



**WELCOME TO
ST MARY'S PARISH BELLINGEN**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

Parish Church:

Mary Immaculate, Mother of God

14 Park St. Bellinggen

Station Churches:

Holy Name	Sacred Heart
34-38 High St.	5-11 Karabin St.
Urunga	Dorrigo

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Thursday

9.00am-4.00pm

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Sacrament of Penance

Bellinggen: Every Friday (Except 1st Friday of month) 5:30pm-6:30pm

Urunga: Every 1st Sat 9:30-10:30am

Other times by appointment.

Baptisms: Minimum 1 month notice.

Weddings: Minimum of 6 months' notice.

Anointing of the Sick: please call the Parish Office.

Sunday Mass Times 21/ 22nd Dec 2024	
Saturday Vigil Urunga	5:30pm
Sunday Bellinggen	8am
Sunday Dorrigo	10:30am
Communion to sick (Sun pm)	Dorrigo Area
Weekday Mass Times 23-27 Dec	
Tuesday Urunga	Christmas Vigil 5:30pm
Wednesday Bellinggen	Christmas Mass 8am
Wednesday Dorrigo	Christmas Mass 10:30am
Thursday Urunga	CANCELLED
Friday Bellinggen	CANCELLED

Diocesan Investment Fund

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:



Please advise the Parish Office if you would like to be including next month's sick list.

Sick: Marie Casey, Kathleen Gilbert, Hilloo Gopal, Wayne Reynolds, Ken Kirk, Jan Poole, Keith Cole, Clare Martin, Pat Layton.

Deceased:

Masses are being offered for: Bill Bradbury

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Fr Paul brings Holy Communion to the sick, and those too frail and vulnerable to attend Sunday Mass, every 2nd Sunday afternoon.

If this is your situation, would like Fr Paul to bring Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office for details.



READINGS FOR THE HOLY FAMILY 29 DECEMBER

*1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28; Ps 83 (84):2-3, 5-6, 9-10; 1 John 3:1-2,21-24;
Luke 2:41-52*

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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WILL RESUME 5 FEBRUARY 2025**

CATHOLIC LIFE MAGAZINE

Catholic Life has returned after 5 years. December's issue is filled with stories and updates that capture the vibrant life of the Diocese of Lismore. The magazine includes articles on Bishop Greg's Christmas message, the true spirit of Christmas, and celebrates the end of the school year. Copies will be available at the parish, otherwise you can read it online now

at www.lismorediocese.org

**This will be the last Parish
Newsletter for 2024.**

Newsletters will resume on
the weekend of 2nd February
2025.

SAFEGUARDING IN THE DIOCESE

The Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office can be contacted if you have any Safeguarding concerns. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support, and discuss all options available. Contact the Safeguarding Office
- Phone: (02) 6621 9444 or
Email: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au



VANUATU EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Vanuatu has experienced two earthquakes within 24 hours impacting over 116,000 people and causing significant damage to buildings and infrastructure. The main hospital in Port Vila has sustained extensive damage and is overwhelmed by the mass casualties.



There are hundreds of people have been injured or trapped under rubble and at least 14 people deceased with the death toll expected to continue to rise. People remain fearful of further disaster, as Vanuatu is one of the most susceptible countries to natural disasters such as earthquakes, storm damage, flooding, and tsunamis.

This appeal will provide support to our on the ground partners who are ready to respond to the humanitarian requirements by providing emergency shelter, food and other essentials, psychosocial support, and recovery efforts.

Please Donate today: <http://www.caritas.org.au/vanuatu>



SUPPORT VANUATU EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

Thousands of people have been severely impacted by the earthquake in Vanuatu. Please help provide emergency shelter, food and other essentials, psychosocial support to those who are experiencing hardship.

DONATE NOW [caritas.org.au/vanuatu](http://www.caritas.org.au/vanuatu) (0800 024 413)



FROM A TREATISE BY ST HIPPOLYTUS AGAINST THE NOETIC HERESY

There is, brethren, one God, the knowledge of whom we gain from the Holy Scriptures and from no other source. Whatever things the Holy Scriptures declare, at these let us look; and whatever they teach, let us learn it; and as the Father wills our belief to be, let us believe; and as he wills the Son to be glorified, let us glorify him; and as he wills the Holy Spirit to be bestowed, let us receive him. Not according to our own will, nor according to our own mind, nor yet storming by force the things which are given by God, but even as he has chosen to teach them by the Holy Scriptures, so let us discern them.

God, subsisting alone, and having nothing coeval with himself, chose to create the world. And conceiving the world in mind, and willing and uttering the Word, he made it; and at once it appeared, formed it in the way he desired. For us it is sufficient simply to know that nothing was coeval with God. Outside him there was nothing; but he, while existing alone, yet existed in plurality. For he

did not lack reason, or wisdom, or power, or counsel. All things were in him, and he was the All. At a time and in a manner chosen by him he made his Word manifest, and through his Word he made all things.

He bears this Word in himself, as yet invisible to the created world. He makes him visible, uttering the voice first, and begetting him as Light of Light. He presents him to the world as its Lord; and whereas the Word was visible formerly to God alone, and invisible to the world which is made, God makes the Word visible in order that the world might see him and be able to be saved.

This is the mind which came forth into the world and was manifested as the Son of God. All things came into being through him, and he alone comes from the Father.

He gave us the Law and the prophets; and in giving them, he made them speak by the Holy Spirit, in order that, receiving the inspiration of the Father's power, they might declare the Father's counsel and will.

Thus, then, was the Word made manifest, even as the blessed John says. For he sums up the things that were said by the prophets, and shows that this is the Word, by whom all things were made. *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made by him, and without him nothing was made. And later, The world was made by him, and the world did not know him; he came to his own, and his own did not receive him.*

SAINT HIPPOLYTUS OF ROME, MARTYR (-- 235AD)

Hippolytus was a priest and a learned man, the most important writer of the Church at Rome in the early third century. He strongly attacked the popes of the time, and was set up as a rival Pope to St Callistus. Some time later, in Maximin's persecution, he was sent to labour in the quarries of Sardinia. There he met the then Pope, Pontian, and was reconciled with him. (Pontian was made Pope in 231, and was sent to the quarries in 235, where he resigned the papacy and died; Hippolytus must have died at about the same time).

Pontian's successor, Fabian, had both bodies brought back to Rome for burial, and Pontian and Hippolytus were already being venerated by the Roman Church by the start of the fourth century. Hippolytus was the most important theologian and the most prolific religious writer of the Roman Church in the pre-Constantinian era. Unfortunately most of his works have been lost or are known only through scattered fragments, while much has survived only in old translations into Oriental and Slavonic languages, tangled up with the writings of other authors. The fact that Hippolytus wrote in Greek means that later, when that language was no longer understood in Rome, the Romans lost interest in his writings, while in the East they were read long after, and made the author famous.