

# Parish Bulletin

## St Carthage's Cathedral Parish, Lismore



### SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF:

- St Mary's Chapel, 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**  
Fr Bing Monteagudo  
**Administrator**  
Fr Alexander Munyao  
**Assistant Priest**  
Revd Mr Graeme Davis - **Deacon**

12 September 2021, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Please Note:** Masses are currently being held in St Mary's Chapel as works continue in the Cathedral.

**St Mary's Chapel has a capacity of 75 parishioners and masks must be worn. No singing is allowed.**

**There is no booking for this weekend HOWEVER we ask you to please ring the office from Monday on 66260200 to book in for next weekend 18/19 September.**



### Deaf to Jesus' Message

Three times in Mark's gospel, Jesus will tell his disciples about his future which will be about suffering, death and resurrection. Each time the disciples are unable to hear him.

These three instances occur in chapters eight, nine and ten around verse thirty. In chapter eight, Peter identifies Jesus as the Messiah, but subsequent verses show that he has little understanding of the kind of Messiah that Jesus will be. When Peter tries to rebuke Jesus and tell him that this is not the envisaged future, Jesus definitively tells Peter that the future will involve every disciple taking up the cross if they are to be the followers of Jesus.

In chapter nine, Jesus again tells the disciples that he will be betrayed, killed, and three days later rise again, but they did not know what he was talking about.

When they arrived in Capernaum, he asked what they were arguing about, but they were embarrassed as they had been arguing with one another about who was the greatest.

In chapter ten, after the disciples were looking for reward for leaving behind their families and their security in following Jesus, he affirms that they will be rewarded, but not in the ways that they expected in terms of material rewards in this life but in life hereafter. He explains he will suffer, die, and rise, but again they are deaf to his words and James and John come forward and ask if they can sit in the right and the left of Jesus in his kingdom. It is only at the end of the gospel, when they meet the risen Lord and are commissioned to proclaim the good news to all nations that they begin to understand.

In reading Mark's gospel, one must wonder why the disciples were so deaf to the message of Jesus which was clearly communicated. I think the answer lies in the expectations of the disciples. They are Jewish and the Jewish people had longed hoped for a Messiah. They had various understandings of who the Messiah would be and what he would do.

Some hoped for a Messiah who would free them from the oppression of the occupying power which at this time was the Romans. Some hoped that their nation would be restored to the stature it had enjoyed under the reign of King David. Others, hoped for religious reform, but almost no one understood that the Messiah would proclaim and inaugurate the "kingdom of God" as a promise of God's salvation and hope for the transformation of the world.

We can take comfort in the fact that the first disciples did not understand for we can also be slow in understanding a suffering Messiah and accepting the challenge of the cross in living lives according to the values of Jesus rather than the values of self-achievement. The life of Jesus ever invites us to reflect and review the directions of our own lives.

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## Parish Bulletin via email.

Don't forget to let us know if you would like to receive the Bulletin via email.

Links to prayer resources and messages from our priests may also be included. This will be a way we can stay in contact and support each other through these difficult times.

Fr Alexander Munyao's TGIF has been very well received and we look forward to each week's instalment. A way for us to "Rest, Reflect, Reconnect, Reclaim."

If you would like to have your name added or know of another parishioner who you think would like to be included, please email Jenny at [office@stcarthages.org.au](mailto:office@stcarthages.org.au)

## Marriage Week - 12-18 September

Coinciding with Marriage Week 2021, Focus on the Family Australia have organised some free virtual events with all Australian contributors

  
**Marriage Week**  
AUSTRALIA  
12th - 18th September 2021

1. Brett & Kate Ryan, of FoFA will be talking with Alex Cook, CEO of 'Wealth with Purpose'. During the free 60 minute seminars the following areas will be explored:

- \* How God desires for us to be good stewards?
- \* How you as a couple can work through your differences when it comes to money?
- \* How to have healthier conversations about finances?
- \* How to be more strategic when it comes to budgeting now, the future and have a spirit of generosity?

There is a choice of 2 dates/times – September 14 from 12.30 to 1.30pm or September 15 from 8.00 to 9.00pm (AEST). More information and registrations are necessary and can be made through: <https://www.families.org.au/wealth-purpose-webinar> <<https://www.marriageweek.org.au/mailw/campaigns/xg74962fjoab8/track-url/ho494wzrc3c80/de03827edf90357aed6abbe7c28bc7eae5162f>>

2. Intimacy is just not physical - with Joanne Wilson. Brett & Kate Ryan will explore emotional, relational and spiritual intimacy as well as sexual intimacy with Joanne. This event is on 'Date Night' Saturday 18th September at 7.30pm (AEST). Registration is necessary through <https://families.org.au> <<https://www.marriageweek.org.au/mailw/campaigns/xg74962fjoab8/track-url/ho494wzrc3c80/10c11ccaa1ffe081e96c87cf6ecae1f0f871c81f>>

### *Please remember in your prayers;*

**THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED:** Ursula Bilski, Lorenzo Bravin, Patricia Redman, Susan Craig, Susan Mallum, Elly Bare, Tom Lynch, Carmel Windred, Vincenzo Batista, Ron Woodham.

