

LITURGY THIS WEEK

ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY 24 AUG – St Bartholomew, *apostle*
07:00 AM Holy Mass
12:00 NN Holy Mass
TUESDAY 25 AUG – Weekday, Ordinary Time 21
07:00 AM Holy Mass
12:00 NN Holy Mass
WEDNESDAY 26 AUG – Weekday, Ordinary Time 21
07:00 AM Holy Mass
12:00 NN Holy Mass
THURSDAY 27 AUG – St Monica
07:00 AM Holy Mass
12:00 NN Holy Mass
FRIDAY 28 AUG – St Augustine, *bishop, doctor*
07:00 AM Holy Mass
09:15 AM Holy Mass
11:00 AM Mass at Ken Thompson Lodge
05:30 PM Holy Mass
SATURDAY 29 AUG - The Passion of St John the Baptist, *martyr*
08:00 AM OLA Chapel TM (1962 Missal)
09:00 AM Holy Mass
06:00 PM Holy Mass of Sunday
SUNDAY 30 AUG - 22ND 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.

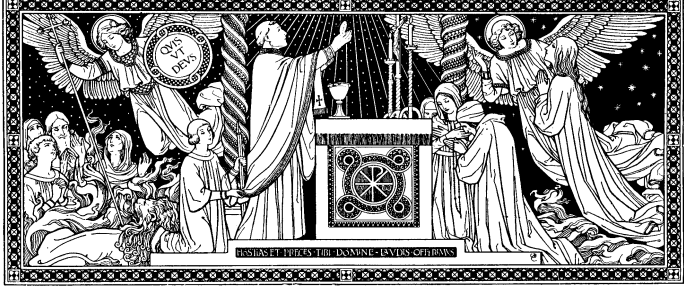
The Diocesan Safeguarding Policy is available on the Diocesan & Parish websites, in the Parish Office and in the Cathedral foyer.

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: Mel McGoldrick (Alstonville), Jan Taylor (Maclean), Margaret Wood, Sr Coral Hedley rsm, Barry Bourke, Fr Michael Mullane, Dympna Brazier
DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Alex Sepansky
PERPETUAL INTENTIONS: The Holy Souls in Purgatory, Michael O’Connor, Pam O’Connor, Joyce Heferen, Christine Nugent
SICK: Anne Bacigalupo, Albert Holmes, 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, Maria Grezl, Wili Suluma, 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.

23 AUGUST, 21ST SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

	6PM	8AM	10AM	11AM	5:30PM
Welcomer	KMcMahon	M Barry	T Rimpici	A Pike	Turley
Reader 1	P Boston	N Ramazani	A Dinh	L Quast	R Camilleri
Reader 2	D Fittler	C Stephen	J Turner	MVanGend	J Maher
PoF	W Clark	J Toakley	P Hordern		N Chin
ExMin	CKhan	Clergy	Clergy	Clergy	Clergy

30 AUGUST, 22ND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

	6PM	8AM	10AM	11AM	5:30PM
Welcomer	W Clark	P Stier	T Rimpici	A Pike	Chin
Reader 1	C Doherty	B Mackson	R Menz	L Quast	N Chin
Reader 2	A May	F Miron	K Frazier	MVanGend	J Chin
PoF	J Carson	N Ramazani	M Suluma		D Roff
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	\$2,182.00	\$2,114.00	\$68.00
2nd Collection	\$4,666.46	\$6,350.00	-\$1,683.54

Saints Mary & Joseph Cathedral Parish Armidale

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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

Most Reverend Peter Mel Murphy Ph.D | Bishop of Armidale
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August - Month of The Immaculate Heart of Mary & The Blessed Sacrament
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A/2) 23RD AUGUST 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 85: 1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:
I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory for his father’s house.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 137(138):1-3,6,8

R: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. R:
I thank you for your faithfulness and love,
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. R:

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. R:

SECOND READING

Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, ‘Who do people say the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ‘But you,’ he said ‘who do you say I am?’ Then Simon Peter spoke up, ‘You are the Christ,’ he said, ‘the Son of the living God.’ Jesus replied, ‘Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.’ Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 103: 13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.

