

# Parish Bulletin

## St Carthage's Cathedral Parish, Lismore



### SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF:

- St Mary's Chapel, Lismore
- Carmelite Monastery Chapel, Goonellabah
- St Dymphna's Church, Dunoon

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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Administrator

Fr Alexander Munyao

Assistant Priest

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19 September 2021, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Please Note:

**Unfortunately due to the current 7 day Lockdown all Churches in the Lismore LGA are now closed until further notice.**



### *Being like 'Little Children'*

Imagine the scene. Jesus and his disciples are making their way along the road to Capernaum. Being a few paces away from the others, Jesus is not part of their conversation. Nonetheless he picks up the vibe: the disciples are squabbling among themselves. Do, when they arrive at their destination, Jesus confronts them: "what are you arguing about along the road?" Attempting to cover their shame, the disciples say nothing.

Before advancing the story, let us put it in context. Just a few days earlier, Jesus had taken Peter, James and John to Mt Tabor, some thirty miles from Capernaum, where he was shown in all his glory. Then, on the way down the mountain, they came across a boy possessed by an unclean spirit. The disciples try unsuccessfully to heal the boy. Jesus says, "Bring him to me," and the boy is healed. The disciples reaction: "Why could not we heal the boy"? Their concern is not with the boy, but with their own power.

Jesus has been telling the disciples that the Son of Man was to suffer and die, but after three days would rise again. Understandably, too many things are being said and done by Jesus. The disciples are confounded, confused. Their response is to fear Jesus: "They did not understand what he said and were too afraid to ask". So, what do they do? They start debating about which one of them is the greatest!

We can picture the scene. Peter argues he has been appointed leader of the group. John announces his special intimacy with Jesus. His brother, James, known for his fiery temperament, portrays himself as the most courageous. Phillip reminds them it was he Jesus first approaches about feeding the five thousand. But, says Andrew, it was me who found the boy with five barley loaves and two fish without which there would be no miracle. Judas harangues them all: without financial planning (his special gift), the discipleship mission would collapse.

But Jesus has had enough. And so he calls the Twelve to him and says simply; "If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last and servant of all". Although the disciples should immediately relate this to Jesus' earlier teachings, such as the Sermon on the Mount, he knows all too well people with ears so often cannot hear! So Jesus, ever the true teacher, takes a little child, symbol of vulnerability, telling them they too must become like "little children" if they are to learn true discipleship. We are not told how the disciples reacted. Hopefully, they began to realise the question of "who is the greatest" is very much the wrong question. The questions we need to ask are: how can I become like a little child; how can I best learn to serve others; how can I put my ego aside to be an instrument of god's love for others in our world?

## COVID CHECK-IN WHEN WE RE-OPEN

As part of our COVID Safe Plan we are now offering a variety of check-in options. You can use the QR Code on display, your parishioner registration card or manually write your details.

If using the QR Code please make sure the green tick is displayed and show it to a staff member at the entrance. If checking in dependents please make sure you select their names as well on the app.

If manually signing in please write name and phone number CLEARLY for every member of your group. It is a requirement that every name be recorded not just "Smith Family x 4".

We ask you to please help us keep you and all our parishioners COVID Safe.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

One of the side-effects of the coronavirus pandemic and its attendant lockdowns is a new consideration of 'important work'. Of course the care provided by medical staff has never been so important, and we pray they are given the necessary support to carry out their work. However, there are numerous other people whose work is essential to the smooth running of our lives - supermarket staff, transport drivers, cleaners, café owners, and the many others who cannot work from home. Often these workers are young, in casual work, because of their age have been at the back of the vaccine queue, and come from the suburbs with increasing coronavirus cases. This week, then, let us pray for all these essential and important workers. Let us respect them for their service and do our part to protect them from harm. - *Michelle Frankeni - Australian Catholics assistant editor.*

## **St Carthage's Community Care Support Planner**

If you are an experienced aged care professional, seeking meaningful work that allows you to make a difference in the lives of others and within a growing industry, we'd love to hear from you.

St Carthage's Community Care is looking for a Support Planner to join the Aged Care Team.

The role is Monday-Friday 9am-5pm. You will manage client referrals and update service information via the My Aged Care Portal, and conduct initial assessments to ensure client choice and preferences.

For a detailed position description, please contact Karla on 0413 466 458 or email [hr@stcarthages.org.au](mailto:hr@stcarthages.org.au).

This position is advertised on [seek.com.au](https://www.seek.com.au)

<https://www.seek.com.au/job/53861738>



### *Please remember in your prayers;*

**THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED:** Umberto Viero, David Callachor, Mary Keogh, Ursula Bilski, Lorenzo Bravin, Patricia Redman, Susan Craig, Susan Mallum, Elly Bare.

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Ian Higgins, 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, Pilalel Benitez, Carmelita Benitez, Isabella and Gabriella Benitez, Carmelita Benitez, Francis Villahermosa, Howard Whitney, George Nestor, Pierre Yardin, Robert Nowland, 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)



## *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  
#0421 863 756



Please register before October 25

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

21 September - St Matthew  
27 September - St Vincent de Paul  
29 September - Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael  
1 October - St Therese of the Child Jesus  
2 October - The Holy Guardian Angels  
4 October - St Francis of Assisi  
7 October - Our Lady of the Rosary  
15 October - St Therese of Avila

### 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.**



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www.dif.org.au

### **COLLECTION TOTALS - Weekend 12 September 2021**

First collection - \$ 1090.90      Second collection - \$ 1459.50      Loose - \$ 99.30  
Direct Deposit: First \$ 400.70      Second \$ 313.00



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.

### **LITURGY ROSTER    25/26 September - 26th Sunday in Ordinary time**

	<b>SATURDAY 5.30pm</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9.00am</b>	<b>SUNDAY 11.00am</b>
<b>Reader 1</b>	Veronica Coughlan	Robert Ireland	May Hall
<b>Reader 2</b>	Maria Whitney	Mary McKendry	Barbara Walsh
<b>Servers:</b>		Michael, Bryan	
<b>Acolyte:</b>			

## FIRST READING

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

The godless say to themselves,

‘Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.’

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

**(R.) The Lord upholds my life.**

O God, save me by your name;  
by your power, uphold my cause.

O God, hear my prayers;  
listen to the words of my mouth. **(R.)**

For proud men have risen against me,  
ruthless men seek my life.

They have no regard for God. **(R.)**

But I have God for my help.

The Lord upholds my life.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart  
and praise your name for it is good. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

James 3:16 – 4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You

want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

God has called us with the gospel  
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, ‘The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.’ But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the road?’ They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, ‘If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.’ He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, ‘Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Numbers 11:25-29

James 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43. 47-48

