

**LITURGY THIS WEEK**

National count of attendance taking place during the first collection each weekend in month of May - Week 2 of 4.

**EASTER TIME**

**MONDAY 11 MAY**– Monday of the 6th week of Easter  
 07:00 AM Holy Mass  
 12:00 NN Holy Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory  
**TUESDAY 12 MAY** – Tuesday of the 6th week of Easter  
 07:00 AM Holy Mass  
 09:00 AM Mass at Hospital Chapel (Rusden St)  
 12:00 NN Holy Mass  
**WEDNESDAY 13MAY** – Wednesday of the 6th week of Easter  
 07:00 AM Holy Mass  
 12:00 NN Holy Mass  
**THURSDAY 14 MAY** – St Matthias, apostle  
 07:00 AM Holy Mass  
 10:30 AM Mass at Uniting/Autumn Lodge Chapel  
 12:00 NN Holy Mass  
**FRIDAY 15 MAY** – Friday of the 6th 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 16 MAY**–Saturday of the 6th week of Easter  
 08:00 AM OLA Chapel TM (1962 Missal)  
 09:00 AM Holy Mass  
 06:00 PM Holy Mass of Sunday  
**SUNDAY 17 MAY** – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
 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

**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 Camillieri
ExMin	C Khan		B Robinson		K Steller

**17 MAY, THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

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

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.

**THE RETURN OF HOME ROSARIES**

If you would like to host a home rosary, please contact Kathy 0417023704 or Barbara 0408235877



**IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR:**

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

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Bernard Burton, Michael Kirwan, Terry Doherty, Paul Kennedy, Michael Waters

**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**

**1<sup>ST</sup> 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

**2<sup>ND</sup> 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	\$2,618.00	-\$2,114.00	\$504.00
2nd Collection	\$6,394.00	-\$6,350.00	\$44.00

**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.

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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



**MAY - MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A/2) 10TH 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 liv-

ing 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.

**NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PARISH BAKE SALE!**

Please support our parish bake sale on Sunday 17 May. Baked goods will be sold after the 8am and 11am masses, with tea and coffee also available. Funds raised go towards the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program.

**PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM**

The Program consisting of 45 minute lessons between 9am & 10 am will continue in the Torreggiani Room on Sunday 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 6th June 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](mailto:armidaleadoration@gmail.com) or 0459 089 778.

**VERSO L'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 18 May.**

- Holy Rosary
- Faith formation
- Refreshments.

**REQUIEM FOR THE LIVING**

dan Forrest  
cantique de Jean Racine - faure  
5 spirituals - michael Tippett  
3pm Sunday 28th June 2020  
saints Mary and Joseph  
cathedral, Armidale  
ARMIDALE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA  
ARMIDALE CHORAL SOCIETY  
FIORI MUSICALI  
conducted by Bruce Menzies  
Tickets at \$40  
\$36/\$35 - school students

**A Parish in Communion**

Before His Passion, Jesus prayed with his disciples....."that they may all be one, Father. May they be in us, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they be one, so that the world will believe that you sent me" (John 17:21).

These words reveal Jesus' desire that his followers be a community of disciples.

"We are the Church of Christ, his members, his body. We are called to be builders of Christ's communion, which is to take shape in a Synodal Church, where all co-operate in the same mission each according to his or her charism or role" (Pope Leo XIV 22.12.25).

Every parishioner, young and old, has the capacity to contribute to the life of the Parish, to be in communion with Christ, The Holy Father, our priests, and one another. We invite you to come to the Synodal Gathering on 20 June, to listen, and to make your contribution.

**How does it work?**

The gathering will begin at 11am with morning tea and Introductions to the group you will be part of for the day. There will be prayer, an address by the Bishop, and then time will be spent on the two themes of Mission and Communion; each treated in separate sessions beginning with prayer. These sessions are listening sessions where each person in the group has an opportunity to speak and be listened to. Each table group will have a facilitator and a scribe so that the whole group may hear the insights from each table. Lunch will be served around 12:15pm and the day will end with a summary session and prayer.

You can express your interest in attending by emailing the Parish, via a phone call, or in person at the Parish Office. It is important that you provide a means of contact so that we can communicate with you in the lead-up to the Gathering.

You may begin sending expressions of interest immediately and they will be accepted up to two weeks before the event, that is June 7th, mainly for catering purposes.



**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**



For many, Mother's Day is a time to celebrate important women in our lives and the blessing from God that they represent.

While not technically a Catholic or Christian holiday at its core, Mother's Day is still an important day of prayer and reflection for many, recognizing not only the gift of Mary to the Church, but the gift of mothers and mother-like figures in our lives. Mother's Day also falls during the Month of Mary, which the Church has recognized for centuries, turning to Our Lady as a guide to better know and love her Son, Jesus.

Hail Mary, full of grace, I ask for your intercession today for my earthly mother. Pray for her, and pray that her example of love draws me closer to Your son, not only on Mother's Day but on all days. One day, with your assistance, may we be together in heaven. Amen.

**Upgrade to the Bell ringing system**

Just over 10 years ago, an automated bell ringing system was installed in our Cathedral. The technology available then meant that any changes to the schedule required a physical visit by a technician. Also, some time ago the system incurred a lightning strike which made the remote control inoperable. The remote control allowed for manual over-ride for weddings and funerals and other special events.

Over time, with changes of Mass times, the system is now largely out-of-sync and can only be changed by a physical visit by the technician which, as the company is in Wyong, costs \$1250 as a call-out fee, before expenses.

There is now the option of upgrading the system to a version that gives onsite control to the whole gamut of options, both changing bell times to entering ring modes for special occasions.

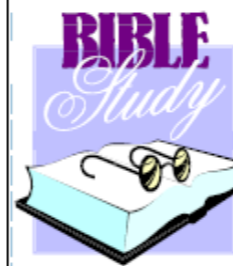
After consultation, we will go ahead with the upgrade which costs \$8,800.

Some parishioners are keen to fund-raise to defray part of this expense through a Trivia Night/Afternoon and a Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings or Harvey Norman. There will be more information on these events in the coming weeks.

Some may like to make a direct donation, which would be welcome and appreciated. This can be done electronically into the 2nd Collection bank account; referenced as Bell Donation. Also, cash in an envelope marked Bell Donation can be placed in the 2nd Collection at Mass or delivered to the Parish Office. There will be updates as available in future Sunday bulletins.



**ACTS follows the GOSPELS**



The Gospel was oral long before it was written. The word Gospel is old English for God + spell. The Anglo-Saxon word *spellein* meaning to tell: God's telling or story. The teachings of our salvation from Jesus Christ were preached and taught before they were ever written down.

The first book after the four Gospels is called the Acts of the Apostles written about 63 AD by Saint Luke, the author of the third Gospel who was not an Apostle and may have never seen Jesus. So what he learnt about Jesus was from oral or preached tradition. His Acts is an historical book recording the birth and expansion of the Church [Acts means the actions and words of the Apostles]. It covers a period of thirty-five years, from the Ascension of the Lord unto St Paul's imprisonment in Rome. For that reason it is filled with Catholic gems and insights worthy of our attention.

Take, for example, today's reading all about Confirmation. The faithful in Samaria had been baptized and were therefore members of the Church but had not yet been confirmed - received the Holy Spirit. So two Apostles [bishops or overseers = episkopoi] go to them and lay hands on them so that they receive the Spirit. What happened then is still happening today.



**Parish Piety Stall**

open after all morning masses  
this Sunday

new & second-hand  
books and religious items



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

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