AUSTRALIA’S NEXT SAINT

Venerable Mary Glowrey

There are cards with Information in the Cathedral foyer.



NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISABLED ACCESS TO THE CATHEDRAL

Due to security reasons, please note that from Monday August 24th, Monday to Saturday inclusive, disabled access to the Cathedral will be via the southern door **not** the door under the spire. From Monday to Saturday inclusive, the southern door will be unlocked and, if weather permits one door will be opened and latched open.

For Sunday Masses and special occasions such as funerals, the door under the spire will be opened.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The candidates made their First Penance last Wednesday & this Sunday the First Holy Communion Program commenced. **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 Mon 24 Aug

STUDY GROUP with Bishop Peter Murphy on the **"Mere Christianity"** by **CS Lewis** (BYO copy) 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.

HOLY FACE DEVOTION | Tuesday at 5:45 pm in the Parish Prayer Room .

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.

FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION

Next gathering 5th Sept. 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.

GUILD OF ST ANNE | Women of the parish caring for the sacred vestments and the cleaning of the altar linen. The Guild meets fortnightly at 12:45 pm in the Parish Centre on Wednesday and the next meeting is Wednesday 26 August. Any enquiries or questions can be directed to Kathy McCartney 0418 465 996



Women's Breakfast

Saturday 12th September 8.30am

At The Cottage Restaurant.

Guest Speaker: Wendy Clark.

Cost: \$29.00

Please confirm your attendance by making payment to:

Name: Majellan Mothers Club.

BSB: 082-105

ACC: 001061469

RSVP: 7th Sept.2026

Enquires: Margaret Carson – 0488 776 610

or Glenda Fittler – 0427 332 954



ARMIDALE VINNIES COMMUNITY SLEEPOUT

will be held on 28th August at Sport UNE Gymnasium. Get involved by sleeping out rough or donating to this event. Help Vinnies break the cycle of homelessness. We have inspiring speakers and provide a warm meal for all participants. Our goal is to raise \$38,000 to go towards local practical assistance through Freeman House's Start Fresh Community Connections program.

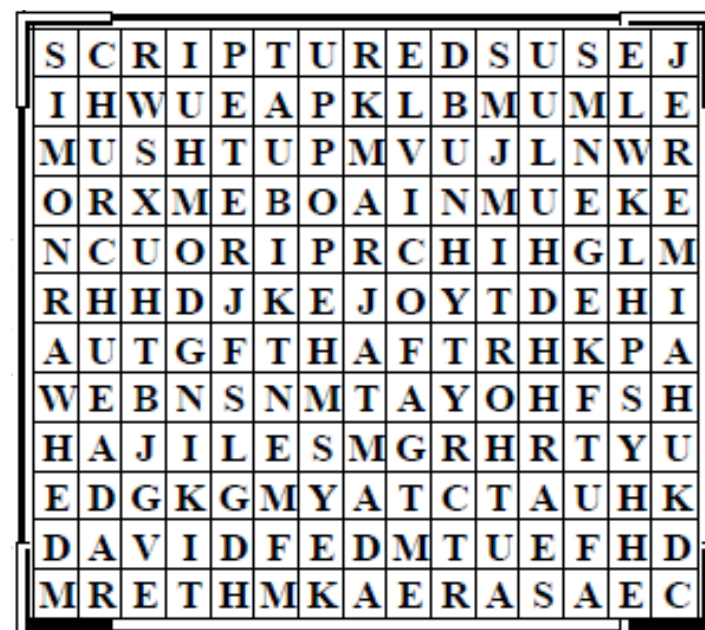
For further information contact Scott Martin

scott.martin@vinnies.org.au

Scan the QR code or visit <https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/armidale-vinnies-community-sleepout-2026>

FIND THE WORD PUZZLE

Matthew, Church, Jesus, Simon, Scripture, Jeremiah, Papacy, Author, Pope, Ceasarea, Magisterium, Elijah, Adam, Keys, Kingdom, David, Peter.



