

## LITURGY THIS WEEK

OLA Chapel, Cnr Jessie & Barney Sts, Armidale.				
ORDINARY TIME				
MONDAY 26 JAN – AUSTRALIA DAY				
07:00 AM	Cathedral Mass			
09:15 AM	Cathedral Mass	12 noon Mass cancelled		
TUESDAY 27 JAN – Weekday, Ordinary Time 3				
07:00 AM	Cathedral Mass			
12:00 NN	Cathedral Mass			
WEDNESDAY 28 JAN – St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor				
07:00 AM	Cathedral Mass			
09:30 AM	<b>Mass at DLS Chapel</b>	**Please Note		
12:00 NN	Cathedral Mass			
THURSDAY 29 JAN – Weekday, Ordinary Time 3				
07:00 AM	Cathedral Mass			
12:00 NN	Cathedral Mass			
FRIDAY 30 JAN – Weekday, Ordinary Time 3				
07:00 AM	Cathedral Mass			
09:15 AM	Cathedral Mass			
05:30 PM	Cathedral Mass			
SATURDAY 31 JAN – St John Bosco, priest				
08:00 AM	OLA Chapel TLM (Traditional Latin Mass)			
09:00 AM	Cathedral Mass			
06:00 PM	Cathedral Mass			
SUNDAY 01 FEB – 4TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME				
08:00 AM	Cathedral Mass			
10:00 AM	Cathedral Mass			
11:00 AM	Solemn Mass with Choir (Latin parts) <i>Pro populo</i>			
04:30 PM	Solemn Vespers & Benediction			
05:30 PM	Cathedral Mass <i>Pro populo</i>			
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				

### IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR:

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Kathleen Beresford, Tom Polak, Paula Whitten, Patricia Campbell Hardwick, Shayne Hutchinson, Will Pearson, Emiliano Comanda (Fr Eli's father), Robyn Barracough, Beulah Adams.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Bishop Luc Mathys, Valmai Kelly, Margaret Edgley

**SICK:** Vicki Caldwell, 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, Carmen & John Gallagher, Bob Watson, Ferg Watson, Raymond Watson, Robert Watson, Maureen Campbell, Ann Haydon, Irene & Leigh Owen, Robyn Keogh, Robert Markejic, Don Armatage, Molly Burke, Melissa Gamblen, Hannah Whiton, Tom Britt, Danny Jones, Michael Zhu, Aeron Ryan, Blake Ross, Gemma Milliken, Frederic Kelmeyer, Silvia & Ralph Bowles.

### SUPPORTING OUR PRIESTS & PARISH

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> 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

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION (cash, eft or tap & go - credit card)

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

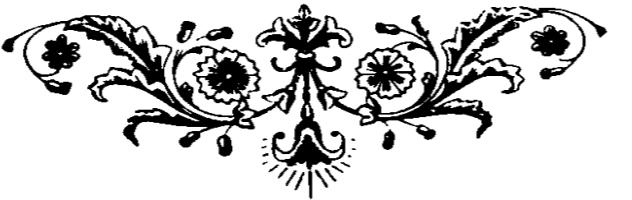
Account Name: St Mary's Cathedral Parish  
BSB: 082-105 Acc. No: 001006225

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

Thank you for your support!

## Marriage Tribunal of the Catholic Church

Within the Catholic Church there exists a series of tribunals. Among the activities of the different tribunals is the work of assisting those who have experienced a marriage breakdown. Marriage breakdown is a distressing experience for all concerned. Many separated and divorced people wonder about their status within the Church. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Armidale Office of the Interdiocesan Tribunal of Sydney extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process. For further information please phone the Armidale Office of the Interdiocesan Tribunal of Sydney on 6771 8705 or email [tribunal@armidale.catholic.org.au](mailto:tribunal@armidale.catholic.org.au)



### 25 JANUARY, 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	6PM	8AM	10AM	11AM	5:30PM
Welcomer	T Rice	P Stier	T Rimpici	APike	Steller
Reader 1	W Clark	J Toakley	I Mittheu	MVanGend	D Roff
Reader 2	C Doherty	A Rogers	J Turner		J Roff
PoF	A May	B Mackson	A Dinh		P Turley
ExMin	T Dubois	D Miron	B Robinson		D Roff

