

LITURGY THIS WEEK

OLA Chapel, Cnr Barney & Jessie Sts, Armidale

PLEASE NOTE: There is no 9:15am Mass this Monday 1 & Wednesday 3 December this week.

ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY 1 DEC – Monday of the 1st week of Advent

07:00 AMOLA ChapelTLM

07:00 AMCathedral Mass+Margaret Doherty

12:00 NNCathedral MassPrivate Intention

02:00 PMCathedral Funeral Mass for Maureen Bullen

TUESDAY 2 DEC – Tuesday of the 1st week of Advent

07:00 AMCathedral Mass+Members of the Hillard, Ewen, Kelly & Cook Families

12:00 NNCathedral Mass+Fred Ward, Jessie Crease, Harold Allen, Nellie Bussell)

WEDNESDAY 3 DEC – St Francis Xavier, priest

07:00 AMCathedral MassIntentions of Richard & Ande

12:00 NNCathedral MassIntentions of John & Carmen Gallagher

THURSDAY 4 DEC – Thursday of the 1st week of Advent

07:00 AMCathedral Mass+Abuan Family, Arturo, Rufina, Roderick & Rodelie

12:00 NNCathedral MassTurner Family Intentions

FRIDAY 5 DEC – Friday of the 1st week of Advent

07:00 AMCathedral Mass

09:15 AMCathedral Mass+Noel Bourke, John & Marie Lawlor

05:30 PMCathedral MassIntentions of Michelle Doherty

SATURDAY 6 DEC – Saturday of the 1st week of Advent

08:00 AMOLA Chapel Mass

09:00 AMCathedral MassIntentions of M Doherty

06:00 PMCathedral MassPro populo

SUNDAY 7 DEC – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

08:00 AMCathedral Mass

10:00 AMCathedral MassPro populo

11:00 AMSolemn Mass with Choir (Latin parts) Pro populo

04:30 PMSolemn Vespers & Benediction

05:30 PMCathedral Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Cathedral)

MONDAY - THURSDAY11:30 – 11:50 AM

FRIDAY04:45 – 05:15 PM

SATURDAY09:45 – 10:45 AM & 04:30 – 05:30 PM

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS			
	Actual	Target	Difference
1st Collection	\$2,117.00	\$2,114.00	\$3.00 ☺
2nd Collection	\$5,312.00	\$6,350.00	-\$1,038.00 ☹

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.

Save the date...

Carols in the Cathedral

Wednesday 17th December

in the Cathedral at 6 pm

&

Christmas Lessons & Carols

Saturday 20th December

In Our Lady of the Angels Chapel

at 7:30pm

IN YOUR CHARITY,PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Maureen Bullen (Funeral Mass Mon 1 Dec 2pm in Cathedral), Anne David, Dora Moloney

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Wilkie, Joseph O’Brien, Roy Fittler, Ernest Vale, Russell Menzies

SICK: Kelemete Hefe, Tom Briggs, Brian Bible, Craig Elliott, Eric McLeod, 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, Molly Burke, Melissa Gamblen, Hannah Whitton, Tom Britt, Danny Jones, Michael Zhu, Aeron Ryan, Blake Ross, Gemma Milliken, Frederic Kelmeyer, Silvia & Ralph Bowles.

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!

30 NOVEMBER, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT					
	6PM	8AM	10AM	11AM	5:30PM
Welcomer	W Clark	Ana G	T Rimpici	APike	Tindale
Reader 1	J Hansen	Volunteer	K Frazier	M Van Gend	N Chin
Reader 2	KMcMahon	L Quast	R Menz		J Chin
PoF	D Fittler	C Stephen	M Suluma		D Roff
ExMin	C Khan	D Miron	B Robinson		D Roff
7 DECEMBER, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT					
	6PM	8AM	10AM	11AM	5:30PM
Welcomer	J Hansen	D McGrath	T Rimpici	APike	Chin
Reader 1	W Clark	J Toakley	I Mittheu	MVanGend	J Roff
Reader 2	C Doherty	A Rogers	J Turner		P Turley
PoF	A May	B Mackson	P Hordern		RCamilleri
ExMin	KMcMahon	D Miron	B Robinson		K Steller
Please ensure that your children are accompanied when leaving the Cathedral during Mass to go to the toilet or for any other					

