day

**KEEPING EVERYONE COVID SAFE**



**FACE MASKS:**

**As per NSW Health regulations  
all parishioners must wear a  
mask until further notice.**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY COLD/FLU LIKE SYMPTOMS  
PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND.**

**St Mary's Chapel**

**ON ARRIVAL:** All Parishioners must sanitise hands on entry, register using QR Code, Parishioner Card or record name and contact details for EVERY member of your group CLEARLY on the Mass attendance sheet. Please place used pens in container provided.

**SEATING:** There is a limit of 48 parishioners in the main Chapel, 7 in the loft and 20 in the Darcy Room. Remember to observe social distancing of 1.5 metres from other family groups when sitting.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** Please observe social distancing when coming forward for Holy Communion which may be only given in the hand.

**SINGING:** There is to be no singing until further notice.



**Please wear your mask correctly.**



**COLLECTION TOTALS - Weekend 3 October 2021**

First collection - \$ 596.40      Second collection - \$ 629.00      Loose - \$ 82.05  
Direct Deposit: First \$ 495.70      Second \$ 953.00



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 eg. 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

We thank you for your continued support throughout this time.



**St Carthage's Community Care Workers Wanted**

St Carthage's Community Care is looking for Community Care workers (Aged Care & Disability) to join our team.

As a Community Care Worker, your primary responsibility will be to offer specialised support to people in aged care or disability services, including providing clients with flexible opportunities to enhance their independence and facilitating community participation. Apply today by sending your resume to [hr@stcarthages.org.au](mailto:hr@stcarthages.org.au).

<https://jobsearch.gov.au/job/view/details/2296144828?context=f4794634-ae70-4504-8502-b4ba0c1e811d>

**LITURGY ROSTER    16/17 October - 29th Sunday in Ordinary time**

	<b>SATURDAY 5.30pm</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9.00am</b>	<b>SUNDAY 11.00am</b>
<b>Reader 1</b>	Margaret Condon	Jill Ritson	Paul Collits
<b>Reader 2</b>	Veronica Coughlan	Russell Shearman	Nestor Basio
<b>Servers:</b>		Michael, Bryan	
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Julian Hill		

## FIRST READING

Wisdom 7:7-11

I prayed, and understanding was given me;  
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.  
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;  
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.  
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,  
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,  
and beside her silver ranks as mud.  
I loved her more than health or beauty,  
preferred her to the light,  
since her radiance never sleeps.  
In her company all good things came to me,  
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14

(R.) Fill us with your love, O Lord,  
and we will sing for joy!

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?  
Show pity to your servants. (R.)

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Give us joy to balance our affliction  
for the years when we knew misfortune. (R.)

Show forth your work to your servants;  
let your glory shine on their children.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-30

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 53:10-11

Hebrews 4:14-16

Mark 10:35-45

### 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](mailto:safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au)

