

LITURGY THIS WEEK

OLA Chapel, Cnr Jessie & Barney Sts, Armidale.

DLS Chapel, O'Connor Catholic College, Kirkwood St

Please note changes to the schedule: No 9:15am Mass on Mondays & there are confessions 30 mins before each Mass.

LENT

MONDAY 2 MAR – Monday of the 2nd Week of Lent

07:00 AM Cathedral Mass

12:00 NN Cathedral Mass

TUESDAY 3 MAR – Tuesday of the 2nd Week of Lent

07:00 AM Cathedral Mass

12:00 NN Cathedral Mass

05:00 PM Cathedral Mass Clergy Assembly

WEDNESDAY 4 MAR – Wednesday of the 2nd Week of Lent

07:00 AM Cathedral Mass

09:15 AM DLS Chapel Mass

12:00 NN Cathedral Mass

THURSDAY 5 MAR – Thursday of the 2nd Week of Lent

07:00 AM Cathedral Mass

12:00 NN Cathedral Mass

FRIDAY 6 MAR – Friday of the 2nd Week of Lent

07:00 AM Cathedral Mass

09:15 AM Cathedral Mass

10:30 AM Bupa Mass

05:30 PM Cathedral Mass

06:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY 7 MAR – Saturday of the 2nd Week of Lent

08:00 AM OLA Chapel TLM (Traditional Latin Mass)

09:00 AM Cathedral Mass +Rod Bayliss

06:00 PM Cathedral Mass

SUNDAY 8 MAR – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

08:00 AM Cathedral Mass

10:00 AM Cathedral Mass

11:00 AM Solemn Mass with Choir (Latin parts)

04:30 PM Solemn Vespers & Benediction

05:30 PM Cathedral Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Cathedral)

30 MINUTES BEFORE ALL MASSES (for 20 mins)

as well as

FRIDAY 04:45 – 05:15 PM

SATURDAY 09:45 – 10:15 AM &

05:00 – 05:45 PM

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

| | Actual | Target | Difference |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 1st Collection | \$2,324.00 | \$2,114.00 | \$210.00 ☺ |
| 2nd Collection | \$5,485.00 | \$6,350.00 | -\$865.00 ☹ |

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.



HEART OF PEACE (HOPE OUTREACH) is the charitable arm of our Diocese. HOPE's primary function is to support and care for those in need of assistance who have "fallen through the net". One initiative of HOPE is the serving of hot midday meals each Wednesday to the community in Tamworth—last year it also expanded to Moree. Now it's our turn in Armidale. HOPE Kitchen is looking to start in Armidale in 2026. We are looking for volunteers to either help with cooking or serving a meal. Contact George at george@adig.com.au for more information.

IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Maureen Farrell, Bernie Callinan, Monica Hinder, Jake Wicks

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Teresa Zerafa, Rod Bayliss, Susan Rice,

SICK: Robert Loh, 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 Markeljic, Don Armatage, Molly Burke, Melissa Gamblen, Hannah Whitton, Tom Britt, Danny Jones, , 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.

1 MARCH, SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

| | 6PM | 8AM | 10AM | 11AM | 5:30PM |
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| Welcomer | T Rice | P Stier | T Rimpici | APike | Steller |
| Reader 1 | P Boston | A Rogers | I Mittheu | MVanGend | P Turley |
| Reader 2 | D Fittler | B Mackson | J Turner | | R Camill |
| PoF | W Clark | F Miron | A Dinh | | J Maher |
| ExMin | K McMahan | D Miron | B Robinson | | K Steller |

8 MARCH, THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

| | 6PM | 8AM | 10AM | 11AM | 5:30PM |
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| Welcomer | MCarson | Ana G | T Rimpici | APike | Turley |
| Reader 1 | C Doherty | N Ramazani | K Frazier | MVanGend | N Chin |
| Reader 2 | A May | L Quast | R Menz | | J Chin |
| PoF | J Carson | C Stephen | M Suluma | | D Roff |
| ExMin | T Dubois | D Miron | B Robinson | | D Roff |

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!

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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



**MONTH OF FEBRUARY - DEDICATED TO ST JOSEPH
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A/2) 1ST MARCH 2026**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 26: 8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 32(33):4-5,18-20,22

R: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R:**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R:**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **R:**

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!



GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 17: 5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

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

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROSTERS | Rosters are done two weeks at a time allowing for new parishioners to join a ministry at any time. If you are going to be away from the parish & don't want to be rostered, please contact the Parish Office by phone or email. If you would like to become a reader or welcomer or are interested in any parish ministry, please contact the Parish Office.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS | Fridays in lent, the Way of the Cross will be prayed at **6pm**, following the 5:30pm Mass.

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

FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION
Marian devotion on the first Saturday of each month. Next gathering **Saturday 7th March at 9.30am**, immediately after the 9am Mass in the Cathedral.

FISHERS OF MEN PRAYER GROUP | meets in the Parish Meeting Room, Mondays 5:30 - 7:00 pm. For enquiries contact Nirmal on 0430871064.

