

LITURGY THIS WEEK

EASTER TIME

MONDAY 13 APR – Monday of the 2nd week of Easter
07:00 AM Holy Mass
12:00 NN Holy Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory
01:30 PM Funeral Mass for Phyllis Bannister
TUESDAY 14 APR – Tuesday of the 2nd week of Easter
07:00 AM Holy Mass
12:00 NN Holy Mass
WEDNESDAY 15 APR – Wednesday of the 2nd week of Easter
07:00 AM Holy Mass
12:00 NN Holy Mass
THURSDAY 16 APR – Thursday of the 2nd week of Easter
07:00 AM Holy Mass
12:00 NN Holy Mass
FRIDAY 17 APR – Friday of the 2nd week of Easter
07:00 AM Holy Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory
05:30 PM Holy Mass +Michael O'Connor, Pam O'Connor, Joyce Heferen, Christine Nugent
SATURDAY 18 APR – Saturday of the 2nd week of Easter
08:00 AM OLA Chapel TM ((1962 Missal)
09:00 AM Holy Mass
06:00 PM Holy Mass of Sunday
SUNDAY 19 APR – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
08:00 AM Holy Mass of Sunday
10:00 AM Holy Mass of Sunday
11:00 AM Solemn Mass with Choir (Latin Chant)
04:30 PM Solemn Vespers & Benediction
05:30 PM Holy Mass of Sunday
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Cathedral)
30 MINUTES BEFORE MASS (for 20 mins) as well as
FRIDAY 04:45 – 05:15 PM
SATURDAY 09:45 – 10:15 AM & 05:00 – 05:45 PM

WEEKLY COLLECTION

	Actual	Target	Difference
1st Collection	\$4,074.00	-\$2,114.00	\$1,960.00 ☺
2nd Collection	\$4,533.00	-\$6,350.00	-\$1,817.00 ☹
Easter Dues	\$608.00		
Good Friday	\$2,543.40		

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.

BAPTISM

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

Cassidy & Danity Mamaug

IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Phyllis Bannister, (Funeral Mass in the Cathedral Monday 13 April, 1:30 pm, Frank Debreceeny, Cliff Wilcox (Sydney, formerly of Armidale), Robyn Daniel (Sydney), Sr Arcadius Guthrie

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Jim McMillan, James Maguire, Margaret Joy Fredericks

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to privacy legislation, names of the sick/deceased can only be published with permission of the sick person him/herself or the immediate family members of the deceased.

12 APRIL, SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

	6PM	8AM	10AM	11AM	5:30PM
Welcomer	T Rice	P Stier	T Rimpici	A Pike	Turley
Reader 1	D Fittler	F Miron	K Frazier	MVanGend	RCamillieri
Reader 2	W Clark	N Ramazani	R Menz	L Quast	J Maher
PoF	C Doherty	C Stephen	P Hordern		N Chin
ExMin	KMcMahon		B Robinson		D Roff

19 APRIL, THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

	6PM	8AM	10AM	11AM	5:30PM
Welcomer	K McMahon	JToakley	T Rimpici	A Pike	Chin
Reader 1	A May	A Rogers	NBrennan	L Quast	J Chin
Reader 2	J Carson	B Mackson	I Mittheu	MVanGend	D Roff
PoF	P Boston	FMiron	M Suluma		J Roff
ExMin	T Dubois		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!

Please take the Sunday Bulletin home with you. It is printed for that reason. However, if you don't take it with you, we ask that you return it to the table at the entrance so as to keep the Cathedral tidy. Thank you.

Please also refrain from reading the bulletin during Mass and the homily. Thank you.

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APRIL - MONTH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST & THE HOLY SPIRIT
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (A/2) 12TH APRIL 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

1 Pt 2: 2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 117(118):2-4,13-15,22-24

R: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' **R:**

I was thrust down, thrust down and falling, but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. **R:**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **R:**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended; combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!

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NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARKING IN THE CATHEDRAL PRECINCT

Please be thoughtful when parking in the Cathedral Precinct & park in allocated parking areas only. Particularly when there are large events on in the Cathedral, be sure not to park in areas that block access.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS) for 9-12 year olds | In term 2 (end of April), we will be starting a new session of CGS for children 9-12 years old. The session will be at the Parish Centre on a Thursday afternoon from 3:30pm-5pm. If you would like to know more, or your child is interested in attending, please contact Janine Turner 0416 767 866.

PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

The Program has commenced but will now break for Easter & the School Holidays. 45 minute lessons between 9am & 10 am will resume in the Torreggiani Room on Sundays 19 & 26 April, 3, 10 May & the final lesson including a rehearsal will be 17 May. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday 24 May at the 11am Mass. All enquiries to the Parish Office .

STUDY GROUP with Bishop Peter Murphy on the Compendium of the Catholic Church, Wednesday evenings, 7:30 - 8:30 pm in the Ursula Room (Chancery Building), Please contact the Chancery Office for any enquiries on 67718700.

FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION

Marian devotion on the first Saturday of each month . The next gathering will be 2nd May at 9.30am, immediately after the 9am Mass in the Cathedral.

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

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

MASS OFFERINGS FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS

The suggested donation for a Mass offering is now \$20. If you would like a Mass offered for a special intention, envelopes are available in the Cathedral foyer and at the Parish Office.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will recommence at 8am on Easter Tuesday, 7 April.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Save the date: Saturday, 2nd May, 2026.

"The Cottage Restaurant".

