

LITURGY THIS WEEK

OLA Chapel, Cnr Barney & Jessie Sts, Armidale

ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY 13 OCT – Weekday, Ordinary Time 28

07:00 AM TLM OLA Chapel

07:00 AM Cathedral Mass

09:15 AM Cathedral Mass Private Intention

12:00 NN Cathedral Mass Private Intention

02:00 PM Cathedral Funeral Prayers for Rhonda Hewitt

TUESDAY 14 OCT– Weekday, Ordinary Time 28

07:00 AM Cathedral Mass

12:00 NN Cathedral Mass +Private Intention

WEDNESDAY 15 OCT – St Theresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor

07:00 AM Cathedral Mass

09:15 AM Cathedral Mass +Eilish & Don Clilverd

12:00 NN Cathedral Mass +John Lawlor

THURSDAY 16 OCT – Weekday, Ordinary Time 28

07:00 AM Cathedral Mass

10:00 AM Cathedral Funeral Mass for Brian Battersby

12:00 NN Cathedral Mass +Marian Evans

FRIDAY 17 OCT– St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr

07:00 AM Cathedral Mass

09:15 AM Cathedral Mass Private Intention

05:30 PM Cathedral Mass Private Intention

SATURDAY 18 OCT – St Luke, evangelist

08:00 AM OLA Chapel Mass

09:00 AM Cathedral Mass +Sr Cath Duxbury OSU

06:00 PM Cathedral Mass

SUNDAY 19 OCT – 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MISSION SUNDAY

08:00 AM Cathedral Mass

10:00 AM Cathedral Mass

04:30 PM Solemn Vespers & Benediction

05:30 PM Cathedral Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Cathedral)

MONDAY - THURSDAY 11:30 – 11:50 AM

FRIDAY 04:45 – 05:15 PM

SATURDAY 09:45 – 10:45 AM & 04:30 – 05:30 PM

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	Actual	Target	Difference
1st Collection	\$2,088.00	\$2,114.00	-\$26.00 ☹
2nd Collection	\$5,926.00	\$6,350.00	-\$424.00 ☹

Cathedral Parish Child & Vulnerable Adults Protection and Safeguarding Statement

Commitment to Safety

Our parish is dedicated to creating a safe, respectful, and welcoming environment for all, especially children and vulnerable adults.

Zero Tolerance for Abuse

We have a strict zero-tolerance policy for any form of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of children or vulnerable adults.

Compliance with Safeguarding Standards

Our parish follows the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards, Integrity in Our Common Mission, and adheres to the NSW Child Safe Standards to ensure our practices are aligned with best-practice safeguarding principles.

Please ensure that your children are accompanied when leaving the Cathedral during Mass to go to the toilet or for any other reason.

IN YOUR CHARITY,PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Brian Battersby (Funeral Mass Thursday 16 Oct 10am Cathedral), Rhonda Hewitt (Funeral Prayers Monday 13 October 2pm Cathedral), Janet Mary Hawkins, Marian Evans

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Elaine & Dick Farrell, Beryl Hewins, Donald Moran

SICK: June Loye, Kelemete Hefa, Tom Briggs, Brian Bible, Craig Elliott, Eric McLeod, Brian Maye, Pauline Godschalk, Estela & Nelson Segovia, Joseph Hanna, Kristine Sevilla, James Righetti, Lisa Hallman, Elizabeth Williams, Cristina Arellano, Billy Steller, Jessie Hanson, Vanessa Hardy, Maria Grezl, Wili Suluma, Katrin Gödderz, Mary Peter, Sharyn Lucas, Carmen & John Gallagher, Bob Watson, Ferg Watson, Raymond Watson, Robert Watson, Maureen Campbell, Ann Haydon, Irene & Leigh Owen, Robyn Keogh, Robert Markeljic, Don Armatage, Brian Battersby, Molly Burke, Melissa Gamblen, Hannah Whittton, Tom Britt, Danny Jones, Michael Zhu, Aeron Ryan, Blake Ross, Gemma Milliken, Frederic Kelmeyer, Silvia & Ralph Bowles.

Due to privacy legislation, names of the sick can only be published with permission of the person himself or immediate family members.

