

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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Bishop of Lismore

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Revd Graeme Davis

Deacon

5 May 2024, 6th Sunday of Easter, Year B

ABIDE Young Adult Retreat Reflection

by Kailani Tiernan

(Youth Coordinator, St. Francis Xavier Parish Ballina)

The Lismore Diocesan ABIDE retreat led by Bishop Gregory Homeming, OCD, and Fr. Joy Dsouza, OCD provided a transformative experience for young adults aged 18-35, drawing us from across the Diocese to Invercauld House in Goonellabah. The retreat immersed attendees in the power of silence as a conduit for deepening their connection with God.

Throughout the retreat, we were engaged in periods of silence, both individually and in group settings, fostering an environment free from judgment and distractions. Keynotes and talks delved into essential topics such as the Eucharist's significance within the Jewish worldview, the vital role of silence in prayer, and distinguishing between authentic communication with God and mere self-reflection.

Central to the retreat experience were moments of communal prayer, including the Divine Office, Mass, Adoration, and Confession. All of us were encouraged to reflect on our relationship with God and to cultivate the inner silence necessary for hearing His voice amidst life's busyness.

Bishop Greg emphasised the importance of scripture reading, urging us to approach the Holy Bible with humility and a contrite heart. He highlighted the Gospels' role in deepening one's love for Jesus and underscored prayer as a response to God's love, guiding individuals towards a profound friendship with the Divine.

The retreat concluded with reflections on creating a space for silence in daily life and the transformative power of communal silence in building authentic relationships.

I would like to express my gratitude to Bishop Greg, OCD, Fr. Joy, OCD and Sr. Di Moralde for their guidance, as well as to all participants for embracing the invitation to ABIDE in God's presence together.

PARISH MORNING TEA - THIS WEEKEND!

The next Morning Tea hosted by the Pastoral Council will be held this Sunday, 5th May after the 9.00am Mass.

Please bring a plate to share.

The morning tea is held on the first Sunday of each month so mark it in your diary.

Thank you to the St Vincent de Paul Conference who hosted the April Morning Tea.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING NEWS

The Pastoral Council is currently developing a Parish Mission and Values Statement to guide future decisions and activities.

The council is also continuing to analyse feedback from the Parish Vitality Survey to inform parish life in the future.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MASS AND BBQ

Our next Youth and Family Mass will be held at the 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 18th May.

After the Mass a sausage sizzle will be held at the back of Doyle House. All are welcome to attend.

If you can help with the BBQ or if your child would like to participate in some way during the Mass, please contact Sr Di on 6626 0253.



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

LITURGY ROSTER

May 4/5 - 6th Sunday of Easter

Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 Cathy Donnelly
Reader 2 Suzanne Nichols

Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Jill Ritson
Reader 2 Russell Shearman

Sunday 11.00am

Reader 1 Cameron Delaney
Reader 2 May Hall

May 11/12 - The Ascension of the Lord

Saturday 5.30pm

Reader 1 Janette McFadden
Reader 2 Fiona Fennamore

Sunday 9.00am

Reader 1 Maria Whitney
Reader 2 Jonalyne Andersen

Sunday 11.00am

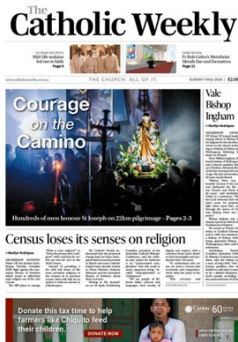
Reader 1 Ging-ging Basio
Reader 2 Nestor Basio

The Catholic Weekly

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

This week's articles include:

- More than 600 unite for men's Camino
- Bishop's push against proposed Census change
- Bishop Peter Ingham remembered as a man of faith and joy
- Mid-life malaise led me back to faith
- Anzac Day a reminder to serve and sacrifice
- 'On fire' with the Spirit at youth Purpose Conference



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St Carthage's Conference of St Vincent de Paul

Volunteers Needed

Contact President Cathy Bell on 66215835
or
email: catherine.bell@vinnies.org.au
or phone Rosie Leo: 0490258139



Rosary Fellowship

1st Saturday of the month 12pm at the front of the Cathedral. Contact: Steve 0417 218 237

Holy Rosary

St Carthage's Cathedral Saturday's 4.00pm.
Everyone most welcome.

Gospel Sharing

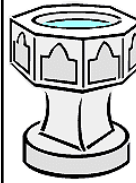
Doyle House, Thursday 3.30 - 5.00pm.
All welcome.