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Principal, St Mary’s Catholic Primary School: Mrs Belinda Burton

Principal, O’Connor Catholic College: Mr Philip Gibney

Interim Parish Pastoral Council Chair: Mr Michael Barry

Parish Finance Council Chair: Mrs Fiona Miron

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C/1) 30TH NOVEMBER 2025

FIRST READINGIsaiah 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

SECOND READINGRomans 13:11-14

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATIONPs 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

GOSPELMatthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONSORIAL PSALMPsalm 121(122):1-2,4-5,6-9

R: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: ‘Let us go to God’s house.’ And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R:**

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. For Israel’s law it is, there to praise the Lord’s name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. **R:**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray: ‘Peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!’ **R;**

For love of my brethren and friends I say: ‘Peace upon you!’ For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. **R;**

ADVENT REFLECTION GROUP

With Sem. Allem Alba

On the Joyful Mysteries

Thursdays of December

10:00am Morning Tea

10:30am Rosary

11:00am Reflection

12:00pm Mass

All Welcome!

For registration and/or expression of interest, please contact Tina.

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST | The parish has acquired the nativity scene figurines, that were formerly housed in Central Park, by the Armidale Regional Council. We would like to display them somewhere in the Cathedral forecourt, however we will need some kind of structure to house them in for security/protection. If you are handy on the tools and have any ideas we would love to hear from you. Please contact the parish office on 67722218 or by email at armidaleparish@armidale.catholic.org.au

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

Open to all parishioners & friends. Wednesday 10 December, 5pm in the O'Mahoney House courtyard. Please bring a plate to share.

CATECHISTS 2026

Would you like to join our Catechists team for 2026 and make a difference to the lives of children in our State Primary Schools? Are you called to be a disciple to spread the mission of God? Can you spare an hour a week as a Catechist or an Assistant? Please contact Kerry Steller or Tina Clarke at the Parish Office on 67722218 for further information.

CLEANING ROSTER FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY

Volunteers are needed over the December/January period. There is a roster in the Cathedral foyer. Please add your name alongside the week/date that you are available to help.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR REHEARSALS FOR CHRISTMAS

Saturdays 6 & 13, 11am in the Cathedral.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

This weekend students from our Catholic secondary schools: O'Connor (Armidale), McCarthy (Tamworth), Holy Trinity (Inverell) & St Mary's (Gunnedah) are attending the ACYF in Melbourne. Please keep them in your prayers.

FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION

Marian devotion on the first Saturday of each month. Next gathering **Saturday 6th December at 9.30am**, immediately after the 9am Mass in the Cathedral.

THE ARMIDALE CATHOLIC MEN'S BREAKFAST

Meets on the first Saturday of each month, 7:30am at The Mill Bistro at the Armidale Ex-Services Club. Next meeting Saturday 6 December with guest speaker Fr Damien sharing on the Pilgrims of Hope: Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Rome. For enquiries contact Nirmal on 0430871064.

PARISH SEWING GROUP | are next meeting on Wednesday 3 December 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!

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

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

MIGRANT JUBILEE CROSS | The Migrant Jubilee Cross will be visiting the Cathedral Parish on 5/6 December. As well as visiting our Parish schools, the Cross will also be present at the 6pm Vigil Mass on 6 December, following which their will be multicultural food and entertainment in the Cathedral forecourt. The Cross is the fine work of our very John Kerklan from Quirindi. All are most welcome.



Parish Piety Stall Advent & Christmas sale

after all masses this Sunday

- Advent candles and devotionals
- Christmas cards
- 2026 calendars
- Nativity sets & Christmas ornaments
- books & gifts

For anyone wishing to have Vinnies Christmas cards and / or Columban calendars delivered, please contact Nick (0422 474 785)



Fiori Musicali presents:

This Endris Night

A CONCERT OF MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS

Special guest Steven Thomeycroft Guitar

3PM SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER

Australian Poetry Hall of Fame, GUYRA

3PM SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER

Our Lady of the Angels Chapel

Cnr Barney & Jessie Sts, ARMIDALE

Tickets \$30/\$25 concession from Trybooking or at the door

BLUE BUCKET APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society will be holding a Blue Bucket Appeal to support the Vinnies Christmas Appeal at all Masses for Saturday/Sunday 13th and 14th December. We will collect cash and a machine will be available for electronic donations. All donations from the Masses will be spent locally to supply food hampers, vouchers, assistance with bills and other expenses to our needy in the Armidale Community over the Christmas period.