12 OCTOBER, 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	6PM	8AM	10AM	5:30PM
Welcomer	MCarson	JToakley	TRimpici	Steller
Reader 1	JCarson	BMackson	ADinh	JChin
Reader 2	PBoston	FMiron	JTurner	RCamilleri
PoF	DFittler	LQuast	MSuluma	APike
ExMin	CKhan	DMiron	BRobinson	KSteller

19 OCTOBER, 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	6PM	8AM	10AM	5:30PM
Welcomer	TRice	PStier	TRimpici	Turley
Reader 1	WClark	JToakley	JTurner	PTurley
Reader 2	CDoherty	CStephen	CChapman	LTindale
PoF	AMay	ARogers	SChapman	NChin
ExMin	TDubois	DMiron	BRobinson	KSteller

SUPPORTING OUR PRIESTS & PARISH

1ST COLLECTION (cash or eft only)

(supports the clergy: food, housekeeping, annual retreat & monthly stipend)

Account Name: St Mary’s Presbytery Account

BSB: 082-105 Acc. No: 001023527

2ND COLLECTION (cash, eft or tap & go - credit card)

(supports the Cathedral Parish: insurance, employees’ salary, repair & maintenance, office and church requisites, utilities, etc)

Account Name: St Mary’s Cathedral Parish

BSB: 082-105 Acc. No: 001006225

(Ref: Planned Giving Number and/or your name)

Thank you for your support!

the Parish Piety Stall

is usually open on the first Sunday of each month after the morning masses.

For any enquiries outside those times, contact Bénédicte on 0478 916 190.

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Principal, O’Connor Catholic College: Mr Philip Gibney

Interim Parish Pastoral Council Chair: Mr Michael Barry

Parish Finance Council Chair: Mrs Fiona Miron

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C/1) 12TH OCTOBER 2025

FIRST READING 2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. ‘Now I know’ he said ‘that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.’

But Elisha replied, ‘As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.’ Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused.

Then Naaman said, ‘Since your answer is “No,” allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.’

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 97(98):1-4

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 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Remember the Good News that I carry, ‘Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David’; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God’s news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 Thess 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,

because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, ‘Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.’ When he saw them he said, ‘Go and show yourselves to the priests.’ Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, ‘Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.’ And he said to the man, ‘Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH-IN-COUNCIL

Please register your Expressions of Interest via the options below.

- By emailing armidalepic@armidale.catholic.org.au leaving your name/s and email address/es
- By calling the Parish Office on 02-67722218
- By using this link and answering the questions: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C7GV3CH> or by scanning the QR code above.



Fr. Damien

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST to be held at The Cottage, 86 Barney St, Saturday 18th October 8.30am \$27.50. Guest speaker Philip Gibney, principal of the Catholic Education Office. Please confirm your attendance with the Women's Breakfast Club, BSB: 0811 111 111. More information contact Margaret Carson 0427332954 or vi.fittler@bigpond.com

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THE ARMIDALE CATHOLIC MEN'S BREAKFAST

Next gathering at 7:00am on Saturday 1 November at the Armidale Memorial Ex Services Club located at 137 Dumaresq Street, Armidale. Details of guest speaker closer to event. For enquiries contact Nirmal on 0430871064.

FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION

Marian devotion on the first Saturday of each month. Next gathering **Saturday 1st November at 9.30am**, immediately after the 9am Mass in the Cathedral.

NATIONWIDE ROSARY CHAIN

Date: 11th of October Saturday. **Time:** 3 pm **Where:** In the Rotunda In central Park Armidale -if it is raining, we will hold it in the Parish Centre. All welcome! Please feel free to invite friends.

FISHERS OF MEN PRAYER GROUP | meets in the Parish Meeting Room, Mondays 7:30 - 9:30 pm. For enquiries contact Nirmal on 0430871064.

PARISH SEWING GROUP | are next meeting on Wednesday 22 October at 12.45 pm in the Holy Family Parish Centre to help to maintain the Cathedral parish vestments and Altar linen. All are most welcome!

HOLY FACE DEVOTION | Tuesday's at 5:45 pm in the Parish Prayer Room (formerly Adoration Chapel).

CATHEDRAL PARISH ADORATION PROGRAM

8am - 8pm Monday-Friday and then Friday from 8pm - Saturday 8am - a total of 72 hours a week. Rosters are managed by the Sisters of the Immaculata who can be contacted at: armidaleadoration@gmail.com

MOTHER EFFECT | is an opportunity for carers and their young children to meet together for fellowship and to learn about the faith. We meet on Tuesdays during school term, from 10am in the Torregiani Room. We look forward to meeting you.

