

LITURGY THIS WEEK

ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY 13 JUL – Weekday, Ordinary Time 15

07:00 AM Holy Mass

12:00 NN Holy Mass

02:00 PM Funeral Mass for Kitty Cooper

TUESDAY 14 JUL – Weekday, Ordinary Time 15

07:00 AM Holy Mass

09:00 AM Mass at Hospital Chapel

12:00 NN Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY 15 JUL – St Bonaventure, bishop, doctor

07:00 AM Holy Mass

12:00 NN Holy Mass

THURSDAY 16 JUL – Weekday, Ordinary Time 15

07:00 AM Holy Mass

12:00 NN Holy Mass

FRIDAY 17 JUL – Weekday, Ordinary Time 15

07:00 AM Holy Mass

05:30 PM Holy Mass

SATURDAY 18 JUL – Weekday, Ordinary Time 15

08:00 AM OLA Chapel TM (1962 Missal)

09:00 AM Holy Mass

06:00 PM Holy Mass of Sunday

SUNDAY 19 JUL - 16TH 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

FRIDAY 04:45 – 05:15 PM

SATURDAY 09:45 – 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.

The Diocesan Safeguarding Policy is available on the Diocesan & Parish websites, in the Parish Office and in the Cathedral foyer.

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)

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.

IN YOUR CHARITY,PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Kitty Cooper (Funeral Mass Cathedral Monday 13 July 2pm), Carl Trevaskis, Josh McFarlane,

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Frank Pankhurst, Collette Mitchell, Patricia Cohen, Paul Burns, Rufina, Rodylie, Arturo & Roderick

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, BillySteller, 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 Markelj, Don Armatage, Molly Burke, Melissa Gamblen, Hannah Whitton, Tom Britt, Danny Jones, Aeron Ryan, Blake Ross, 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.

12 JULY, 15TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

	6PM	8AM	10AM	11AM	5:30PM
Welcomer	McCarson	J Toakley	T Rimpici	A Pike	Steller
Reader 1	W Clark	A Rogers	NBrennan	L Quast	N Chin
Reader 2	C Doherty	F Miron	A Dinh	MVanGend	J Chin
PoF	A May	N Ramazani	M Suluma		D Roff
ExMin	Clergy	Clergy	Clergy	Clergy	Clergy

19 JULY, 16TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

	6PM	8AM	10AM	11AM	5:30PM
Welcomer	T Rice	P Stier	T Rimpici	A Pike	Turley
Reader 1	J Carson	C Stephen	R Menz	L Quast	J Roff
Reader 2	P Boston	J Toakley	NBrennan	MVanGend	P Turley
PoF	KMcMahon	A Rogers	K Frazier		R Camilleri
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	\$1,944.00	\$2,114.00	-\$170.00
2nd Collection	\$8,566.15	\$6,350.00	\$2,216.15

2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR

	Actual	Target	Difference
1st Collection	\$121,977.54	\$109,928.00	\$12,049.54
2nd Collection	\$280,172.15	\$330,200.00	-\$50,027.85

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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

July - Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A/2) 12TH JULY 2026

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: ‘As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 64(65):10-14

R: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. R: And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows; you level it, soften it with showers; you bless its growth. R: You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. R: The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. R:

SECOND READING

Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

IS 9,Jn6:68

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, ‘Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!’ Then the disciples went up to him and asked, ‘Why do you talk to them in parables?’ ‘Because’ he replied, ‘the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled: You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me. ‘But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it. ‘You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.’

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 83: 4-5

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH TRIVIA AFTERNOON Our Parish is having a trivia afternoon in the Torregiani room on Saturday 1st 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.

FIRST PENANCE (Confession/Reconciliation) & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
Parent/Enrolment Night - Wed. 29th July, 6pm in the Torregiani Room. The programs will run concurrently on Sundays following the enrolment evening. The sacrament of First Penance will be received on Wednesday 19th August at 5pm in the Cathedral & the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be received on Sunday 13th September. **For more information contact the Parish Office.**

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 **Theology of the Body (short course)**, 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 1st August 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 **Ursula Room** 7-9pm. Holy Rosary, faith formation, refreshments. **Next gathering Monday 13 July.**

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.

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: 9am, 12pm, 4pm
Friday: 9am, 10am, 5pm, 11pm
Saturday: 12am, 3am

Contact the Armidale Adoration Team:
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0459 089 778

In this parable
Christ is the Sower,
the soul is the soil;
& the seed is the divine truth.



Truth leads to faith, faith begets baptism and baptism conveys grace. There are two types of grace: sanctifying and actual. We need sanctifying grace in our soul - the state of grace - to be saved. Actual graces are daily divine impulses to help us turn from sin and become holy and happier people by doing God's will.

THREE POINTS TO NOTE:

- 1) God wants all people to be saved. For as the sower makes no distinction in his field, but scatters his seed broadcast, so neither does Christ distinguish between rich and poor, between wise or unwise, the slothful or the diligent, the courageous or the timid, but addresses his words and actual graces to all.
- 2) Though God wants all to be saved not all will be saved. We have the free will to turn away from God. So the seed is sown but does not take root [shallow faith] and thus is soon exhausted with the pursuit of money, pleasure, and ambition. We must comply with the demands of God's will in our daily lives, by putting down roots, if we want to reap a harvest in the next life, i.e. keep the Commandments, daily prayer, Sunday Mass.
- 3) Seeds are sown but human weakness and the Evil One will attempt to restrict its growth. Christ says: "some fell among thorns and was choked." The devil never sleeps and wicked people love to pervert others so be on your guard against temptations and attacks. Remember that thorns leave their mark!

Daily Survival Kit

- 1) **TOOTHPICK** - to remind you to pick out the good qualities in others. Matt. 7:1
- 2) **RUBBER BAND** - to remind you to be flexible, things might not always go the way you want, but it will work out. Rm8:28
- 3) **BAND AID** - to remind you to heal hurt feelings, yours or someone else's. - Col. 3:12-14
- 4) **PENCIL** - to remind you to list your blessings everyday. - Eph.1:3
- 5) **ERASER** - To remind you that everyone makes mistakes, and it's OK. - Gen.50:15-21
- 6) **CHEWING GUM** - to remind you to stick with it, you can do it - Phil 4:13
- 7) **MINT** - to remind you that you are worth a mint. - John 3:16-17
- 8) **TEA BAG** - to remind you to relax daily & count your blessings. 1 Thess. 5:18



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Kirsten Soyars

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Chief Executive Officer



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AGAINST
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this Lent**

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Date: Saturday, 25th July, "The Cottage Restaurant"

Guest Speaker: Fr. Eli

Please confirm your attendance by making payment of **\$29.00** to:

Majellan Mothers Club

BSB: 082-105

ACC: 001061469

RSVP: Mon. 20/7/26



LEARN LATIN

5-week Introductory Course for Adults in Armidale

Mondays in August 7-8.30pm | \$160
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enquiries and registration: scan QR code or
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