

LITURGY THIS WEEK

De La Salle Chapel (DLS) O'Connor Catholic College, Kirkwood St, Armidale.

EASTER TIME

MONDAY 20 APR – Monday of the 3rd week of Easter
07:00 AM Holy Mass
12:00 NN Holy Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY 21 APR – Tuesday of the 3rd week of Easter
07:00 AM Holy Mass
12:00 NN Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY 22 APR – Wednesday of the 3rd week of Easter
07:00 AM Holy Mass
09:15 AM Mass at DLS Chapel
12:00 NN Holy Mass

THURSDAY 23 APR – Thursday of the 3rd week of Easter
07:00 AM Holy Mass
12:00 NN Holy Mass

FRIDAY 24 APR – Friday of the 3rd week of Easter
07:00 AM Holy Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory
09:15 AM Holy Mass
11:00 AM Mass at Ken Thompson Lodge
05:30 PM Holy Mass +Michael O'Connor, Pam O'Connor, Joyce Heferen, Christine Nugent

SATURDAY 25 APR – Anzac Day
08:00 AM OLA Chapel TM (1962 Missal)
09:00 AM Holy Mass
06:00 PM Holy Mass of Sunday

SUNDAY 26 APR – FOURTH 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

IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Eileen Brennan (Funeral Mass in Cathedral Monday 20 April 2pm), David Oriel (Port Macquarie, formerly of Armidale), Phyllis Bannister, Frank Debreceny, Cliff Wilcox (Sydney, formerly of Armidale), Robyn Daniel (Sydney), Sr Arcadius Guthrie

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: John Swann, Jenny Cugley, Dianne Cundy, Margaret McMahan, Eileen Armatage, James & Elsie Williams

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 Markeljc, 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.

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	CKhan		B Robinson		D Roff
26 APRIL, FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER					
	6PM	8AM	10AM	11AM	5:30PM
Welcomer	W Clark	J Toakley	T Rimpici	A Pike	Turley
Reader 1	KMcMahon	F Miron	J Turner	MVanGend	P Turley
Reader 2	D Fittler	N Ramazani	A Dinh	L Quast	R Camilleri
PoF	W Clark	C Stephen	P Hordern		J Maher
ExMin	KMcMahon		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!

WEEKLY COLLECTION			
	Actual	Target	Difference
1st Collection	\$3,215.00	-\$2,114.00	\$1,101.00 ☺
2nd Collection	\$6,456.00	-\$6,350.00	\$106.00 ☺
Project Compassion	\$3027.00		

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

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Principal, O'Connor Catholic College: Mr Philip Gibney
Parish Finance Council Chair: Mrs Fiona Miron



APRIL - MONTH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST & THE HOLY SPIRIT
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A/2) 19TH APRIL 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 65: 1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
 O sing to the glory of his name.
 O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14,22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:
 I saw the Lord before me always,
 for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.
 So my heart was glad
 and my tongue cried out with joy;
 my body, too, will rest in the hope
 that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
 nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
 You have made known the way of life to me,
 you will fill me with gladness through your presence.
 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 15(16):1-2,5,7-11

R: Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
 O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
 it is you yourself who are my prize.' **R:**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
 who even at night directs my heart.
 I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
 since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R:**
 And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
 even my body shall rest in safety.
 For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
 nor let your beloved know decay. **R:**
 You will show me the path of life,
 the fullness of joy in your presence,
 at your right hand happiness for ever. **R:**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
 make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.
 Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he

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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 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.

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

Fr Ernie Matibag OSJ - we welcome to the Diocese and the Cathedral Parish as of this Friday 17th April.

Fr Eino Comanda OSJ will be appointed on the 8th of May, 2026 as Administrator to Walcha Parish.

Fr Anthony Koppman is still on family leave caring for his mother.

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 consisting of 45 minute lessons between 9am & 10 am will resume in the Torreggiani Room this Sunday 19 April & continue 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 .

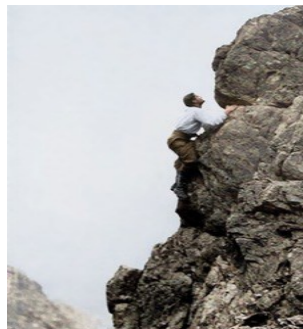
MASS OFFERINGS FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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

Our Lady of the Angels Chapel: 8am- 8pm Monday-Friday and overnight Friday from 8pm- Saturday 8am- a total of 72 hours a week. Rostered Adorers are needed to cover all hours. Please contact the Armidale Adoration Team on: armidaleadoration@gmail.com or 0459 089 778.

