

LITURGY THIS WEEK

EASTER TIME

MONDAY 27 APR – Monday of the 4th week of Easter
07:00 AM Holy Mass
12:00 NN Holy Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY 28 APR – St Peter Chanel, priest, martyr
07:00 AM Holy Mass
12:00 NN Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY 29 APR – St Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor
07:00 AM Holy Mass
12:00 NN Holy Mass

THURSDAY 30 APR – Thursday of the 4th week of Easter
07:00 AM Holy Mass
12:00 NN Holy Mass

FRIDAY 01 MAY – Friday of the 4th week of Easter
07:00 AM Holy Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory
09:15 AM Holy Mass
10:30 AM Mass at Bupa
05:30 PM Holy Mass +Michael O'Connor, Pam O'Connor, Joyce Heferen, Christine Nugent

SATURDAY 02 MAY – St Athanasius, bishop, doctor
08:00 AM OLA Chapel TM (1962 Missal)
09:00 AM Holy Mass
06:00 PM Holy Mass of Sunday

SUNDAY 03 MAY – FIFTH 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, David Oriol (Port Macquarie, formerly of Armidale), Phyllis Bannister, Frank Debreceeny, Cliff Wilcox (Sydney), Robyn Daniel (Sydney), Sr Arcadius Guthrie
DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Brian McCabe, Louis Jelfs, Margaret Hanna, Ursula Hine
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.

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	\$2,446.00	-\$2,114.00	\$332.00
2nd Collection	\$5,028.00	-\$6,350.00	-\$1,322.00
Easter Dues	\$973.00		
Proj. Comp.	\$3,700.60		

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.

Saints Mary & Joseph Cathedral Parish Armidale

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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



APRIL - MONTH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST & THE HOLY SPIRIT
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A/2) 26TH APRIL 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 32: 5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
 by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

FIRST READING Acts 2:14,36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 22(23)

R: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
 there is nothing I shall want.
 Fresh and green are the pastures
 where he gives me repose.
 Near restful waters he leads me,
 to revive my drooping spirit. **R:**

He guides me along the right path;
 he is true to his name.
 If I should walk in the valley of darkness
 no evil would I fear.
 You are there with your crook and your staff;
 with these you give me comfort. **R:**

You have prepared a banquet for me
 in the sight of my foes.
 My head you have anointed with oil;
 my cup is overflowing. **R:**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
 all the days of my life.
 In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
 for ever and ever. **R:**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
 I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
 I know my sheep, and mine know me.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 10:1-10

Jesus said:
 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.
 So Jesus spoke to them again:
 'I tell you most solemnly,
 I am the gate of the sheepfold.
 All others who have come

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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
3 MAY, FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER					
	6PM	8AM	10AM	11AM	5:30PM
Welcomer	MCarson	P Stier	T Rimpici	A Pike	Chin
Reader 1	C Doherty	A Rogers	R Menz	MVanGend	N Chin
Reader 2	A May	B Mackson	NBrennan	L Quast	J Chin
PoF	J Carson	F Miron	K Frazier		D Roff
ExMin	KMcMahon		B Robinson		K Steller

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

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 continue in the Torreggiani Room on Sundays 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

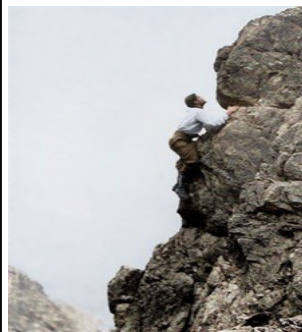
The suggested donation for a Mass offering is now \$20. If you would like a Mass offered for a special intention, envelopes are available in the Cathedral foyer and at the Parish Office.

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 4 May.**

- Holy Rosary
- Faith formation
- Refreshments.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

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:

Account Name: Majellan Mothers

BSB: 082 105 | ACC: 001061469 | Reference: (Your name).

Enquiries please contact Glenda Fittler

On 0427332954 or vfittler@bigpond.com

Jesus said "Let the little children come to me"

Holy Hour for Mothers and Children
Tuesdays 9-10am
Our Lady of the Angels Chapel

*A special hour of Eucharistic Adoration for Mothers and Children.
Includes short time of guided prayer.*

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

Monday: 1pm
Tuesday: 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm
Wednesday: 11am, 12pm, 4pm
Thursday: 10am, 12pm, 2pm
Friday: 9am, 11am, 1pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm
Saturday: 3am

**Contact the Armidale Adoration Team:
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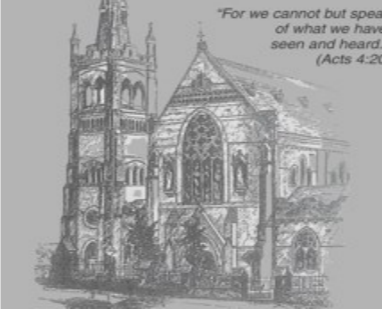
THE ARMIDALE CATHOLIC MEN'S BREAKFAST
Next meeting at 7:00am Saturday 2nd May at the 'The Mill Bistro' at Armidale Memorial Ex Services Club located at 137 Dumaresq Street, Armidale. Tim Battin will be our Guest Speaker and he will be speaking on "The Political and Religious Dimensions of Current Authoritarian Trends".
Contact Nirmal 0430871064

Parish Synodal Gathering

Towards Mission and Communion

Saturday June 20th
11AM

"For we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."
(Acts 4:20)



DATE CLAIMER!

