

LITURGY THIS WEEK

PLEASE NOTE:

- Solemn Vespers does NOT occur this Sunday due to the Concert of Sacred Music (Requiem for the Living).

- There is NO 9:15am Mass in the Cathedral this Friday due to Founders Day Mass at O’Connor

ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY 29 JUN – Sts PETER and PAUL, *apostles*

07:00 AM Holy Mass

12:00 NN Holy Mass

TUESDAY 30 JUN – Weekday, Ordinary Time 13

07:00 AM Holy Mass

12:00 NN Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY 01 JUL – Weekday, Ordinary Time 13

07:00 AM Holy Mass

12:00 NN Holy Mass

THURSDAY 02 JUL – Weekday, Ordinary Time 13

07:00 AM Holy Mass

12:00 NN Holy Mass

FRIDAY 03 JUL – St Thomas, *apostle*

07:00 AM Holy Mass

10:30 AM Mass at Bupa

05:30 PM Holy Mass

SATURDAY 04 JUL – Weekday, Ordinary Time 13

08:00 AM OLA Chapel TM (Missa Cantata)

09:00 AM Holy Mass

06:00 PM Holy Mass of Sunday

SUNDAY 05 JUL - 14TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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

FRIDAY04:45 – 05:15 PM

SATURDAY09:45 – 10:15 AM &05:00 – 05:45 PM

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.

Parish Safeguarding is a shared responsibility & feedback from both children & adults is welcomed & encouraged.

Feedback can be made through [Parish email](#) or the [Diocesan website](#)

Parish Safegurading Contact: Ms Tina Clarke (Parish Secretary)

PETER’S PENCE SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND 27/28 JUNE - WHERE DOES IT GO?

Normally Peter’s Pence - special collection - amounts globally to \$100 million. The money is given to people in need. Envelopes are available at the welcomer’s table.

IN YOUR CHARITY,PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Carl Trevaskis, Josh McFarlane, Maureen Kratz, Barbara Doring

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Eileen Myhill, Naomi Wood, Michael Bourke

PERPETUAL INTENTIONS:

The Holy Souls in Purgatory, Michael O’Connor, Pam O’Connor, Joyce Heferen, Christine Nugent

SICK:

Colin Ahoy, Kourtney Holzhauser, Roger Patricks, Fr Bernie Frize, Aaron Lucas, Robert Loh, Kelemete Hefe, 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.

28 JUNE, 13TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME					
	6PM	8AM	10AM	11AM	5:30PM
Welcomer	T Rice	J Toakley	T Rimpici	A Pike	Turley
Reader 1	W Clark	J Toakley	NBrennan	L Quast	J Chin
Reader 2	C Doherty	A Rogers	A Dinh	MVanGend	D Roff
PoF	A May	B Mackson	M Suluma		J Roff
ExMin	Clergy	Clergy	Clergy	Clergy	Clergy
5 JULY, 14TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME					
	6PM	8AM	10AM	11AM	5:30PM
Welcomer	W Clark	P Stier	T Rimpici	A Pike	Chin
Reader 1	J Carson	F Miron	K Frazier	L Quast	P Turley
Reader 2	P Boston	N Ramazani	R Menz	MVanGend	R Camillieri
PoF	D Fittler	C Stephen	P Hordern		J Maher
ExMin	Clergy	Clergy	Clergy	Clergy	Clergy

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	\$2,910.00	\$2,114.00	\$796.00
2nd Collection	\$4,805.00	\$6,350.00	-\$1,545.00

Saints Mary & Joseph Cathedral Parish Armidale

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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





June - Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

July - Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A/2) 28TH JUNE 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 46: 2

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

FIRST READING

2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, ‘Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.’ One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, ‘Call our Shunammitess. Tell her this: “Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?”’ But she replied, ‘I live with my own people about me.’ ‘What can be done for her then?’ he asked. Gehazi answered, ‘Well, she has no son and her husband is old.’ Elisha said, ‘Call her.’ The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,’ he said ‘you will hold a son in your arms.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 88(89):2-3,16-19

R: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. R:

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. R:

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
by your favour it is that our might is exalted;
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. R:

SECOND READING

Romans 6:3-4,8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in

his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father’s glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Peter 2:9



Alleluia, alleluia!
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.
Praise God who call you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.
‘Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.
‘Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet’s reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man’s reward.
‘If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.’



