

# Parish Bulletin

## St Carthage's Cathedral Parish, Lismore



13 September 2020, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

### SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF:

- St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore  
*Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday*  
8.00am and Friday 12noon  
*Sat Vigil 5:30pm, Sun 9am & 11am*

- Carmelite Monastery Chapel,  
Goonellabah  
*Mon - Fri 7am, Sat 8am*

- St Dymphna's Church, Dunoon  
*No Mass at the present time*

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYxOjNyku4JCI08vfeTq-fQ>

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### The God of Pardons

The prophet Nehemiah (9:17) describes the Judeo-Christian deity as "a god of pardons". This expression is later picked up by other prophets (e.g., Joel 2:13), the Psalmists (86:15; 103:8-14), and even St Paul (2 Corinthians 1:3) – with good reason. Both the Ancient Israelites and the early Christians experienced the presence of God in significant events of liberation, mercy and forgiveness.

The God revealed to Moses was concerned for the plight of the Israelites enslaved in Egypt and wanted to see them liberated. The God that the Jewish prophets and mystics encountered in their prayer was one who sought to lead Israel both into and out of Exile in Babylon to cleanse them of their sins. The divine Word that the Apostles found expressed in Jesus was an offer of forgiveness to sinners and liberation from death.

The collective wisdom of the Biblical record is that the defining characteristics of Yahweh are mercy, compassion and forgiveness. One of the most beautiful expressions of this insight is found in Exodus 3:6-7, which describes Yahweh as "merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness".

This is a key passage highlighting the fact that the concepts of mercy and forgiveness are related to that of faithfulness; that is, the faithfulness or "steadfast love" of Yahweh vis-a-vis his covenantal promises. The story of the Bible is one of a people who constantly fail to live up to their side of the covenant with Yahweh; but Yahweh continues to forgive them and call them back into relationship.

Of course, this doesn't mean that the people of Yahweh are free to do as they will. The parable Jesus tells in today's gospel contrasts the merciful actions of a king with the duplicity and miserliness of his servant who, despite being the recipient of royal largesse, demands immediate payment from his debtors. The king reacts by reneging on his promise of forgiveness.

The point of this story is that repentant sinners are forgiven, while the impenitent, whose lives are not transformed and who continue to act without mercy to others, are not. God does not show mercy without expecting a *quid pro quo*.

This story illustrates one of the lines of Matthew's Our Father, where Jesus suggests that we pray: "forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors" (Matthew 6:12 NABRE). Similarly, in the Matthean Beatitudes, Jesus proclaims "blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy" (Matt 5:7).

The message of today's readings is that the first and best path to evangelisation is to mirror in our own lives the characteristics of our God, who has consistently been revealed to be a "god of pardons" who is "slow to anger" and always ready to forgive the frailties of humankind.

Ian J Elmer

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### PROTOCOLS FOR MASS ATTENDANCE

**Masks:** The Premier of NSW has recommended that masks be worn at places of worship.

**We encourage all parishioners to wear masks.**

**On Arrival:** Please wait to be checked in, sanitise your hands and observe social distancing.

**Singing:** To avoid any viral transmission through voice projection, there will be no congregational singing.

**Holy Communion:** Please observe social distancing when coming forward. Holy Communion will only be given in the hand.

## COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

Due to Covid restrictions imposed over Easter, the Collection for the Holy Land (Good Friday Collection) will now be held this weekend, 13th September. Envelopes are available at the back of the Cathedral.

## MARRIAGE WEEK—13-19 SEPTEMBER

Coinciding with Marriage Week 2020, Focus on the Family Australia is hosting an online Virtual Date night on September 19th.

To register, go to the link below. Once you register you will be emailed a pre-date pack with ideas, recipes and templates for the night, marriage meditation devotions and extra marriage material. There will be access to a Zoom broadcast on the night 8-9pm, with live entertainment by Christian comedian, Ben Price.

<https://www.marriageweek.org.au/mailw/campaigns/qm9800gh16666/track-url/ho494wzrc3c80/flc964bfl18dac4dddbbb33517a3d23ba6967eaa>



## SPIRITUAL FORMATION

*"Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."* ( Matthew 4:4)

We all need spiritual nourishment in our life in order to survive.

For this, we are inviting our young people ages 16 - 40 years old to join the **"ASPIRE formation with Bishop Greg"** via Zoom on September 22 from 5 PM to 7 PM at Doyle House.

For those who are interested, please write down your name at the back of the Cathedral for reservations.

## ROSARY IN THE PARK

The Annual Fatima Rosary in the Park will be held on Saturday 10 October at 2:30pm.

It will be held at the corner of Brewster and Uralba Street under the gum trees.

Please bring a chair, hat, water and rosary beads. All welcome.



## COMING UP

Thursday 1st October - St Therese of the Child Jesus - There will be no 7am Mass at the Carmelite Monastery.

Thursday 15th October - St Teresa of Jesus - There will be no 7am Mass at the Carmelite Monastery

Month of October—Catholic Mission Appeal—Mission Sunday 18th October.

### *Please remember in your prayers;*

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Darcy McFadden, Lindall Pavey, Val Magurran, Frank Scarrabelotti, Bernie Mackney, Louise King, Lorraine Dunn, Jenny Dodds, Judith Lehmann, Gerry Ebbelaar, Diane Hughes, Mary Herne, Veronica Geitz, Carmel Windred.

**THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED:** Joan Wallbank, Leone Page, Ellen Lovell, Shirley Wheatley, Maureen Brophy (Martin), Norlyn Gabriel, William Allen, Assunta Aurelio Conti, Cheryl Jux, Brian Hayes, Rev Aunty Dorothy Gordon, Robert Bain, Charlie Cox, Nerina Sommovilla-De Pra.

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME:** Gmartha Tomasini, Gordon Houlden, Thomas Lynn, Michael Moss, Marian Scarrabelotti, Lorna Scarrabelotti, Timoteo and Casimera Calunsag, Rufa Suan, Howard Whitney, George Nestor, Pierre Yardin, Fr Jim Reilly, Laurence Todd, William Tooley, Giuseppe Bazzo, Margaret Thompson.

**OTHER SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** All Holy Souls.



## **BAPTISM**



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

*Ellie Grace Smith*

## **In the Parish.**

**Bible Studies** will be held Wednesdays, 6pm-7:30pm in St Mary's Chapel.

**The Rosary** will be held at 5pm Saturday and 8:30am and 10:30am each Sunday in the Cathedral.



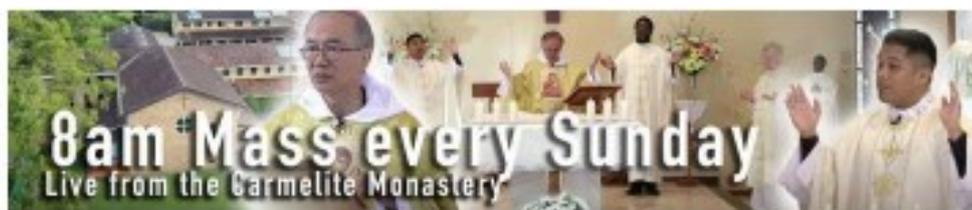
## **COLLECTION TOTALS - Weekend 6 September**

First collection - \$ 494.60  
Second collection - \$ 476.00  
Loose - \$ 80.90



## SUPPORTING OUR SPIRITUAL AND PRAYER LIVES

**SUNDAY MASS WITH BISHOP GREG HOMEING ON YOUTUBE LIVE**



You are invited to view Holy Mass from 8am live and on demand from your devices and at any time afterwards. You can access the livestream on the Diocesan Website or by clicking on the following link <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYxOjNyku4JCI08vfeTq-fQ>

You can even point the camera on your smart device at the digital code here and it will take you to the live stream.

### Cathedral Mass Times

- Tuesday 8am
- Wednesday 8am
- Thursday 8am
- Friday 12 Noon
- Saturday 5:30pm\*\*
- Sunday 9am\*\*
- Sunday 11am\*\*

**There will be no Sunday evening Mass.**

#### **Confession times:**

- Saturday 4:45 - 5:15pm
- Sunday 10:15 - 10:45am

\*\* If you would like to attend one of the weekend Masses at the Cathedral you must ring the Parish office **EACH WEEK** on 6626 0200 during office hours, Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:00pm.

### Carmelite Monastery Mass Times

- Monday to Friday 7am
- Saturday 8am

As the Monastery can only have 20 parishioners due to it's floor space you must book in for **ALL** Carmelite Masses by calling their office on **6624 1240**.

You can leave a message if they do not answer.

**There will be no Sunday Mass at the Monastery, live streaming will continue.**

**The Bishop, realising that not all parishioners can be accommodated has continued the dispensation from the Sunday obligation.**



**The Catholic Weekly** is once again available for \$2 at the back of the Cathedral every weekend.



## LITURGY ROSTER – THIS WEEKEND 13th September - 24th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A

<b>Reader 1</b> <b>Reader 2</b> <b>Servers:</b> <b>Acolyte:</b>	<b>SATURDAY 5.30pm</b> Cathy Donnelly Kelli-Ann Bugden Annabel, Alanna, Matthew Julian hill	<b>SUNDAY 9.00am</b> Remi Andrews Alison Cleaver Michael M, Bryan	<b>SUNDAY 11.00am</b> Please let the Sisters know know if you are available to read.
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## LITURGY ROSTER – for 20th September - 25th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A

<b>Reader 1</b> <b>Reader 2</b> <b>Servers:</b> <b>Acolyte:</b>	<b>SATURDAY 5.30pm</b> Sylvia Harris Annabel, Chloe, Josie Julian Hill	<b>SUNDAY 9.00am</b> Michael Behan Lew Wallace Michael M, Bryan	<b>SUNDAY 11.00am</b> Please let the Sisters know know if you are available to read.
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## FIRST READING

Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,  
and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the  
vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin.  
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when  
you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then  
demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then  
plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who  
will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember  
dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.  
Remember the commandments, and do not bear your  
neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most  
High, and overlook the offence.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8

**(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful;  
slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**

His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults **(R.)**

For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on  
others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die,  
we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to  
the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came  
to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead  
and of the living.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I  
forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven  
times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but  
seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a  
king who decided to settle his accounts with his  
servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a  
man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no  
means of paying, so his master gave orders that he  
should be sold, together with his wife and children and  
all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant  
threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me  
time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the  
servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go  
and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he  
happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one  
hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and  
began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said.  
His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him,  
saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the  
other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him  
thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His  
fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw  
what had happened, and they went to their master and  
reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent  
for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all  
that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you  
not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just  
as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master  
handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all  
his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal  
with you unless you each forgive your brother from  
your heart.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 55:6-9

Philippians 1:20-24. 27

Matthew 20: 1-16



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