

LITURGY THIS WEEK

We Welcome parents & families of St Albert's College students to Armidale this weekend

National count of attendance taking place during the month of May- week 1 of 4.

EASTER TIME

MONDAY 04 MAY – Monday of the 5th week of Easter

07:00 AM Holy Mass
12:00 NN Holy Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY 05 MAY – Tuesday of the 5th week of Easter

07:00 AM Holy Mass
12:00 NN Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY 06 MAY – Wednesday of the 5th week of Easter

07:00 AM Holy Mass
12:00 NN Holy Mass

THURSDAY 07 MAY – Thursday of the 5th week of Easter

07:00 AM Holy Mass
12:00 NN Holy Mass

FRIDAY 08 MAY – Friday of the 5th week of Easter

07:00 AM Holy Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory
09:15 AM Holy Mass
05:30 PM Holy Mass +Michael O'Connor, Pam O'Connor, Joyce Heferen, Christine Nugent

SATURDAY 09 MAY – Saturday of the 5th week of Easter

08:00 AM OLA Chapel TM (1962 Missal)
09:00 AM Holy Mass
06:00 PM Holy Mass of Sunday

SUNDAY 10 MAY – SIXTH 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

**Australian Catholic Bishops Conference
National Count of Attendance**

To be held over 4 weekends of May:
 2/3 May, 9/10 May, 16/17 May and 23/24 May 2026
 The welcomers will be counting during the first collection.

IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Judith (Oriol) Chesters (Sydney, formerly of Armidale), Eileen Brennan, David Oriol (Port Macquarie, formerly of Armidale)

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Mona Williams, Roy Bower, Danilo & Darwin Oscillada

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.

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	\$2,247.00	-\$2,114.00	\$133.00
2nd Collection	\$4,650.00	-\$6,350.00	-\$1,700.00

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.

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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Principal, O'Connor Catholic College: Mr Philip Gibney

Parish Finance Council Chair: Mrs Fiona Miron



**MAY - MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A/2) 3RD MAY 2026**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 97: 1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord,
 for he has worked wonders;
 in the sight of the nations
 he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 32(33):1-2,4-5,18-19

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

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
 for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
 Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
 with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R:**

For 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:**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making

a spiritual house. As scripture says: *See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed.* That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!
 I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
 no one comes to the Father, except through me.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:
 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Jn 15: 1, 5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
 Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

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

10 MAY, SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

	6PM	8AM	10AM	11AM	5:30PM
Welcomer	T Rice	J Toakley	T Rimpici	A Pike	Steller
Reader 1	P Boston	N Ramazani	I Mittheu	L Quast	J Roff
Reader 2	KMcMahon	C Stephen	J Turner	MVanGend	P Turley
PoF	D Fittler	J Toakley	M Suluma		R Camilleri
ExMin	C Khan		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.

May 8th - first anniversary of the election of Pope Leo XIV and episcopal ordination of Bishop Peter Murphy.

With our prayers and best wishes for our Holy Father and our Bishop let us pray:



O God, eternal shepherd of the faithful, who tend your Church in countless ways and rule over her in love, grant we pray that Leo and Peter, your servants, whom you have set over your people, may preside in the place of



Christ over the flock whose shepherds they are and be faithful as a teacher of doctrine, a Priest of sacred worship and as one who serves by governing.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAREWELL FR ELI & WELCOME FR ERNIE

Fr Eli will leave the parish on Monday 4 May. We thank him sincerely for dedication & friendship while here in the Cathedral parish and wish him well in his new appointment. We welcome Fr Ernie to our parish, please make him feel at home.

PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

The Program consisting of 45 minute lessons between 9am & 10 am will continue in the Torreggiani Room on Sundays 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 this Saturday 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.

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

TRUST IN ME, says the LORD

"Do not let your hearts be troubled" says Our Lord. In other words, do not worry and do not be overwhelmed with the problems and issues that can plague our hearts. All that God asks of us is that: "We trust in Him." Children trust in their parents in an unwitting manner without regard for tomorrow. We are God's children and therefore we are likewise called to place our trust in Him regarding our health, our financial matters and our future. To do so, however, we NEED to pray and that is our problem, we do not pray as often or as well as we should. So rather than trust in God we end up placing our trust in others or things that do not fill the void in our hearts. Hence we remain empty and troubled. So pray, hope and don't worry!

CHRIST IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH & THE LIFE

which means:

- 1) WAY = Hope - we trust more
- 2) TRUTH = Faith - we believe more
- 3) LIFE = Charity - we love more

Christ is our hope - in Him do we trust. Concerning our beliefs how would YOU connect these words: **WHO, WHAT, HOW** to the theological virtues- **FAITH, HOPE, LOVE?**

- **WHAT** = Faith in Christ: we follow not a book but a God made Man who taught certain truths - Church Teaching & Bible.
- **WHO** = Hope in God: we desire to be with God. By hope, we desire God **for** ourselves but not because **of** ourselves.
- **HOW** = Love of God: we do what He commands us, keep His Commandments, love our neighbour, practise what we preach.