Mystic and Doctor

Saint Teresa of Avila |Feast on 15th October

St. Teresa of Jesus was born at Avila in Spain on 28 March, 1515 and died in 1582. Teresa was brought up by her saintly father, a lover of serious books, and a tender mother.

After entering religious life she became very ill and nearly died. After a prolonged cure she was eventually healed by St. Joseph. During these years of suffering she began the practice of meditation and God blessed her with 'intellectual visions'. One vision depicted hell, a state for those who die in mortal sin - which inspired her to seek a more perfect life. The more she endeavored to do God's will the more powerfully did God work in her soul.

The whole city of Avila was troubled by the reports of this nun contained in her autobiography *The Life*. Teresa also experienced a spiritual piercing or transverberation of the heart, the spiritual espousals and the mystical marriage. After many troubles and much opposition she founded numerous convents of Discalced Carmelites. St. Teresa's position among writers on mystical theology is unique.

Under obedience she wrote four books which contain the best explanations of prayer and meditation. One is called the *Way of Perfection*.



SESQUICENTENARY OF THE DEATH OF JOSEPH DALY

14 Oct 2025 is the sesquicentenary of the death of Joseph Daly. The resurrection window above the current cathedral's sanctuary is dedicated to the pioneering active Armidale parishioner Daly family.

"NB: Joseph Daly who with his wife Mary funded the acquisition of the land upon which our Cathedral is built, died 150 years ago on 14 October 1875. He rests with his wife just west of the Gatti Chapel. May they rest in peace. Amen."

"Joseph Daly who passed away in Armidale on 14 October 1875. Sometimes referred to as a Patriarch of Armidale." (Google searches locates these search terms and Dr Aitchison uses this term in his paper.)

"Sesquicentenary of the passing of parishioner Joseph Daly." The location near the gatti chapel can be seen virtually in the following link:

[Joseph Daly \(1795-1875\) - Find a Grave Memorial](#)

Perseverance in Prayer

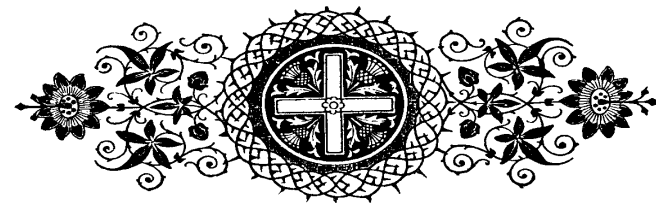
Pray the Rosary

The family that prays together stays together



Seven Simple Rules

1. Be constant - a daily routine is essential.
2. Try to improve the quality of your prayers
3. Never doubt that God hears your prayers.
4. Avoid distractions but don't be discouraged.
5. Listen as much as your speak.
6. Learn from others about prayer.
7. Don't forget - NEVER give up.



HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

St Peter's Square

XXVIII Sunday of Ordinary Time

13 October 2019

"Your faith has saved you" (*Lk* 17:19). This is the climax of today's Gospel, which reflects *the journey of faith*. There are three steps in this journey of faith. We see them in the actions of the lepers whom Jesus heals. They *cry out*, they *walk* and they *give thanks*.

First, they *cry out*. The lepers were in a dreadful situation, not only because of a disease that, widespread even today, needs to be battled with unremitting effort, but also because of their exclusion from society. At the time of Jesus, lepers were considered unclean and, as such, had to be isolated and kept apart (cf. *Lev* 13:46). We see that when they approach Jesus, they "kept their distance" (*Lk* 17:12). Even though their condition kept them apart, the Gospel tells us that they "called out" (v. 13) and pleaded with Jesus. They did not let themselves be paralyzed because they were shunned by society; they cried out to God, who excludes no one. We see how distances are shortened, how loneliness is overcome: by not closing in on ourselves and our own problems, by not thinking about how others judge us, but rather by crying out to the Lord, for the Lord hears the cry of those who find themselves alone.

Like those lepers, we too need healing, each one of us. We need to be healed of our lack of confidence in ourselves, in life, in the future; we need to be healed of our fears and the vices that enslave us, of our introversion, our addictions and our attachment to games, money, television, mobile phones, to what other people think. The Lord sets our hearts free and heals them *if only we ask him*, only if we say to him: "Lord, I believe you can heal me. Dear Jesus, heal me from being caught up in myself. Free me from evil and fear". The lepers are the first people, in this Gospel, who called on the name of Jesus. Later, a blind man and a crucified thief would do so: all of them needy people calling on the name of Jesus, which

means: "God saves". They call God by name, directly and spontaneously. To call someone by name is a sign of confidence, and it pleases the Lord. That is how faith grows, through confident, trusting prayer. Prayer in which we bring to Jesus who we really are, with open hearts, without attempting to mask our sufferings. Each day, let us invoke with confidence the name of Jesus: "God saves". Let us repeat it: that is prayer, to say "Jesus" is to pray. And prayer is essential! Indeed, prayer is the door of faith; prayer is medicine for the heart.