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

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME:** Fr Jim Reilly, Francis Villahermosa, Howard Whitney, George Nestor, Pierre Yardin, Robert Nowland, Neville Higgins, Betty Byrne, Jim Synott, Purificacion Sumagui.

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Anna Fabiani, Venusta and Umberto Fabiani



**Marriage Tribunal of the Catholic Church:** Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Tribunal Office extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process.



For further information please phone the Marriage Tribunal Office on 66217 288 or email [tribunal@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:tribunal@lismore.catholic.org.au)

### The Catholic Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office

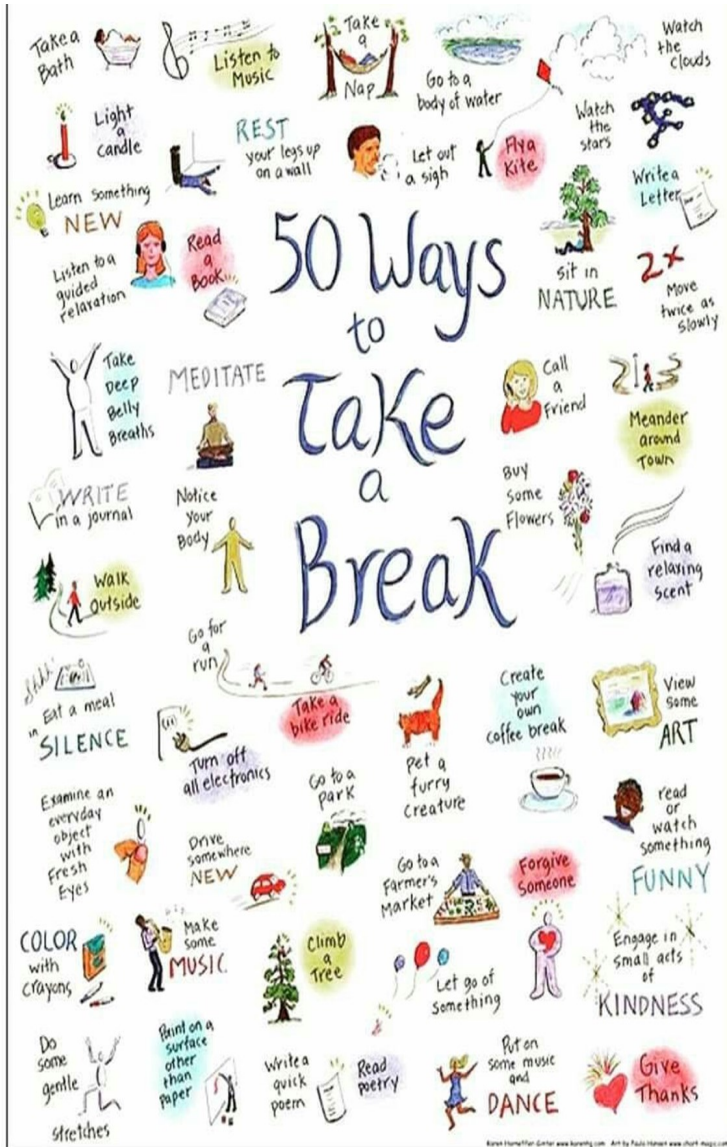
If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Diocese of Lismore, we ask you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss options you have available to you.

To contact the Safeguarding Office, please phone (02) 6621944 or email: [safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au)

## Safe Guarding Sunday 12 September, 2021

The Parish of St Carthage's and the Diocese of Lismore are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at :

[www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday)



## 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 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.



### The Catholic Book and Gift Shop

The Catholic Book and Gift Shop at 75 Magellan Street, Lismore will once again be open from Monday 13th September.



### LITURGY ROSTER

This Week - 11/12 September - 24th 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	Elizabeth McKendry	Barbara Walsh
<b>Reader 2</b>	Maria Whitney	Cecilia McKendry	May Hall
<b>Servers</b>		Michael, Bryan	
<b>Acolyte</b>			

### LITURGY ROSTER

18/19 September - 25th Sunday in Ordinary time

	<b>SATURDAY 5.30pm</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9.00am</b>	<b>SUNDAY 11.00am</b>
<b>Reader 1</b>	Annabel Pezzutti	Russell Shearman	Paul Collits
<b>Reader 2</b>	Fiona Fennamore	Jill Ritson	Nestor Basio
<b>Servers:</b>		Michael, Bryan	
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Julian Hill		



## FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:5-9

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand.  
Does anyone start proceedings against me?  
Then let us go to court together.  
Who thinks he has a case against me?  
Let him approach me.  
The Lord is coming to my help,  
who dare condemn me?

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9

***(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.***

I love the Lord for he has heard  
the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me  
in the day when I called him. ***(R.)***

They surrounded me, the snares of death,  
with anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.  
O Lord my God, deliver me! ***(R.)***

How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me. ***(R.)***

He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears  
and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living. ***(R.)***

## SECOND READING

James 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to

live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him, 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

James 3:16-4:3

Mark 9:30-37

