



Parish Bulletin

Our Lady Help Of Christians, South Lismore

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Never Too Late To Change

Living and working in a community – be it large or small – is not always easy. We all know that. It is “par for the course” that tensions, disagreements, and challenges arise and need to be handled for the sake of community well-being. But it is not easy. The early church communities were no exception. In this week’s gospel we glimpse one of the challenges that arose in the community for whom Matthew writes his gospel.

The challenging issue at hand is what to do with members of the community who are at fault or in error, perhaps living or behaving in ways that are contrary to Jesus’ teaching, perhaps causing divisions or confusion in the community, perhaps leading other members astray in their faith and practice, perhaps even causing harm to “little ones.” Sin is a reality in our human condition and in our communities. What to do? How to deal with it?

In the gospel reading, Jesus instructs his disciples on how to deal with sinful behaviour in the community.

On the one hand, followers of Jesus are to be compassionate, merciful and forgiving. But Jesus is clear: that does not mean that anything goes or that we are to turn a blind eye when members of the community behave in ways that are sinful. Not at all!

Jesus describes a disciplinary procedure for responsible fraternal correction of an erring member of the community. At first, the matter is to be treated with discretion and sensitivity, and the one at fault addressed in a one-to-one meeting and their wrong doing addressed with them with a view to its correction.

If that approach does not lead the member to correct their misbehaviour, then assistance is to be sought from two or three other members of the community and the matter addressed again with the one in error. Should these attempts prove futile, the recalcitrant person is to be brought before the community, and, if even this correction is rebuffed, the person is to be excluded – in other words, excommunicated – from the community.

Jesus says that they should then be treated “as a Gentile and a tax-collector,” in other words as an outsider, not a member of the community. But remember, Jesus had particular concern and compassion for the outsider. He reached out to outsiders; he befriended Gentiles and tax-collectors. It seems that Jesus means for the community to keep reaching out to the person in the hope that they will eventually see and correct their error, make amends, and re-enter the community.

Jesus doesn’t promise it will be easy. It takes courage. But he assures his disciples, and us too, that he is always with us: “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there with them.” It is a message he reiterates in his very last words in Matthew’s gospel: “Behold I am with you always” (Mt 28:20).

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Diary Dates

[Parish Morning Tea - D'Arcy Room](#)

September 6 after the 9am Mass

[Anointing of the Sick Mass](#)

September 11, 9.30am at OLHC

[Christian Meditation](#)

Tuesdays, 12 noon at the Parish Centre.

[Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament](#)

Carmelite Missionaries, Thursdays, 4.00 - 5.00pm, St Mary's Chapel

Carmelite Monastery after the 7am Mass on the first Friday of the Month



St Carthage's Cathedral 5.00pm on the first Friday of the Month

Mass Times

Our Lady Help Of Christians, South Lismore

Saturday Vigil 4.00pm

St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore

Tuesday-Thursday 8.00am

Friday 12.05pm

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm

Sunday 9.00am and 11.00am

Reconciliation

Friday 11.30am to 11.50am

Saturday 4.45pm to 5.15pm

St Vincent's Hospital Chapel

Wednesday 12 noon

Carmelite Monastery Chapel, Goonellabah

Monday-Friday 7.00am

Saturday 8.00am

Sunday 7.00am

St Dymphna's Church, Dunoon

Sunday 8.30am

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Planned Giving and Collections

Bank Deposit: Please use Surname and envelope number (if applicable) as a reference e.g. Smith 23

First Collection (Support of Diocesan Priests) -

Presbyterium Account South Lismore Parish

BSB 012-715 A/c 2089-24747

Second Collection (Support of Parish and Ministries) -

South Lismore Roman Catholic Church

BSB 012-715 A/c 2089-20455

If you would like Planned Giving Envelopes please complete the form at the side of the church and place on a collection plate.

Your envelopes will be available from the following week.

For your prayers

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently: Barry Flynn, Jennifer Prodder, Betty Fletcher, Joy Bazzana, Peter Cassidy, Steve Harmon.

And for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Rhonda Muldoon, Mary Matthews, Teresa Pirlo, Noel Field.

Please also remember the sick and all in need who have asked for our prayers:

Bernadette Vidler, Dawn Brohier, Jacob Rixon, Mary Gillard, Cloe Kiely, Jeff Herman, Philomena Hughes, Norelle Elliot, Angela Tucker, Mary Herne, Jo Hancock.