Petrine Ministry is Based on the Keys of Authority



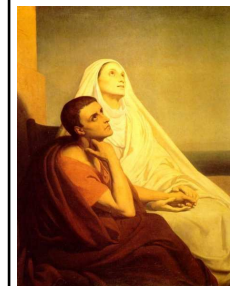
Eliakim in the Old Testament received the keys of the House of Juda, the future dynasty of King David of which Christ would be born. In turn, Christ bestows keys to Simon, now called Cephas [Aramaic for rock, Petros in Greek, Peter in English] as a sign of his authority over God's house, the Kingdom of God [Church on earth].

The Lord looked this fisherman full in the face and said: *"Thou art Simon, the son of John; thou shall be called Rock."*

Christ's Church is built on rock. Heretical rains will come and schismatic floods surge, and wild winds blow, and the very powers of hell will beat but in vain, for this Rock is a divine institution

strengthened by Christ. Peter the viceroys will "confirm his brethren", his bishops with Christ's teaching as the foundational rock, solid and sound, in the truths of Jesus Christ. Today Pope Francis continues to use those keys.

Saints Augustine & Monica



Mother and son both epitomize the Cross and fidelity to Christ. Monica's perseverance in prayer won the conversion of her husband Patrick and her brilliant son Augustine. In 387 at the age of 32 he was baptized after which she suddenly died.

Augustine as Bishop of Hippo in Africa for 35 years would be the most influential writer and preacher of his times. Yet, before his conversion his very salvation was in peril due to lust, pride and power. Gradually over many years and by means of many prayers and exhortations did Monica see the fruit of her labour when Augustine finally renounced his wants and embraced the cross of Christ. A mother's love, in this case, had no limits!



Come Adore the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration!

"Spend as much time as possible in front of the Blessed Sacrament and He will fill you with His strength and power" ~ Mother Teresa

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

- Monday: 8am, 12pm, 2pm, 7pm
- Tuesday: 10am, 12pm, 2pm, 6pm
- Wednesday: 9am, 12pm, 5pm
- Thursday: 9am, 12pm
- Friday: 8am, 5pm, 11pm
- Saturday: 12am, 4am

CONTACT

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2026 Dick Franklin Memorial Lecture

Gwyn McClelland: 'For Jesus and Japan: Nagasaki and discourses of Love and Loyalty'

Today, there are approximately 1 to 2 million Christians in Japan, but many Australians know little about the presence of Christianity in Japan, particularly the experience of Japanese Christians in the aftermath of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki on August 9, 1945. At the time, Nagasaki was the centre of Catholicism in Japan and the bomb fell only 500 metres from the Catholic cathedral.

Dr Gwyn McClelland is Senior Lecturer in Japanese Studies at the University of New England. An oral historian, he conducts research engaging with religious discourses in memory and history. He has published a monograph, based on an oral history of Catholic atomic bombing survivors, entitled 'Dangerous Memory in Nagasaki: Prayers, Protests and Catholic Survivor Narratives' (Routledge 2019).

He is currently engaged in a separate oral history project interviewing the descendants of Hidden Christians on the Goto Islands, one hundred kilometres off Nagasaki City.

Date: Tue Sept 8, 2026 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Location: Armidale Uniting Church, 114 Rusden St, Armidale

Contact: Sandy Boucher aboucher@une.edu.au



Holy Hour for Parents and Children

Tuesdays 9-10am
Our Lady of the Angels Chapel

*A special hour of Eucharistic Adoration for
Parents and Children.
Includes short time of guided prayer.*

EMERGENCY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL - COLOMBIA



Help provide emergency relief, restore vital community services, and bring hope to children and families as they recover.

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AUSTRALIA**