### 1 FEBRUARY, 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	6PM	8AM	10AM	11AM	5:30PM
Welcomer	KMcMahon	MBarry	TRimpici	APike	Turley
Reader 1	PBoston	FMiron	KFrazier	MVanGend	JMaher
Reader 2	DFittler	NRamazani	RMenz		NChin
PoF	WClark	LQuast	MSuluma		JChin
ExMin	CKhan	DMiron	BRobinson		KSteller

### 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*

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

## Saints Mary & Joseph Cathedral Parish Armidale

Most Reverend Peter Mel Murphy Ph.D      Bishop of Armidale

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Assistant Priest: Rev Fr Elino (Eli) Comanda OSJ | [frelino@armidale.catholic.org.au](mailto:frelino@armidale.catholic.org.au)

Parish Secretary Ms Tina Clarke | Office Hours: **Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm**

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

Principal, O'Connor Catholic College: Mr Philip Gibney

Parish Finance Council Chair: Mrs Fiona Miron



### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A/2) 25TH JANUARY 2026

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Psalm 95:1,6

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In His presence are majesty and splendour,  
Strength and honour in His holy place.

#### FIRST READING

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness  
has seen a great light;  
on those who live in a land of deep shadow  
a light has shone.  
You have made their gladness greater,  
you have made their joy increase;  
they rejoice in your presence  
as men rejoice at harvest time,  
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,  
the bar across his shoulders,  
the rod of his oppressor –  
these you break as on the day of Midian.

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 26(27):1,4,13-14

**R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink? **R:**  
There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple. **R:**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! **R:**

#### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ,

to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

*'Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.'*

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

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

#### Communion Antiphon:

Psalm 33:6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

## NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **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. If you would further information, please contact the Parish Office 67722218.

### **FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION**

Marian devotion on the first Saturday of each month. Next gathering this **Saturday 7th February at 9.30am**, immediately after the 9am Mass in the Cathedral.

**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**

The Parish Adoration Program will be take a break from: Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday 24 December at 3pm through to Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday 9 February at 8am.

### **CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD UPDATE AND MORE HELPERS NEEDED**

During 2025 we have been blessed to be able to run three groups of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) – two sessions for the 3-6 yr olds and one session for the 6-9 yr olds. Next year we hope to start an additional session for the 9-12 yr olds. If you would like your child to start attending CGS in 2026, please register your interest with Monica van Gend on 0431 385 524 (we have a waitlist for the 3-6 yr olds).

Also, we are in need of 2 more adult helpers for our sessions in 2026. All that is required is 1.5 hrs a week (or fortnight) and a WWCC, we will provide training. Please contact Janine Turner on 0416 767 866 if you are able to offer any help.

### **SACRAMENTS IN THE CATHEDRAL PARISH**

**BAPTISM** can be arranged for any Saturdays or by arrangement, by contacting the Parish Office during business hours or you can access a form online at our parish website [smjcathedral.org.au/baptism](http://smjcathedral.org.au/baptism)

**MARRIAGE** can be arranged by making an appointment to speak with a priest. You can access a preliminary form online at [smjcathedral.org.au/marriage](http://smjcathedral.org.au/marriage) and email to the parish at [armidaleparish@armidale.catholic.org.au](mailto:armidaleparish@armidale.catholic.org.au)

**CONFIRMATION** | a parish program will run in the lead up to Pentecost when the sacrament is conferred. Details will be published in the bulletin soon.

### **RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

A parish program will run during term two. Again, details will be published in the bulletin prior.

### **DIACONATE ORDINATION INVITATION**

Parishioners are warmly invited to attend the diaconate ordination of **Mr Allem Alba and Br Maximilian Streher** at the Cathedral, 10.30am on **Monday, 2 February**.

Light refreshments will follow the ceremony in the Torreggiani Courtyard. For catering purposes please RSVP by Friday 23 January to the Chancery Office.

Phone 6771 8700 or [chancery@armidale.catholic.org.au](mailto:chancery@armidale.catholic.org.au)



### **WOMEN'S BREAKFAST**

to be held at

The Cottage, 86 Barney St, Saturday 21st February 8.30am. \$27.50. Guest speaker: Phil Gibney, Principal: O'Connor Catholic College.