Can You Help?

If you would like to be a volunteer assisting with the ministries for Mass - reading, computer operation, offertory or plate collecting - please call or text Aleisha on 0432 746 903.

There are plenty of opportunities to become more involved in your parish, your company and assistance is always most welcome!



Safeguarding means the measures and actions taken to prevent, respond to and report abuse, exploitation and harm and, in doing so, protect the welfare and human rights of people involved in, or affected by, Diocesan activities, ministries and services. Inclusive of all ages, abilities and cultures.

Safeguarding Office:

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Interest Rate - 4.15% (eft 1/8/2026)
For further information and our current interest rate, please visit our website www.dif.org.au or contact us on 1800802516

Father's Day

We wish all fathers, grandfathers and the men in our lives who have stepped up to be that father figure, a very Happy Father's Day.

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old. We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen.

Father's Day Collection

This weekend is the Diocesan Collection for the sick and retired priests in our Diocese. Envelopes are available in all the churches and can be placed on any of the collection plates this week and next. Thank you for your support.

Parish Council News

Welcomers Group: Thank you to the parishioners who have joined the Welcomer's Group for the Cathedral Masses. Hospitality is an important aspect of parish life, and our Baptism calls each of us to reach out to others and be involved in our faith community in any way we can. Perhaps you would like to be a welcomer or support the parish morning teas by providing a plate to share.

RCIA: There are currently fourteen people who have started their journey in experiencing our Catholic beliefs and practices and joining in our parish life. Thank you to the parishioners who are supporting these people. We have two groups that meet on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Please pray for all those involved.

Altar Servers: Congratulations to the senior altar servers who have been trained and are now serving at parish masses. We also welcome the junior servers who are being trained and will soon be involved in our masses. Thank you to all involved in supporting this ministry.

Anointing Mass: The next Anointing of the Sick Mass will be held on Friday September 11, 9:30am at Our Lady help of Christians Church.

National Child Protection Week – September 7 – 13

National Child Protection Week invites all Australians to play their part to promote the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.

This year, the theme is 'Every Conversation Matters, Shifting Conversation to Action'.



It is important that we listen to, and value, what children have to say. Where possible, include their voices in decision-making and be advocates for their best interest.

Let's move beyond these conversations to create concrete actions that prevent harm and instead focus on strengthening support systems and empowering our communities to actively protect children. By shifting conversations into actions, we can ensure that every child not only feels heard but also experiences safe, caring and protective environments.

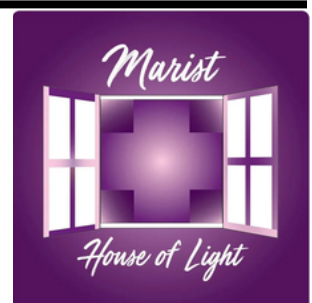
Marist House of Light

Reflection: Our next reflection opportunity will be held on Tuesday September 8, 9.30am - Midday. Cost is \$25.

We will be spending some time with the mystics Julian of Norwich and Hildegard of Bingen. this will be a gentle reflective time.

Contact us to book your experience.

Phone: 0438 689 137 Email: maristhouseoflight@gmail.com



First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 94:1-2. 6-9. R.v.8

**(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to
himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has
entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

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Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you
for the gift of your real presence
in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Grant us the grace
to receive you reverently, worship you truly
and serve you with hearts renewed.

By the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen us,
so that as you gave yourself to the Father
and to us, we too may offer our lives to God
and to others.

Inspire and help us to serve you in those
who are in need, especially
the defenceless and homeless,
the lonely and lost.

Unite us with your sacrifice of the Mass,
so that we may truly become
what we have received, the Body of Christ.

Amen.



Become a Catechist!

- Do you have a desire to grow and share your faith?
- Do you love to work with children?
- Would you like to give back to the community the blessings you receive from God?

Answer the call!
Our SRE Team need you!

We are seeking faithful, enthusiastic, and caring volunteers to serve as Catechists. You do not need to be a professional teacher. You just need a love for your Catholic Faith and a desire to share that love with the children in our parish.

For more information contact Lara Silva on 0422 699 666
or email: lsilva@lismore.catholic.org.au



Baptisms

If you would like to book in a Baptism to be celebrated at Our Lady Help of Christians, please call the parish office on 6626 0200.

Baptisms are normally celebrated on Sundays, however this can be discussed.

