

LITURGY THIS WEEK

ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY 20 JUL – Weekday, Ordinary Time 16

07:00 AM Holy Mass

12:00 NN Holy Mass

TUESDAY 21 JUL – Weekday, Ordinary Time 16

07:00 AM Holy Mass

12:00 NN Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY 22 JUL – St Mary Magdalene

07:00 AM Holy Mass

12:00 NN Holy Mass

THURSDAY 23 JUL – Weekday, Ordinary Time 16

07:00 AM Holy Mass

12:00 NN Holy Mass

FRIDAY 24 JUL – Weekday, Ordinary Time 16

07:00 AM Holy Mass

09:15 AM Holy Mass

11:00 AM Mass at Ken Thompson Lodge

05:30 PM Holy Mass

SATURDAY 25 JUL – St James, apostle

08:00 AM OLA Chapel TM (1962 Missal)

09:00 AM Holy Mass

06:00 PM Holy Mass of Sunday

SUNDAY 26 JUL - 17TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Sixth World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

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: Fr Joe Adriano (Philippines), Ron Nixon, Kitty Cooper

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Jill de Bavay, Raymond Tomlin, Lorna Maguire, Jack Lasker, Eric & Joan Kelly, Nicholas Pugh, Noel Doughan, Ron Locke

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

SICK: Liam English, 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, Frederic Kelmeyer, Silvia & Ralph Bowles.

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	KMcMahon	DMiron	Clergy	Clergy	Clergy

26 JULY, 17TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

	6PM	8AM	10AM	11AM	5:30PM
Welcomer	KMcMahon	J Toakley	T Rimpici	A Pike	Chin
Reader 1	D Fittler	B Mackson	A Dinh	L Quast	J Maher
Reader 2	W Clark	F Miron	J Turner	MVanGend	N Chin
PoF	C Doherty	N Ramazani	P Hordern		J Chin
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	\$2,319.00	\$2,114.00	\$205.00
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Principal, O’Connor Catholic College: Mr Philip Gibney

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July - Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A/2) 19TH JULY 2026

FIRST READING Wisdom 12:13,16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 85(86):5-6,9-10,15-16

R: Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. R:

All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. R:

But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. R:

SECOND READING Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner’s servants went to him and said, “Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?” “Some enemy has done this” he answered. And the servants said, “Do you want us to go and weed it out?” But he said, “No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.”’

He put another parable before them: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.’

He told them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.’

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, ‘Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.’ He said in reply, ‘The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!’

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 110: 4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

VALE FR JOE ADRIANO | Fr Joe was a priest in the Armidale Diocese from 1995. He retired to the Philippines 2022 to be closer to his family. May he rest in peace.

WE WELCOME Dylan (Dede) Howey into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion this Sunday. We pray God's richest blessings upon her faith journey.

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 Torreggiani 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.**

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 27 July.**

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.

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.

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.

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.

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



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, 2pm
Tuesday: 8am, 10am, 12pm, 2pm, 6pm
Wednesday: 9am, 12pm, 5pm
Friday: 10am, 5pm, 10pm, 11pm
Saturday: 12am

Contact the Armidale Adoration Team:
armidaleadoration@gmail.com
0459 089 778

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



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DARNEL & WHEAT BAD & GOOD

Last week the Parable of the Sower reminded us of God's ubiquitous grace and how it is squandered. This Parable of the Darnel, or the weeds sown among the wheat, is related but markedly diverse. One may say that the 'weed sower' represents evil. There has always been and always will be people bent upon evil, individuals seeking to cause ruin and chaos by sowing seeds of distrust, deceit and disdain.

God who is all knowing does not want evil to exist, nor is he the cause of evil. God tolerates it as we have to tolerate bad weather. Unlike the weather, however, God alone can draw good blessings out of evil situations. Many people can look back on ugly patches of their lives and see that, in time, some good came from those events or tragedies.

What is surprising about the parable is not that evil is tolerated but that it is permitted to exist alongside goodness for so long. "Let them (wheat and darnel) grow until harvest time..." God is patient - we are not! He gives even the most wretched soul so much time to repent and seek forgiveness. One such example of divine patience was Dr Bernard Nathanson, ex Jew and atheist, and a famous American Gynaecologist, who had established the largest and most efficient abortion clinic in the USA. In his latter years he became a pro-life champion and was baptized and received into the Catholic Church. His autobiography "The Hand of God" provides much insight into his once evil mindset. He died in 2011.



Final Analysis

People are often unreasonable,
illogical, and self-centered;
forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you
of selfish, ulterior motives;
Be kind anyway.

If you are honest and frank,
people may cheat you;
Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building,
someone could destroy overnight;
Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness,
there may be jealousy;
Be happy anyway.

Give the world the best you have,
and it may never be enough;
Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis,
it is between you and God; It was never
between you and them anyway.

- Saint Mother Teresa -



Eucharist28 Update – This is My Body, Given For You

The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 ('Eucharist28') will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be a festival of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music – a truly 'once in a lifetime' experience, and a transformative moment for our nation.

The theme for Eucharist28 is 'This is My Body, Given For You', which invites us to reflect on the words that Christ spoke as he instituted the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

At each Mass, the priest repeats Jesus' words from the Last Supper, and the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

This miraculous change does not end with the gifts. As we receive the Body of Christ, we are transformed into the Body of Christ, carrying His presence into our homes, workplaces, schools, parishes and communities.

Just as He gave His life for us, we too are called to offer our lives in sacrifice and service to God and to those around us.

This national journey to Eucharist28 is an invitation for all of us to share in the breaking of the bread and allow Christ's presence to transform us. The journey begins now, in our own hearts and in our own parishes.

For catechetical material to help your parish and community prepare for this moment, head to **eucharist28.org/resources**.



The Carmelite Martyrs of Compiègne

The **Martyrs of Compiègne** were a group of **16 French Carmelite women**—including 11 Discalced Carmelite nuns, three lay sisters, and two extern servants—who were **publicly guillotined on 17 July 1794** during the peak of the French Revolution's Reign of Terror. Arrested for refusing to secularise and dismantle their cloistered community, they famously mounted the scaffold chanting hymns of praise. Long venerated for their profound courage, they were officially **canonised as Catholic saints by Pope Francis on 18 December 2024**. [\[1, 2, 3, 4\]](#)

The Martyrs of Compiègne were beatified by Pope St Pius X on May 27, 1906. Over a century later, **Pope Francis officially canonised them as saints on December 18, 2024**. Their formal liturgical feast day is celebrated on **July 17**. [\[1, 2, 3, 4, 5\]](#)