

LITURGY THIS WEEK

ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY 27 JUL – Weekday, Ordinary Time 17

07:00 AM Holy Mass

12:00 NN Holy Mass

TUESDAY 28 JUL – Weekday, Ordinary Time 17

07:00 AM Holy Mass

12:00 NN Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY 29 JUL – Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus

07:00 AM Holy Mass

12:00 NN Holy Mass

THURSDAY 30 JUL – Weekday, Ordinary Time 17

07:00 AM Holy Mass

12:00 NN Holy Mass

FRIDAY 31 JUL – St Ignatius of Loyola, priest

07:00 AM Holy Mass

09:15 AM Holy Mass

05:30 PM Holy Mass

SATURDAY 01 AUG – St Alphonsus Ligouri, bishop, doctor

08:00 AM OLA Chapel TM (1962 Missal)

09:00 AM Holy Mass

06:00 PM Holy Mass of Sunday

SUNDAY 02 AUG - 18TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

63<sup>RD</sup> WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Feast of Our Lady of the Angels

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.

GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL & PRIEST RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL - Weekend 1st/2nd August

Collection for the education of clergy & seminarians & to provide support for retired clergy will taken up next weekend on the 63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Envelopes available in the Cathedral foyer & at the Welcomer’s Table.

IN YOUR CHARITY,PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Shelley English, Fr Joe Adriano (Philippines), Ron Nixon, Kitty Cooper

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Thomas Armatage Sr, Sara Pourshasb, Christopher Ford, Anthony Williams, Doug McCrae, Marian Austin, Joan & Eric Kelly

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

SICK: Dympna Brazier, 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, BobWatson, 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.

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.

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  |

2 AUGUST, 18TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

|          | 6PM      | 8AM       | 10AM      | 11AM     | 5:30PM   |
|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Welcomer | W Clark  | P Stier   | T Rimpici | A Pike   | Turley   |
| Reader 1 | A May    | J Toakley | K Frazier | L Quast  | D Roff   |
| Reader 2 | J Carson | A Rogers  | R Menz    | MVanGend | J Roff   |
| PoF      | P Boston | B Mackson | NBrennan  |          | P Turley |
| ExMin    | Clergy   | Clergy    | Clergy    | Clergy   | Clergy   |

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 | \$2,159.00 | \$2,114.00 | \$45.00     |
| 2nd Collection | \$4,747.50 | \$6,350.00 | -\$1,602.50 |

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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

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A/2) 26TH JULY 2026

6th World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 67: 6-7, 36

God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in his house;  
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

FIRST READING

1 Kings 3:5,7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, ‘Ask what you would like me to give you.’ Solomon replied, ‘O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?’ It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. ‘Since you have asked for this’ the Lord said ‘and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 118(119):57,72,76-77,127-130

R: Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,  
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me  
than silver and gold. R:

Let your love be ready to console me  
by your promise to your servant.

Let your love come and I shall live  
for your law is my delight. R:

That is why I love your commands  
more than finest gold,  
why I rule my life by your precepts,  
and hate false ways. R:

Your will is wonderful indeed;  
therefore I obey it.

The unfolding of your word gives light  
and teaches the simple. R:

SECOND READING

Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good, God

co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.  
‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.  
‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.  
‘Have you understood all this?’ They said, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.’

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 102: 2

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits.

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## NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME HOME WENDY BAKER

Wendy has returned home from a year-long volunteer service as an English Teacher in Baucau, Timor Leste with Palms International Volunteering <https://palms.org.au/about/>

### PARISH TRIVIA AFTERNOON

Come along to our Parish trivia afternoon, to be held in the Torreggiani Room on Saturday 1 August at 2pm. There are great prizes to be won, with funds raised going towards upgrading the Cathedral bell system. Raffle tickets will be available for sale after Masses this weekend. For more details or to book a table, please contact Monica on 0450 419 688.

### ENROLMENT FOR FIRST PENANCE (Confession/Reconciliation) & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Parent/Enrolment Night THIS 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.**

### 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 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](mailto:armidaleadoration@gmail.com) or 0459 089 778.