The second word is to *walk*. It is the second stage. In today's brief Gospel, there are several verbs of motion. It is quite striking that the lepers are not healed as they stand before Jesus; it is only afterwards, as they were walking. The Gospel tells us that: "As they went, they were made clean" (v. 14). They were healed by going up to Jerusalem, that is, while walking uphill. On the journey of life, purification takes place along the way, a way that is often uphill since it leads to the heights. Faith calls for journey, a "going out" from ourselves, and it can work wonders if we abandon our comforting certainties, if we leave our safe harbours and our cosy nests. Faith increases by giving, and grows by taking risks. Faith advances when we make our way equipped with trust in God. Faith advances with humble and practical steps, like the steps of the lepers or those of Naaman who went down to bathe in the river Jordan (cf. *2 Kings* 5:14-17). The same is true for us. We advance in faith by showing humble and practical love, exercising patience each day, and praying constantly to Jesus as we keep pressing forward on our way.

There is a further interesting aspect to the journey of the lepers: they move *together*. The Gospel tells us that, "as they went, they were made clean" (v. 14). The verbs are in the plural. Faith means also walking together, never alone. Once healed, however, nine of them go off on their own way, and only one turns back to offer thanks. Jesus then expresses his astonishment: "The others, where are they?" (v. 17). It is as if he asks the only one who returned to account for the other nine. It is the task of us, who celebrate the *Eucharist* as an act of *thanksgiving*, to take care of those who have stopped walking, those who have lost their way. We are called to be guardians of our distant brothers and sisters, all of us! We are to intercede for them; we are responsible for them, to account for them, to keep them close to heart. Do you want to grow in faith? You, who are here today, do you want to grow in faith? Then take care of a distant brother, a faraway sister.

To cry out. To walk. And to *give thanks*. This is the final step. Only to the one who thanked him did Jesus say: "Your faith has saved you" (v. 19). It made you both safe, and sound. We see from this that the ultimate goal is not health or wellness, but the encounter with Jesus. Salvation is not drinking a glass of water to keep fit; it is going to the source, which is Jesus. He alone frees us from evil and heals our hearts. Only an encounter with him can save, can make life full and beautiful. Whenever we meet Jesus, the word "thanks" comes immediately to our lips, because we have discovered the most important thing in life, which is not to receive a grace or resolve a problem, but to embrace the Lord of life. And this is the most important thing in life: to embrace the Lord of life.

It is impressive to see how the man who was healed, a Samaritan, expresses his joy with his entire being: he praises God in a loud voice, he prostrates himself, and he gives thanks (cf. vv. 15-16). The culmination of the journey of faith is to live a life of continual thanksgiving. Let us ask ourselves: do we, as people of faith, live each day as a burden, or as an act of praise? Are we closed in on ourselves, waiting to ask another blessing, or do we find our joy in giving thanks? When we express our gratitude, the Father's heart is moved and he pours out the Holy Spirit upon us. To give thanks is not a question of good manners or etiquette; it is a question of faith. A grateful heart is one that remains young. To say "Thank you, Lord" when we wake up, throughout the day and before going to bed: that is the best way to keep our hearts young, because hearts can grow old and be spoilt. This also holds true for families, and between spouses. Remember to say thank you. Those words are the simplest and most effective of all.

MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday 19 October | Jacqui Toakley will speak at all Masses about this years charity.

MISSIONARIES OF HOPE
among all peoples

For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.

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Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mission

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARMIDALE

St Carlo Acutis Tour

LAUNCH

12:30-5PM Saturday 11th Oct
Torreggiani Room & Precinct

Program:

- 12:30PM Lunch
- 1:30PM Official Opening by Bishop Peter Murphy
- 1:45PM Exhibition Viewing (Adults) Adoration (Children)
- 2:30PM Holy Hour & Rosary (Adults)
Exhibition Viewing & Catechesis (Children)
- 3:30PM Talk: "The Eucharist: the Highway to Heaven" (Adults) Activities (Children)
- 4:30PM Afternoon tea
- 5:00PM Finish