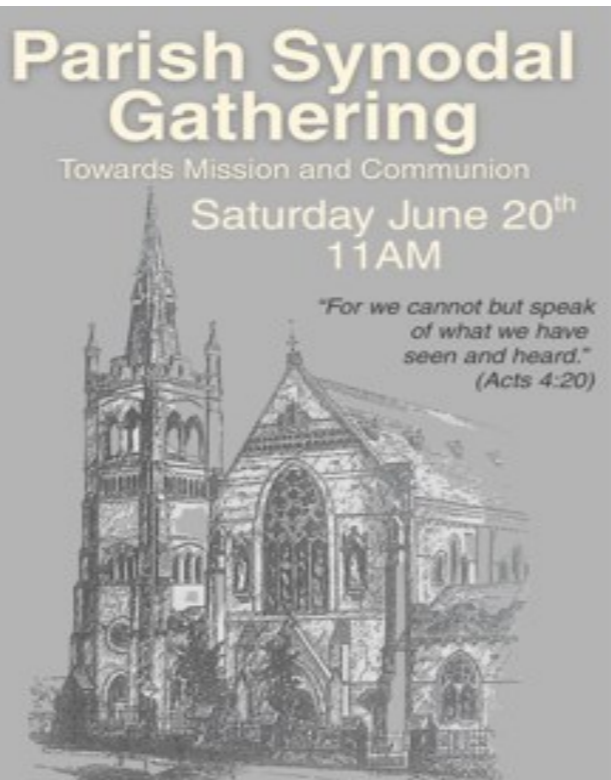
VERSOL'ALTO -FOR YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS



Exploring the heights of our Catholic faith under the patronage of St Pier Giorgio Frassati. Fortnightly in the Torreggiani Room 7-9pm. Next gathering **Monday 20 April.**

- Holy Rosary
- Faith formation
- Refreshments.

DATE CLAIMER!



The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, has called the Church to undertake synodal gatherings and he has particularly highlighted the themes of communion and mission. Our Bishop, +Peter Murphy, has indicated his desire that this happen in the parishes of the Diocese, and for the Diocese as a whole. More information will be coming about this significant event for our parish, using all our means of communication.

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:

Name: Majellan Mothers

BSB: 082 105 ACC: 001061469

Reference: Your name.

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

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.

WAY TO EMMAUS

On the way to the village of Emmaus, the disciples were sad and disconsolate saying: 'We hoped that it was He that should have redeemed Israel'. They, too, misunderstood Christ and thus did not recognise Him. Our Lord approaches them. God seeks out those who are sad and heavy of heart but we don't recognise Him. We let our hurt, our fears, our pain blind us from Him. Yet He wants to listen to our problems. When we think that God does not care He is really there. Then, to help them, He calls them foolish. They, like us, can easily be confused and misunderstand the ways of God. Be not deceived, we are all fools before God. In order that they might see the Author of Truth, he explains the truths of the Bible to them. It was when they learned the Bible, God's word, according to God's ways, that their hearts thawed and their eyes gradually opened. It was only then at the 'breaking of the bread' did they know that they were in the presence of Christ. How often are we unaware of the presence of Christ in our lives? How often are we saddened along our way? Like them, once our hearts are warmed by His Holy Word and the day is far spent, we will likewise say: "Stay with us Lord ..." Open your minds to Jesus on the many roads of your life so that His presence remains always with you.

Helpful HINTS

- Warning: Exposure to the Son may prevent burning.
- When praying, don't give God instructions, just report for duty.



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April Session: Discover Palms Online! Scan this QR-

Date: Thursday 30 April 2026

Time: 7 pm - 8:30 pm AEST

APRIL INFO SESSION



APRIL INFO SESSION

May Session: Live from Timor Leste! Scan here-

Date: Thursday 21 May 2026

Time: 4 pm - 5:30 pm AEST

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asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Lk 24: 35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.



THANK YOU!

Caritas Australia would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the parish community of **Sts Mary & Joseph Cathedral** for your generous support of Project Compassion 2026.

Your support is helping to bring hope, uphold dignity and create lasting change to communities facing poverty and injustice around the world. Together, your community raised an incredible **\$3,027.00**, helping to bring clean water, education, nutritious food, healthcare and support for those living with disability - showing what's possible when we come together as a Church to live out the Gospel message of love and justice.

Thank you for uniting with us this Lent to build a more just and compassionate world.



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

Monday: 1pm

Tuesday: 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 5pm

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

Thursday: 12pm, 2pm

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

4pm, 5pm, 10pm

Saturday: 3am

Contact the Armidale Adoration Team:
armidaleadoration@gmail.com