Please confirm your booking by 17 February with payment to:

**Majellan Mothers Club,**

**BSB: 082105,**

**ACC: 001061469, Reference with name only.**

For more information contact:

Margaret Carson 0488776610 or [mcarsonma1952@gmail.com](mailto:mcarsonma1952@gmail.com)

Glenda Fittler 0427332954 or [vifittler@bigpond.com](mailto:vifittler@bigpond.com)

### **CATECHISTS**

Join our amazing team of Catechists to help our State Primary School children learn about their faith. Training and mentoring will be provided for this ministry.

Contact Kerry Steller or Tina Clarke for further information on 67722218 or come along to our next meeting.

**A Catechist meeting and morning tea will be held on Tuesday 3rd February at 10.00am in the Parish Centre**

### **BAPTISM**

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

*Angus Walter McGuigan*

### **CANDIDATES FOR THE UPCOMING**

#### **DIACONATE**

#### **ORDINATION ON 2ND FEBRUARY, 2026** **MR ALLEM ALBA AND BR MAXIMILIAN STEHER**

HAVE PROVIDED BRIEF BIOGRAPHIES FOR  
YOUR INFORMATION



Brother Maximilian Mary Streher was born 22nd March, 1990 in Penrith. He was baptized on 6 May 1990 and confirmed on 20 May 1998 at Saint Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church, Penrith.

Brother Maximilian completed university studies in a Bachelor of Business and Commerce at Western Sydney University, and worked in Catholic media for 6 years. He joined the Immaculata Community as a lay member in 2012 until 2018 when he then joined as a Brother postulant. Brother Maximilian made his first profession on 11th February, 2021, and made his perpetual profession on 8th December, 2025. As a Brother of the Immaculata Community, he serves the Church with the Brothers and Sisters in the work of Spiritual Renewal through Eucharistic Adoration and faith formation in parishes and mission.

Brother Maximilian completed a Master of Arts – Philosophical studies in 2016, and has recently completed a Bachelor of Philosophy/Bachelor of Theology through the University of Notre Dame Australia.

His pastoral formation with the Immaculata community has included ministry to youth, street outreach, parish missions and parish retreats and assisting in serving at the Cathedral. He is currently undertaking Clinical Pastoral Education course at St Agnes' Lifestyle and Care Village, Port Macquarie.

He was instituted as an Acolyte on 17th December 2017, and a Lector on the 19th July 2025. He was admitted as a Candidate for Holy Orders on 1st November 2025.



Allem James Dalisay Alba was born on 29 August 1995 in Malolos, Bulacan, Philippines. He was baptised on 10 September 1995 and confirmed on 22 February 2004 at the Parish Church of St James the Apostle, Plaridel.

He entered the Immaculate Conception Major Seminary in 2011, completing a Bachelor of

Philosophy in 2016, and continued his formation until 2021. His pastoral formation included ministry to youth, the abandoned elderly, and persons with psychological disabilities, with exposure to rural, coastal (island) parishes, as well as radio ministry and hospital chaplaincy training. In 2017, He taught philosophy and Christian Education at a secondary level. He was instituted as a Lector in 2019, made his perpetual profession as a Third Order Carmelite of the Ancient Observance (O.Carm) in 2020, and was instituted as an Acolyte in the same year.

He was received into the Diocese of Armidale in 2022 and arrived in Australia in 2023. While undertaking formation at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush, and studies at the Catholic Institute of Sydney, he completed pastoral training in Australia through parish placements within the Diocese of Armidale, Sydney Catholic Schools and SRE teaching, as well as chaplaincy exposure at the University of Sydney, and charitable ministry with the Missionaries of Charity. He completed his studies in 2025 and is to be conferred the Bachelor of Divinity in February 2026.

He was admitted as a Candidate for Holy Orders on 21 November 2025.

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### **Australia Day Masses**

Please note that the Masses on Monday, January 26th, are 7am and 9:15am. **There is not a 12 noon Mass FYI**

The construction at Coleman Court and the traffic and pedestrian disruption on Barney and Jessie Streets is because of the updating and reconstruction of a retaining wall for Coleman Court.

### **Welcome back, Fr John Periera**

Fr John will be with us while Fr Eli is home in the Philippines for his father's funeral.