Guest Speaker: Anthony Rogers.

Sharing his testimony:

"I was blind, but now I see" about surviving a serious car accident, losing his father and his right eye, and how faith has carried him through.

Note price increase: \$29.00.

Bank Details:

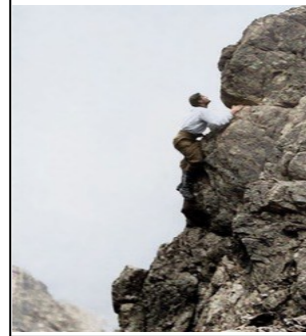
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Enquiries please contact Glenda Fittler
On 0427332954 or vjfittler@bigpond.com

VERSOL'ALTO - FOR YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS



Exploring the heights of our Catholic faith under the patronage of St Pier Giorgio Frassati. Beginning Monday 6th April and then every two weeks in the Torreggiani Room 7-9pm.

- Holy Rosary
- Faith formation
- Refreshments.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 12th, the Second Sunday of Easter, is Divine Mercy Sunday. From 3:30pm - 4:30pm, the Divine Mercy devotions will be available. Beginning with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:30pm and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, it will conclude with Solemn Vespers and Benediction at 4:30pm. Confessions will be available during that hour as well as before the 8am and 10am Mass.



The Special Promise of Divine Mercy Sunday

"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy ... On that day are open all the divine floodgates through which graces flow."

The intention of Jesus from these words seems clear. In order that Divine Mercy Sunday truly be a refuge for all souls, the depths of the generosity of Jesus are entirely open on this day to pour out, without any reserve, graces of every kind and every degree, even the most extraordinary.

Now, the promise of this extraordinary grace is a promise for all souls. The generosity of Jesus is really without any limit on this day. At the same time, it is for all souls a motivation for them to ask on this day of The Divine Mercy, with great and limitless trust, for all the graces that the Lord wants to lavish on this Sunday.

The obtaining of the "special grace" is dependent upon the reception of Holy Communion on the first Sunday after Easter: "to approach the Fount of Life" in this context can only mean "to receive Communion." There are two conditions for acquiring the full pardon: going to Confession and making a reverent reception of Holy Communion.

But Jesus surely desired that the greatest possible number of the faithful benefit from this grace and consequently did not require that Holy Communion as well as Confession be made on that same Sunday, since in the case of a large crowd it would be impossible, for example, in parishes with only one priest. It is permitted then to infer that He allows confession to be made several days before the Feast of Mercy; He insists, however, that one devoutly receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast itself, with trust in Divine Mercy.

The nature of this special grace does not leave any ambiguity. It is the complete remission of sins and punishment. This grace is therefore equal to that of baptism.

(extracted from "Understanding Divine Mercy Sunday" by the John Paul II Institute of Divine Mercy, an apostolate of the Congregation of Marians of the Immaculate Conception)

THE HARROWING OF HELL

Some are unsure or confused about what we say in the Creed that Christ 'descended into Hell'. Is this the place of eternal damnation? If not, what is it?

Firstly, to harrow is a farming term meaning to break up the soil for seeding. In times gone by, a special implement was dragged by horses over the field. This implement had metal 'blades' which broke and opened the soil as it passed over the ground.

The various catechisms of the Church over the centuries have included explanations of this event that occurred some time on Holy Saturday, while the body of the Lord slept in death. This summary can be obtained at mastercatechism.com

The Harrowing of Hell refers to the event in which Christ, after His death, descended into hell (specifically into limbo) to liberate the souls of the just who had died before His coming. This event is significant in Catholic doctrine and is articulated in several ways:

Definition of Hell: In this context, "hell" does not refer to the place of eternal damnation, but rather to the abode of the dead, specifically the limbo of the holy fathers, where the souls of the just awaited redemption (V7 Council of Trent Catechism of the Council of Trent 1566 117:1).

Purpose of the Descent: Christ descended into hell to free the holy fathers and other just souls who were detained there. His presence brought them joy and the promise of their eventual entry into heaven. This act fulfilled the prophecies and demonstrated His power over death and hell (V7 Council of Trent Catechism of the Council of Trent 1566 119:1).

Significance: The Harrowing of Hell signifies Christ's victory over sin and death. It is a demonstration of His divine authority, as He not only suffered death but also triumphed over it by liberating those who had died in faith before His resurrection (V6 Aquinas The Catechetical Instructions ca 1260 70:2).

Biblical References: This event is supported by scriptural references, such as Ephesians 4:9, which speaks of Christ descending into the lower parts of the earth, and 1 Peter 3:18-19, which mentions Christ preaching to the spirits in prison (Schneider Credo 2023 85:1).

In summary, the Harrowing of Hell is the event where Christ descended to limbo after His death to liberate the souls of the just, marking a pivotal moment in the history of salvation.

Please note: it is not permitted to place posters on the noticeboards in the Cathedral entry without the permission of the Administrator.

It is also not permitted to place pamphlets in the pamphlet rack without permission. Any posters or pamphlets like this will be removed.

Thank you to the kind person who supplies a carton of bottled water in the entry of the Cathedral. We do not need a supply of bottled water to be available, so you are asked to discontinue doing this.



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

Monday: 12pm

Tuesday: 9am, 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 5pm

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

Thursday: 11am, 12pm, 2pm,

Friday: 9am, 10am, 11am, 1pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm

Saturday: 3am

Contact the Armidale Adoration Team:
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Jn 20: 27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.