**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 5:30-7:00pm. 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** | Caring for the sacred vestments and the cleaning of the altar linen. Any enquiries or questions can be directed to Kathy McCartney 0418 465 996

**ARMIDALE CATHOLIC MEN'S BREAKFAST** on Saturday the 1st August, 7:00am at "The Mill Bistro", Armidale Ex-Services Club. All are welcome. Contact Nirmal 0430871064



### FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION - Next gathering **1st August at 9.30am**

Marian devotion on the first Saturday of each month immediately after the 9am Mass in the Cathedral. This devotion has been part of our parish for 20 years. It was asked for by Our Lady when she appeared to Ven. Lucia in 1925 and again in 1930. The devotion is an act of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and she promised to assist those who make this devotion at the hour of death. She also taught us at Fatima to pray the Rosary for peace and an end to war.



### 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](http://eucharist28.org/resources).



## LEARN LATIN

5-week Introductory Course for Adults in Armidale

Mondays in August 7-8.30pm | \$160  
only 8 spots | register by July 27

enquiries and registration: scan QR code or  
[netutorium@gmail.com](mailto:netutorium@gmail.com) - 0478 916 190  
[newenglandtutorium.com.au](http://newenglandtutorium.com.au)



### 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  
**Thursday:** 12pm  
**Friday:** 5pm, 10pm, 11pm  
**Saturday:** 12am, 4am

Contact the Armidale Adoration Team:  
[armidaleadoration@gmail.com](mailto:armidaleadoration@gmail.com)  
0459 089 778

## WHAT IS SAFEGUARDING?

Safeguarding is about creating and maintaining a safe environment for all people.

Its foundation is based upon the belief that each person is *created in the image and likeness of God* with inherent dignity that needs to be respected and upheld.

"We are all one family in the world. Building a community that empowers everyone to attain their full potential through each of us respecting each other's dignity, rights and responsibilities makes the world a better place to live."

St John Paul II



## SAFE MINISTRY WORKSHOP HERE AT St MARY AND JOSEPH'S

The Diocesan Safeguarding team are touring the Diocese to deliver the Safe Ministry Workshop. They will be coming to our Parish on:

**Thursday 20th August (5:30-7:15pm)**

**Friday 21st August (9:15-11:30am, including Mass)**

All parishioners are welcome to attend one session, mandatory attendance is required for particular Parish volunteers and employees.

*Please come along to be informed and equipped to help create a more safer and caring Parish environment.*



## SAFE TRAINING ATTENDANCE VOLUNTEERS WHO NEED TO ATTEND

- Sacristan
- Parish Secretary
- Parish Safeguarding Contact Person
- Parish Council member
- Parish Finance Council Member
- Choir Director
- Children's liturgy coordinator or helper
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd leader or helper
- Adult altar server (IF children are serving)
- Sacramental Coordinator

### **VOLUNTEERS WHO DO NOT NEED TO ATTEND**

**However, all are encouraged to attend the session as it provides good formation on how to spot indicators of harm and what to do about it in all areas of life**

- Catechists who have already completed some safeguarding training (unless they are involved in another additional ministry in the parish that does require training)
- Readers
- Money collectors/counters
- Choir members
- Ushers/welcomers
- Projectionist
- Flower arrangers
- Piety store
- Extraordinary ministers doing so during Mass
- Gardener
- Cleaner

## Kingdom of heaven is the Church

**which like a Treasure – it is hidden  
which like a Pearl – it is sought  
which like a Net – it is found**

**Why is the net (Church) full of all kinds: good and bad alike?**

1. God does not cause evil - all that He created was good. Evil is the result of sin - thus its origin is human. We choose it.
2. The presence of evil reminds us mere mortals that earth is not heaven, here is not paradise, we are a people in exile, being tested, and awaiting perfection.
3. Often greater good can come from adversity. It is in the struggle to overcome evil that virtue flourishes.



### ... the Treasure – it is hidden

**The treasure is hidden until it was found. Some aspects of the Church are hidden.**

1. It was a God-incidence that caused the finding of the treasure in the field not a coincidence or chance.
2. This treasure cannot be had except by means of the land. Certain treasures belong to the Church without which you cannot possess them, such as the sacraments.

### ... the Pearl – it is sought

**Unlike the treasure that is hidden and then found the pearl is being sought.**

1. The pearl represents the truth.
2. Some people spend all their life in pursuit of the meaning of life and what is truth.
3. When they find certain truths they are led to the Truth - who is Christ. Then, they are willing to give away all to possess him.