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

ALTAR GUILD OF ST ANNE | a guild of women in our parish, who wish to honour God and serve our parish, by caring for the sacred linens, mending and caring for the sacred vestments, and supplying other needs for the cathedral and OLA chapel, such as seasonal decorations. They meet fortnightly on a Wednesday at 12:30pm in the parish centre. **Next meeting Wednesday 4 March.** Contact the Parish Office for enquiries.

SACRISTAN GUILD OF ST STEPHEN | a guild of men in our parish, who wish to honour God and serve our parish, by caring for the sanctuary, the sacristies, the sacred vessels, and the brassware in both the cathedral and OLA chapel. Contact the Parish Office for enquiries.



Second Sunday of Lent
28 February – 1 March 2026

Sisilia is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dream of one day becoming a pilot.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

AUTUMN CLERGY ASSEMBLY

This coming Tuesday and Wednesday, March 3rd and 4th, the clergy of the Diocese will be gathering for the first assembly of 2026. You will see clergy that maybe you haven't seen for a while around the precinct. The Bishop and the clergy will be talking together on many topics of need and interest as well as hearing talks from Mr Stephen Lawrence and Dr J Poon. There will be a slight alteration to the Mass and Confession schedule for those two days, including an extra Mass at 5pm on Tuesday, followed by Vespers.

Please pray for the clergy and the Bishop as they gather together. It is always a wonderful time of priestly fraternity and mutual support.

CHRISM MASS - 31ST MARCH

Each year during Holy Week, the holy oils used in the sacraments of Baptism and Anointing of the Sick are blessed and the oil of Chrism is consecrated in the Mass of the Chrism. During this Mass, priests and deacons renew the promises made at their sacred ordination.

You are invited to attend this special Mass, which is a gathering of the diocese around our bishop.

If you are attending and staying for the light lunch served in the Torregianni Courtyard, please contact the Parish Office to register. Numbers are needed for seating arrangements in the Cathedral and also for catering purposes.

Please register by 13th March.



INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS, SYDNEY, 2028

As mentioned in last week's bulletin, this Sunday March 1st begins the preparation for the IEC28. The first year is a Call to Prayer.

Parishes around Australia will take up this call and begin by encountering the living mystery of the Eucharist through a Holy Hour.

The Holy Hour in our parish will be on Sunday afternoon from 4:30pm to 5:30pm, followed by Holy Mass. As on each Sunday, this hour will include Solemn Vespers.

Come and participate and deepen your own personal relationship with our Eucharistic Lord.

On Friday

What will you be doing?

- BOX WATCH [code word for TV] or
- CROSS WATCH

There are **ONLY** a few weeks in Lent. *Stations of the Cross,*

In the Cathedral following the 5:30pm Mass at 6pm.



TOTAL TRANSFIGURATION

On this second Sunday of Lent the mysterious episode of Jesus' Transfiguration takes place on a high mountain, Mount Tabor, before three witnesses chosen by himself: Peter, James and John. These three represent the Apostolic College.

During the mystical event, Jesus' face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking "of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem". A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says: "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" The voice is that of God the Father. Jesus will endure the way of the cross at Jerusalem in order to "enter into his glory". Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets who had announced the Messiah's sufferings. Christ's Passion is the will of the Father: the Son acts as God's servant; the cloud indicates the presence of the Holy Spirit. All three Persons of the Trinity proclaim the death of Christ.

The purpose of this event was to **ENCOURAGE** the Apostles lest they lose hope on account of **fear**. The Apostles needed to 'stay awake' to see the Lord in glory. We need to remain spiritually awake in this life to see Him in the next. Being prayerful is the best way to maintain a spirit of alertness.



FIND THE WORD PUZZLE

Tabor, Elijah, Abraham, Timothy, Genesis, Moses, Peter, John, light, face, Lent, penance, fasting, confession, truth

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FATHER ABRAHAM

This Patriarch was a father of faith because he trusted in God even when times were tough. He never let fear destroy his confidence in God's promises.

❖ What is FEAR?

Fear is a passion or emotion. There are eleven basic emotions. They are part of the human psyche and connect the life of the senses with the mind. Our Lord called man's heart the source from which the passions spring. One of these is called fear which is a negative emotion. Negative in the sense that it makes the person withdraw from an impending evil. The object of fear is not really present, the harm has not actually happened, yet we fear its arrival. Once it is present then the emotions may turn to sadness or anger to resist it.

The best way to overcome fear is **PRAYER**. St. Peter did not pray enough, hence his fear when Jesus was arrested. In turn, that led to his denial of the Lord. During Lent the Church invites us to spend more time with God in prayer.



Eucharistic Adoration

Our Lady of the Angels Chapel

Monday – Friday 8am – 8pm

Friday 8am – Saturday 8am (overnight)

Can you commit to a Holy Hour each week and be a Guardian of the Blessed Sacrament?

Monday: 12pm, 2pm

Tuesday: 9am, 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 3pm

Wednesday: 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 4pm

Thursday: 9am, 11am, 12pm, 2pm

Friday: 9am, 11am, 1pm, 3pm, 4pm, 7pm

Saturday: 1am, 3am, 4am, 5am

Contact the Armidale Adoration Team:
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