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 102: 1

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.

In the interests of child safety & Parish Safeguarding, please ensure that your children are accompanied when leaving the Cathedral during Mass to go to the toilet or for any other reason.

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH TRIVIA AFTERNOON POSTPONED

Our Parish trivia afternoon has been postponed and will now be held in the Torregiani room on Saturday 1 August at 2pm. Funds raised will go towards upgrading the Cathedral bell system. For more details or to book a table, please contact Monica on 0450 419 688.

CATHOLIC VIEWPOINT

The latest Catholic Viewpoint is now available In flipbook magazine style following the link: [Catholic Viewpoint April-June 2026](#) If you would like a printed copy contact the Parish Office.

FIRST PENANCE (Confession/Reconciliation) & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026

Parent/Enrolment Night - Wed. 29th July, 6pm in the Torregiani Room. **For more information contact the Parish Office.**

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES for the new financial year are available for collection from the table in the centre isle of the cathedral.

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 4th July 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.

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 **Ursula Room** 7-9pm. Holy Rosary, faith formation, refreshments.

Next gathering Monday 29 June.

HOME ROSARIES | If you would like to attend or host a home rosary or receive a home visit by the Legion of Mary, please contact Kathy 0417023704 or Barbara 0408235877.

Location is not advertised for privacy purposes.

PARISH SYNODAL GATHERING

Around 80 people registered their interest in participating in the PSG which was held last Saturday, June 20th. Thank you to those who, though unable to attend due to other circumstances, registered their interest.

Those who gathered experienced the communion that is the reality of the Church. How wonderful to see a cross-section of the parish be together in fellowship, to listen to each other as we explored the three questions placed before us by our Bishop:

In what ways can we bring Christ to others in our midst?

How can we have more prayerful and reverent liturgies?

How can we best proclaim the Gospel in our parish?

Each question was explored separately using the *spiritual conversation* process. This involved listening without debate, discussion or disagreement in one round. In the second round each participant at the table (of six) could respond to what he/she heard. In the last session of the day, each table reported to the gathering what themes/actions/or questions emerged. Here is a summary of those, however, it is difficult to capture everything and all responses were valuable.

Proclaim the Gospel

- Know the Gospel so as to proclaim it
- Have courage - Live the faith - Be witnesses
- Desire to be holy
- Be joyful - Invite - Be charitable - Be of service
- It begins at Holy Mass

Liturgies

- The Church is our home
- Increase eucharistic adoration - Prayer in the home - Holy Rosary
- Liturgy builds on personal prayer
- Reverence and silence in the church
- Know the saints - our beautiful sacred art
- Times of silence at Mass - Staying behind to make thanksgiving after Mass

Bringing Christ to others

- Be convicted...brave...bold...not afraid...unashamedly Catholic
 - Pray...for others...for the whole parish...promote our beautiful Catholic devotions
 - Public acts of faith e.g. processions...
 - Formation in theology. liturgy, the saints...retreats, study groups, leaflets & pamphlets
 - Live according to the Gospel
 - Reconcile differences...unity in charity...unity does not mean sameness
- As more emerges from this fruitful gathering, it will be shared with the Parish.

PERSECUTION & FAITH: A WITNESS OF COURAGE AND FORGIVENESS FROM PAKISTAN

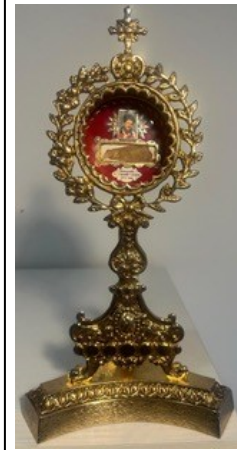
Twenty-year-old Akash Bashir was serving as a volunteer security guard at his parish in Lahore, Pakistan, when a terrorist with explosives tried to enter the church. Akash said, "I would rather die than let you in," and then gave his life to prevent a massacre.

In the years since, his parents have offered an extraordinary witness of Christian faith. Asked whether they had forgiven those responsible for their son's death, they replied: "Yes, we have forgiven them and pray that they may find the right path to God."

Their example reminds us that the Gospel calls us not only to courage, but also to forgiveness.

Reflection: Where may God be asking you to make a sacrifice out of love, or to forgive an injustice against you?