One of the ways that the Holy Spirit works in the Church is by speaking to the hearts of faithful priests, religious and laypeople so that, guided by the Pope and bishops, the Church may effectively live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in every age. The upcoming Parish Synodal Gathering is a response to the call from Pope Leo XVI for us as a parish to pray and seek to listen to the Holy Spirit, who desires for us to grow in unity through communion, and to reach out through mission to those who do not know the Gospel.

Excerpt from the MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV FOR THE 63rd WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Dear brothers and sisters, dear young people!

Guided and protected by the Risen Jesus, we celebrate on the fourth Sunday of Easter — also called "Good Shepherd Sunday" — the 63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations. It is an occasion of grace in which we share some reflections on the interior dimension of vocation, understood as the discovery of God's free gift that blossoms in the depths of our hearts...

In the Gospel of John, Jesus describes himself as the "good shepherd". This expression refers to a shepherd who is perfect, authentic and exemplary...He is the Shepherd who draws us to Himself, whose gaze reveals that life is truly beautiful when one follows him. Neither the eyes of the body nor aesthetic sensibilities alone are sufficient to recognise this beauty...Only the one who pauses, listens, prays and welcomes the Shepherd's gaze can say with confidence: "I trust Him; life with Him can truly be beautiful. I want to walk this path of beauty..."

Such a relationship...opens us to receive and actively respond to the gift of vocation. It is never an imposition or a one-size-fits-all model to which one merely conforms; instead, it is an adventure of love and happiness...In light of this, I invite everyone, in families, parishes and religious communities, as well as bishops, priests, deacons, catechists, educators and all the faithful, to commit themselves more fully to creating conditions that allow this gift to be embraced, nourished, protected and accompanied, so that it may bear abundant fruit...

Dear young people, listen...to the voice of the Lord who invites you to a full and fruitful life, calling you to put your talents to use, and to unite your limitations and weaknesses with the glorious cross of Christ. Make time, then, for Eucharistic adoration; meditate faithfully on the word of God, so that you may put it into practice each day; and participate actively and fully in the sacramental and ecclesial life of the Church. In this way, you will come to know the Lord. Through the intimacy of His friendship, you will discover how to give of yourselves, whether through marriage, the priesthood, the permanent diaconate, or consecrated life. Every vocation is an immeasurable gift for the Church and for those who receive it with joy.

May the Virgin Mary, model of the interior acceptance of divine gifts and expert in prayerful listening, always accompany you on this journey!

CATECHESIS of the GOOD SHEPHERD

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is rooted in the Bible, the liturgy of the church, and the educational principles of Maria Montessori. Children gather in an "Atrium," a room prepared for them, which contains simple yet beautiful materials they use to help them absorb the most essential proclamations of the Christian faith. You may be wondering how these materials help the religious life of children. If an adult hears a beautiful passage from the Bible, he or she might read it slowly again and again, think deeply about the words and perhaps utter a thankful or hopeful prayer. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a sensorially rich experience for children from the ages of 3-6 years that gives children the opportunity to grow in love and knowledge of God through the Christian tradition.



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are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:

he will go freely in and out

and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes

only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come

so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.



Meeting God

Story found on the body of an American soldier during WWII.

Look, God, I have never spoken to you; But now I want to ask you: "What should I do?" You see, God, they told me you didn't exist. And like a fool, I believed all of this. Last night from my bunker, I beheld your sky, I figured right then and there they had told

me a lie. Had I taken the time to see the things you've made, I'd have known they weren't calling a spade a spade. I wonder, God, if you'd shake my hand? Somehow I feel you would understand; Funny I had to come to this hellish place before I had time to see

you face to face. Well I guess there isn't much more to say. But I'm sure glad God that I met you today. I guess the zero-hour will soon be here, but I'm not afraid since you're so near. The signal! Well God, I'll have to go. Lord, I do love you - this I want you to know. Look now - this may be an ugly fight. Who knows I might even come to your place tonight! Though, I wasn't friendly with you before, I wonder, God, if you'd wait at your door. Look, I'm crying, me! Shedding tears! I wish I had known you all these years. Well, I have to go now God, so goodbye! Strange, now that I've met you I'm not afraid to die.

It is a good and noble act to pray for dead soldiers! Lest we forget them. R.I.P