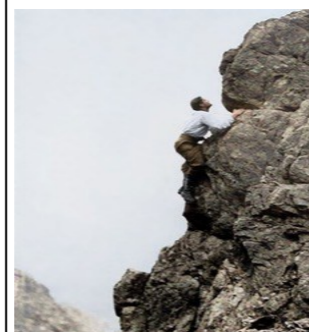


MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

From the Cross, Jesus said to Mary: "Woman behold your son," then to Saint John (whose mother was also there) "Son, behold your Mother." The use of Woman to address His Mother, indicates that the bond is no longer biological but spiritual. Mary is the New Eve whose obedience to God undoes the disobedience of the first woman.

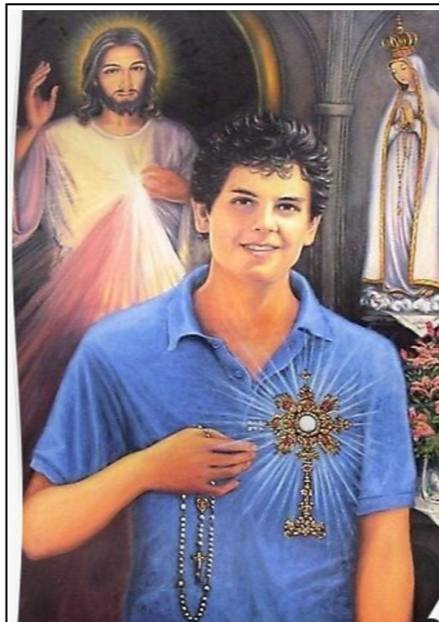
Mary is the new Woman of the new order, of the new and everlasting covenant. By the Cross we have become in the order of grace the brothers and sisters of Christ. So the Mother of Jesus has become our Mother too. The role of Mary is to bring Jesus to us - with haste - as she brought Jesus to Elizabeth and John the Baptist. She is only concerned with the will of her Son. So pray the Rosary often - especially in May - and pray it today for your mother. Our Lady of Fatima in 1917 asked us to pray the Rosary.

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.



ST CARLO ACUTIS MAJOR RELIC TOUR

In addition to the Saint Carlo Acutis Miracles of the Eucharist travelling exhibition currently on tour in the Diocese, a **Saint Carlo Acutis Major Relic** will be visiting the Diocese as part of an Australia wide visit from **Friday 26 June** and departing 6.30am on **Thursday 2nd July**.

The major relic will be in our Cathedral Parish from **4:30pm on Saturday, June 27th to 1pm on Sunday, June 28th**.

During this time, there will be opportunities to venerate the relic, to pray the Rosary, to listen to talks about St Carlo and to watch a film about his life, as well as to attend Holy Mass. More details will be available in coming weeks.

REQUIEM FOR THE LIVING – DAN FORREST

On Sunday 28 June at St Mary and Joseph Cathedral, the Armidale Symphony Orchestra will be joined by the Armidale Choral Society and Fiori Musicali, together with vocal soloists Samantha Cobcroft, Jiya Aila, and Kent McIntosh, in a concert of glorious and uplifting choral music.

The centrepiece of the program is Requiem for the Living by American composer Dan Forrest. This will be a rare presentation of this powerful and profoundly human work outside Australia's capital cities.

Traditionally, a Requiem is a mass for the dead. However, Forrest's Requiem for the Living (2013) offers a different perspective. Across its five movements, the work forms a narrative not only of remembrance, but of solace—speaking to the living and their own experiences of grief, pain, and hope.

REQUIEM FOR THE LIVING

dan forrest

cantique de jean racine - faure

5 spirituals - michael tippett

3pm **sunday 28th june 2026**

saints mary and joseph cathedral, armidale

ARMIDALE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

ARMIDALE CHORAL SOCIETY


FIORI MUSICALI

conducted by **bruce menzies**

tickets at trybooking

\$ 35/\$15 - school students

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.

Parish Synodal Gathering

ACTS: 4:20

"For we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard"

Saturday June 20th
11am - 3pm

TOWARDS
COMMUNION & MISSION

"Synodal" means we journey together in discernment of where the Spirit of God is leading us.

Our Parish is committed to being a place of communion where charity, that is love like that of Christ's, is offered; where there is acceptance not judgment.

A synodal gathering gives all the opportunity for listening with an open heart and to converse in charity. It is a process of humble learning together, being united in prayer with discernment, to be guided by the Holy Spirit. Then, to bring others into what we have received.

Are you interested in what the Holy Spirit has in store for our parish?

Come along to the Parish Synodal Gathering on June 20th from 11am to 3pm in the Torreggiani Room