Holy Communion at Home

If you know of someone who would like Holy Communion at home please call the office on 6626 0200.



BAPTISM



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

Lucia Maeve Predebon
Anika Alice Burt
Elkie Dorothy Burt

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

A reminder that our Sacramental Program starts next week.

To register your child for any of the Sacraments please contact Jenny at the Parish Office on 66260200 or email: office@stcarthages.org.au

The program will commence Monday 13 May at 6.00pm in Doyle House.



AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea for the Australian Cancer Council will be held on Thursday 23 May from 10.00am at Doyle House.

Please bring a plate of food to share, a tea/coffee mug along with your donation and extra cash for raffles and join us in raising money for this worthy cause.



You can also donate by clicking on the QR CODE or at

<https://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au/fundraisers/jennyfalls>

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

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.



Reading Reflection

The offer of God's friendship

Parents often offer these words of encouragement and support to their children when they have to move to a new place or to a new school, "It will be alright; you will make new friends."

It can be difficult not only for children but for anyone to leave old friendships behind and to seek new friends. It reinforces the importance that we place on strong relationships, and the common bonds that develop through important milestones and junctures of our lives.

Many people enjoy friendships that start in primary school that last through university, careers, relationships, children and grandchildren. Lifelong friendships can be some of the most cherished and important things in our lives. Priceless treasures.

In today's gospel, Jesus offers us God's friendship. "I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you." With these words, Jesus reveals God's desire to have a different type of relationship with us. A relationship that is based on a deep, true and personal friendship.

This relationship is about God being with us in the very ordinariness of our lives. In the marketplace, at the coffee shop, the park, the beach and, more importantly, in our homes. It is because in these locations that we normally catch up with our friends to share our thoughts and desires, God wants to have that kind of relationship with us too in these places.

God wants to establish a relationship that moves beyond worship and one that enters into deep, heartfelt and very real conversations. To move beyond sterile prayer halls and into the sometimes messiness and grey areas of our very human condition. Importantly, we should understand that in God wanting to be friends with us, there is a deep acceptance and understanding of our flawed person. A safe place where we can bare all with no fear of condemnation. A place where God is listening and accepting.

St Alphonsus, the founder of the Redemptorists wrote extensively on this wonderful idea of God as a friend and these writings have been compiled into a book titled, *Praying to God as a Friend*. Despite the gospels revealing this more than 2000 years ago and St Alphonsus writing about this over 300 years ago, the notion of God as a friend is still a relatively novel idea today. But it's there, right in front of us in today's gospel.

God's friendship is waiting. It is truly priceless treasure that is freely offered and freely given. It is up to us to respond positively.

Mark Chia CSsR

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Please remember in your prayers;

THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED: Bishop Peter Ingham (former Bishop of Wollongong), Brian Walker, Anita Monteagudo, Aniceto Baccay, Bridget McNeill, Anne Crabb, Annette O'Connor, Jo Mackney, John "Peter" Mazzer.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Marcia May, Bridget Collits, John Rynne, Frank Tooley, Eddie Burns, Esther Todd, Betty McKee, Ian Goldspring, Michael Martin.

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME: Bishop John Satterthwaite, Brian Tarlinton, Warren Bird, Terry Coffey, Bettina and Charles Benson, Anthony Kelly, Kathleen Bollard, Tom Fields, Nita and Frank Willis.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Kenneth and Frances Waller (62nd Wedding Anniversary), Margarita Caldeo, Venancia Rabongge, Valentina Zagado, Aileen Sims.



COLLECTION TOTALS - April 27/28, 2024

First Collection - \$ 1046.25

Second Collection - \$ 799

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

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **(R.)**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **(R.)**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-10

My dear people,
let us love one another since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows
God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,
because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:

not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

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

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.
Remain in my love.
If you keep my commandments
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in his love.
I have told you this so that my own joy may be in
you and your joy be complete.
This is my commandment:
love one another,
as I have loved you.
A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.
You are my friends,
if you do what I command you,
I shall not call you servants any more,
because a servant does not know
his master's business;
I call you friends,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
You did not choose me,
no, I chose you;
and I commissioned you
to go out and to bear fruit,
fruit that will last;
and then the Father will give you
anything you ask him in my name.
What I command you
is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

NEXT WEEK

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23

Mark 16:15-20

