

LITURGY THIS WEEK

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

* There is no 12 noon Mass this Wednesday 27 May due to Catholic Schools Week Mass at 11am.

ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY 25 MAY – OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

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

TUESDAY 26 MAY – St Phillip Neri, priest

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

WEDNESDAY 27 MAY – Ordinary Time 8

07:00 AM Holy Mass
*11:00 AM Catholic Schools Week Mass

THURSDAY 28 MAY – Ordinary Time 8

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

FRIDAY 29 MAY – Ordinary Time 8

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 30 MAY – Ordinary Time 8

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

SUNDAY 31 MAY – THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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

24 MAY, PENTECOST SUNDAY					
	6PM	8AM	10AM	11AM	5:30PM
Welcomer	W Clark	M Barry	T Rimpici	A Pike	Chin
Reader 1	J Carson	N Ramazani	N Brennan	L Quast	D Roff
Reader 2	P Boston	C Stephen	Volunteer	M VanGend	J Roff
PoF	D Fittler	J Toakley	J Turner		P Turley
ExMin	K McMahon		B Robinson		K Steller
31 MAY, THE MOST HOLY TRINITY					
	6PM	8AM	10AM	11AM	5:30PM
Welcomer	M Carson	M Barry	T Rimpici	A Pike	Steller
Reader 1	W Clark	A Rogers	A Dinh	L Quast	R Camilleri
Reader 2	C Doherty	B Mackson	K Frazier	M VanGend	J Maher
PoF	A May	F Miron	R Menz		N Chin
ExMin	C Khan		B Robinson		D Roff

WEEKLY COLLECTION			
	Actual	Target	Difference
1st Collection	\$1,966.00	-\$2,114.00	-\$148.00
2nd Collection	\$5,804.00	-\$6,350.00	-\$546.00

CONFIRMATION: PENTECOST 2026



Please pray for all our candidates, who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11am Mass this Pentecost Sunday: Josephine Arnott, Evie Daly, Taylor-Paige Davies, Isabella Edwards, Leigh Gomez, Imogen Holmes, Molly Kelly, Leo Kelso, Jade Kenny, Juliet Kenny, Nathan Kiango, Tatenda Madhuyi, Ethan Miller, Lily Rogers, Al Jerieko Sablas, Joshua Turner, Mena Worthington

IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Eugenia Sidor, Judith (Oriel) Chesters (Sydney)

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Darwin Nelson, Brian Burke, Terry Seaberg, Bill Driscoll

SICK: Aaron Lucas, 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, Ben & 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!

**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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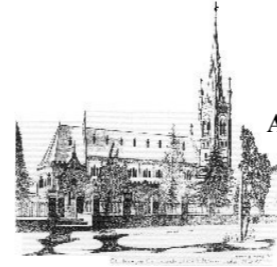
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Parish Secretary Ms Tina Clarke | Office Hours: **Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm**

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
PENTECOST SUNDAY (A/2) 24TH MAY 2026**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Wis 1: 7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

FIRST READING Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 103(104):1,24,29-31,34

R: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **R:**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **R:**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **R:**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

SEQUENCE

Veni, sancte Spiritus

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow
Thou in toil art comfort sweet
Pleasant coolness in the heat
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew
On our dryness pour thy dew
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will
Melt the frozen, warm the chill
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die
Give us life with thee on high
Give us joys that never end.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 20:19-23

In the evening of 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.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Acts 2: 4, 11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

After the 11am Mass on Sunday, June 7th, there will be a procession of the Blessed Sacrament culminating with Benediction in the Cathedral. Afterwards, parishioners are encouraged to BYO picnic lunch to have in the grounds of the Cathedral. This will be a wonderful expression of the two themes of our Parish Synodal Gathering on June 20th. Our **communion** with our Eucharistic Lord, and through Him, our **communion** with each other. Then also, our **mission** to bring Christ to the world. Flower girls will walk before the Blessed Sacrament. To find out more details, or to be one of the flower girls, please contact Janine 0416 767 866 or Katalina 0472 759 857.

GUILD OF ST ANNE

The women of the Guild are inviting others to join them in the important task of caring for the sacred vestments and the cleaning of the altar linen. The Guild has two large projects underway; the making of kneeler cushions for Our Lady of the Angels chapel and a new altar cloth and superfrontal for the High Altar. It is not necessary to be highly skilled but simply to want to help. Any enquiries or questions can be directed to Kathy McCartney 0418 465 996

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 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. Holy Rosary, faith formation, refreshments.