Envelopes at the back of the Cathedral can be used for those wishing to claim a tax deduction.

IMMACULATA MISSION SCHOOL 2026

What is it? A wonderful opportunity to grow in faith through daily Mass, Adoration and times of prayer, fantastic Catholic speakers (including international speakers Steve and Katey Norman from Renewal Ministries), share groups, fun activities, friendship and lots more.

What is the theme? "Our Father" - join us and go deeper in God's goodness and love!

When is it? 1-7 Jan for youth and adults (14 years and up); 1-5 Jan for married couples and families (includes children's ministry)

Where is it? Armidale, NSW

For costs, more information and to register visit:

www.immaculata.org.au/ims

Registrations close 23rd Dec, early-bird prices finish 30th November

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Rite of Blessing of the Advent Wreath:

Brothers and sisters, listen to the words of the first letter of the prophet Isaiah:

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.

You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing,

As they rejoice before you as at the harvest,

as men make merry when dividing spoils.

For a child is born to us, a son is given us;

upon his shoulder dominion rests.

They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,

Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.

His dominion is vast and forever peaceful,

From David's throne, and over his kingdom,

which he confirms and sustains by judgement and justice,

both now and forever.

Lord our God,

we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:

he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,

he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,

he is the Savior of every nation.

NOVEMBER MASS LIST 2025

Please Remember in your Prayers the repose of the souls of: All Holy Souls; Deceased family & friends of: Wendy Faint, Carol Khan, Tonkin Family, Ellis & Day Families, Carmen & John Gallagher, O'Connell & McCann Families, April Mae Armigo, Vincent M Armigos, Ferouzeh Dyckman, Ron Bower, Barbara Hewitt Armatage Family, St Joseph Family Group, Claire Keoghan, Carey & O'Connell Families, Carl Carlon, Maria Lopez, Liz O'Brien, Barbara Hewitt, Elinie Lisondra, Bernadette Robinson, Kirkman Family, Marie Sencratna, Dell family, & Peter Stier; Anne Russell; Alex Faint, Terry Faint, Tony Faint, Mary Faint, Margaret Faint; John Ramsden, Barbara Ramsden, Craig Ramsden, Lynda Flanagan, Patsy Mountford, Frank Kellehar, Mike Flanagan, Wini Sundborn, Jack Clegg, Fr Michael Butler, Syd Ramsden, Avis Ramsden, Margaret Ramsden, Keith Clegg, Nana Clegg, Craig Walker, Fr Lyall, Mike Kichenside, Hertrudes Lacanilao, Lolo Lacanilao, Felicitas Del Castillo, Lolo Del Castillo, Tito boy Lacanilao, Vic Contemplacion, Pauline Dufrou, Peter Dufrou, Stephanie Dufrou, Brian Schaefer, Agnes Schaefer, Sherley Louise, Vicente Diana Jr, Lebe Diana, Leodegario Alimangohan, Stefania Pasztetnik, Piotr Pasztetnik, Michal Boczar, Karolina Boczar, Marcin Pasztetnik, Anna Pasztetnik, Anna Baczkowicz, Augustyn Baczkowicz, Jan Baczkowicz, Maria Piecuch, Joanna Piecuch, Ludmia Piecuch, Jan Galeczka, Sandra Ryan, Harry Ryan, Betty Streher, Anthony Streher, Thomas Kelly/Lawton, Patricia Marr, Lily May Streher, Olive Tasker, Nicole Del Castillo, deceased members of Lacanilao and Del Castillo family, Ging Cahegas, Mama Diling, Jerrold Lato, Bill and Lola Harding, Michael