Read more testimonies of faith from *Aid to the Church in Need* at: aidtochurch.org/welcome



DESCRIPTION OF PILGRIM RELIC OF CARLO ACUTIS

The First Class pilgrim relic is 6 cm in length and 2 cm high, and preserved in a reliquary 33 cm high and 17 cm wide, and is carried worldwide by the Diocese of Assisi, as custodian of the relics of Carlo Acutis, and respecting Church guidelines.

It is a section of the Saint's pericardium, the membrane that surrounds the heart. This is a sac filled with water that encloses the heart and the great vessels, holding them in place and protecting the body's most important organ. The relic, therefore, is of major importance physiologically.

The pericardium also contains deep spiritual meaning. The heart is the body's most important organ; it is also the seat of our sentiments and actions. From the heart is born and lives our relationship with the Lord: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart" (*Dt 6,5, Mt 22,37*).

Moreover, when the side of Jesus was pierced on the Cross, "blood and water immediately flowed out" (*Jn 19,34*). Life giving blood, symbol of the Eucharist – to which Carlo Acutis was especially attached as his "highway to Heaven" – came from Christ's Sacred Heart; water, symbol of Baptism – "the basis of the whole Christian life" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, n. 1213) – came from the Lord's pericardium.

Saint Carlo Acutis desired a living relationship with Jesus from a very young age. He wished to receive his First Holy Communion when only 7 years of age and on that day told his parents: "Always to be united to Jesus. This is my programme of life." He protected and nurtured this most important of relationships with his "spiritual" pericardium of 5 practices or appointments: frequent reception of the Eucharistic Jesus, Adoration, spiritual direction and confession, devotion to the Blessed Mother and the saints, and acts of charity. It led him and can lead us to be saints, living just as he lived.

SATURDAY 27 JUNE - ARMIDALE

Ss Mary & Joseph's Cathedral Armidale

5.15pm | Welcome followed by meditated Rosary with sayings of St Carlo Acutis

6pm | **Holy Mass** | Bishop Murphy presiding, (homilist Mons Figueiredo - from Assisi travelling with the Relic for 2 weeks of the Australian mission)

7pm-7.30pm | **Veneration of Relic**

7.30pm - 9.30pm | veneration, confession and personal blessing with the Relic

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition will be on display in the Torreggiani Room (bldg behind the Cathedral) from **5pm - 9pm**

SUNDAY 28 JUNE - ARMIDALE

8am Holy Mass (homily by Mons Figueiredo) followed by veneration and personal blessings with Relic

10am Holy Mass (homily by Mons Figueiredo)

11am Holy Mass (homily by Mons Figueiredo)

12noon - 1pm | veneration and personal blessing with Relic

1pm Relic Departs for Tamworth

1.30-3.30pm | viewing of the documentary film *Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality* (gomins) in the Ursula Room(bldg behind the Cathedral)

ST MARY & ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL PRESENTS

Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality

In a world losing itself to screens, teenage mystic Carlo Acutis saw beyond the social media-addicted society we live in and offered an answer... if we're willing to listen. Top Faith-Based Documentary of 2025.

DATE
Sunday, June 28, 2026

LOCATION
Ursula Room
Armidale, New South Wales,
Australia

RESERVE MY SPOT



TIME
1:30 PM GMT+10

RUNNING TIME
112 minutes



Eucharist28 - Free online Catechesis with Archbishop Anthony Fisher on Eucharistic Miracles, Tuesday 30 June at 7:30pm via Zoom

In preparation for Eucharist28, there is a national catechetical series called Didasko (to teach) which is being offered live online, most of these cost; however, the above event is free.

To register as an individual or parish go to <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1534102>



AUSTRALIA 25TH NATION TO HOST MAJOR PILGRIM RELIC
JUNE - OCTOBER 2026

ADORATION • VENERATION • TALKS • MASS • CONFESSION
ST CARLO'S 5 STEPS TO HOLINESS

"TO BE TRANSFORMED INTO LOVE THROUGH THE EUCHARIST"



EVENT DETAILS: STCARLOAUSTRALIA.COM

Come Adore the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration!



"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent in sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."
~ St Padre Pio

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

Monday: 12pm, 1pm, 2pm
Tuesday: 8am, 10am, 12pm, 2pm
Wednesday: 12pm, 4pm, 5pm
Friday: 9am, 10am, 5pm
Saturday: 12am, 3am

Contact the Armidale Adoration Team:
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