Next gathering **Monday 1 June**.

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

ST CARLO ACUTIS MAJOR RELIC MISSION

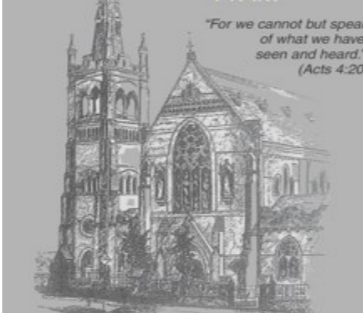
The major relic will be in our Cathedral Parish from **4:30pm on Saturday, June 27th to 1pm on Sunday, June 28th**.

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.

A Parish in Communion

Parish Synodal Gathering

Towards Mission and Communion
Saturday June 20th
11AM



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 one week before the event, that is June 14th, mainly for catering purposes.

Every day in New South Wales, unborn children lose their lives - right up to 40 weeks of pregnancy.

It is happening here. And it is happening now.

We cannot stay silent.

On the eve of a critical vote in NSW Parliament, we are calling on Australians to gather in Sydney on 2nd June for a powerful Rally for Life and to stand for those who have no voice.

The very next day, John Ruddick will bring forward a bill to ban sex-selective abortion which is one of the most disturbing practices in our country. This is where babies are targeted and killed simply because they are a boy or a girl.

New research from Edith Cowan University has confirmed this is happening in Australia. Yet our laws do nothing.

This rally is our moment to be seen and to be heard. A clear message to every MP: the public is watching, and we expect action.

If 20,000 Australians stand together on June 2, we believe this bill can pass.

Numbers matter. Your presence matters. More information and where to meet are found here: [Sydney Rally For Life 2026](https://www.lifeinnewsouthwales.com.au/sydney-rally-for-life-2026) or use the QR code.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost was one of three Jewish feasts in Jerusalem. On this fiftieth day after the Pasch, Jews in remembrance of the Mosaic Law would give thanks to God for their harvest. On this same day the Lord sent the Paraclete whom He had promised. The Holy Spirit came down upon the Apostles gathered in prayer together with Mary the Mother of Jesus, in the Upper Room, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues ... thus bringing back to unity the scattered races. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit came and showed Himself as tongues of fire. For He will kindle charity in us: by which we shall earnestly love God, and think little of the world. In the midst of our problems and disappointments the Church remains faithful to the mystery of her birth. While it is an historical fact that the Church came forth from the day of Pentecost, in a certain sense one can say that she has never left it. Spiritually the event of Pentecost does not belong only to the past: the Church is always in the Upper Room with Christ in her heart. The Holy Spirit, given to the Apostles as the Counselor, is the guardian of hope in the heart of the Church today.



CAMPION COLLEGE AUSTRALIA

Further to the week's intensive on Philosophy being offered at Campion College we have received notice that Campion is offering to students accommodation on campus for the week. There's a small fee but all meals and amenities are covered, details are on the website: campion.edu.au

Approaching the altar for Holy Communion

So that Holy Communion is less rushed, beginning at Masses of Corpus Christi (June 7th) there will be a change in our manner of reception.

Instead of queuing behind each other to receive Holy Communion we line up together.

Those on the right move to the right-hand end of the handrails and fill the length of the space and those on the left will fill the length of the handrails from centre to the left.



WHAT ARE THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

Wisdom help me to seek God. Make him the centre of my life. May I be pleasing to Him so that peace and love will be always in my soul.

Understanding gives light to my mind so that I may know and love the truths of faith and make them my own.

Knowledge help me to know good from evil. May I always do what is right in the sight of God

Counsel give me light and guide me in all my ways so that I may always know and do your holy will.

Fortitude give strength to my soul in every time of trouble or danger. Let me never offend God by wilful sin and strengthen me against temptation.

Piety live in my heart, draw it to true faith in you to a holy love of you, my God, so that I may always seek you.

Fear of God make me always remember your presence in my soul. Keep me from sin and give me great reverence for God and for all people created in the image and likeness of God.

There are seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit and each one of them perfects one of the seven virtues. Wisdom which is the greatest gift perfects charity or love.

The role of the Holy Spirit is often misunderstood. A careful reading of the Catholic Catechism can clarify matters and dispel confusion.

Requiem for the Living 3pm Sunday 28th June Saints Mary and Joseph Cathedral

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.

Tickets from
<https://www.trybooking.com/DLRWA>

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.*