Francis De Battista, Alessandro Adorni-Braccesi, Peter Joseph, Giovanna Adorni-Braccesi, Zio Adorno, Patricia Briscoe, Brian Walsh, Adriana Doodeman, Gerardus Doodeman, Barbara Tol, Cor Tol, Bob Bower, David Evans, Patricia Bower, Mollie Evans, Pop Evans, Reginald Bower, Chris Bower, Bill Bower, Margaret Mack, deceased members of the Doodeman, Tol and Bower families, Pat and Don Blenkinsopp, Seripina and oppung dolly rajagukguk, Blenkinsopp, O'Brien and Rajagukguk family, Julisar simbolon, Tulang Rajagukguk, Jay Daryl Solon, Jorge Varunny, Achama Kallukaran, Tony Kallukaran, Joji Kallukaran, Jose Kallukaran, Ron Jumawan, Glen Perpetua, Valentin Jr. Hornijas, Helga Jones, Mary-Anne Jones, Justine Jones, Peter Colquhoun, Gail Colquhoun, Arthur Tonkin, Doreen Tonkin, John Tonkin, Marie McCoy, Ellen J Tonkin, Mary Wilkie, Jack Latham, Bob Allen, Pat Caton, Bob Caton, Jean Latham, Des Latham, Frances Latham, Keiran McNamara, The Sisters of St Joseph, Rob Hadfield, Ben Nydem, Annette & Bob Irving, Tom Shedden, John McMillan, Deceased members of the Gallagher, Morris, Burke & Pugh Families, Frank Gibson, Kathleen Gibson, Neil Gibson, Pam O'Connor, Christine Nugent, Michael O'Connor, Richard & Mary O'Connor, Joyce Hefeen, Mary Heferen, Rosela, Florentino, Emalina, Sofromio, Fortunata, Cesaria, Mae Joy, Elina, Our still-born & miscarried babies, Cristita M Armigo, Junita C Morandante, Antonio Morandante Sr, Primitero Morandante, Fernando Viernus, Joel Albaran, Flom Esparito, Jaime Ciaros, Arnulfo Morandante, Joselito Morandante, Julian Albaran, John Moore, Ruth Salewski, Colleen & Eric Stier, Amanda Stier, Patricia Marr, Thomas Kelly/Lawton, Step Marr, Bernadette Dewhurst-Philips, Rosa, Togar Rajagukguk, Marginar Rajagukguk, Ferdinand Rajagukguk, Christian Rajagukguk, Dora Moloney, Bill Moloney, Michael Moloney, John & David Swann, James & Elsie Williams, Joseph & Lola Williams, Paul Armatage, Tracie Armatage, Nicholas & Mona Williams, Thomas & Eileen Armatage, Bill Williams, Narelle Williams, Eileen Cochrane, Gary Morris, Herbert Brown, Donald Cochrane, Margaret Edgley, Mr & Mrs Constances, Tony Holmes, Ben & Ralda Carr, Allan Moon, Kit Moon, Ben Moon, John Moon, Roslyn Carlon, Rosemary Clarke, Barry & Laine Clarke, Billie Clarke, Peter Clarke, Kay Clarke, Ena & Darcy Clarke, Syra & Les 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families, Fred Ward, Jessie Crease, Harold Allen, Nellie Bussell, Joseph Famodima, Kemi Olayiwola, Fr Austin Mbelu, Fr Ezekiel Owoeye, Patricia, Iyer. Ifesna, Sidi, Charles, Ayo, all departed legionaries, The Aoblekes, Vernon Turner, Phyllis Turner, Don & Maree King, Bishop Henry Kennedy, Fr Paul Stenhouse, Charlie Selby, Noel Bourke, John & Marie Lawlor, Russell Menzies, Abuan Family, Arturo, Rufina, Roderick, Rodelie,

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen.

Lighting of the First Candle:

The Candle of Hope

The first week of Advent we remember the gift of hope we have in Christ. The prophets of Israel all spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a savior would be born, a king in the line of David. They spoke of how he would rule the world wisely and bless all nations.



Let us pray – Loving God, we thank you for the hope you give us. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming by being open to seeing the light of Christ in others. We ask this in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord. Amen.