

LITURGY THIS WEEK

ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY 21 SEP – St Matthew, *apostle, evangelist*
07:00 AM Holy Mass
12:00 NN Holy Mass
TUESDAY 22 SEP – Weekday, Ordinary Time 25
07:00 AM Holy Mass
12:00 NN Holy Mass
WEDNESDAY 23 SEP – St Pius of Pietrelcina, *priest*
07:00 AM Holy Mass
12:00 NN Holy Mass
THURSDAY 24 SEP– Weekday, Ordinary Time 25
07:00 AM Holy Mass
12:00 NN Holy Mass
FRIDAY 25 SEP– Weekday, Ordinary Time 25
07:00 AM Holy Mass
09:15 AM Holy Mass
11:00 AM Mass at Ken Thompson Lodge
05:30 PM Holy Mass
SATURDAY 26 SEP - Weekday, Ordinary Time 25
08:00 AM OLA Chapel TM (1962 Missal)
09:00 AM Holy Mass
06:00 PM Holy Mass of Sunday
SUNDAY 27 SEP - 26TH 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.

FAMILY CAMPING RETREAT

MARCH 2027

More information to come.

Start gathering your supplies!

IN YOUR CHARITY,PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Bernie Frize, Mary Beeby, Joachim Hempel, Elaine McLennon, Anne Wyborn, John Morris, Sr Margaret Blackford OP (Newcastle)

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Graf, Beryl & Bob Barlow, Tracie Armatage, Val Dargan, Nicholas Williams, Janet Hawkins, John Lawlor, Don Hewitt, Donald Clilverd, Daphne Fittler

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

SICK: Brian Scott, Anne Bacigalupo, Albert Holmes, Liam English, Colin Ahoy, Kourtney Holzhauser, 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 Arelano, 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.

20 SEPTEMBER, 25TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME					
	6PM	8AM	10AM	11AM	5:30PM
Welcomer	WClark	M Barry	T Rimpici	A Pike	Chin
Reader 1	J Carson	J Toakley	A Dinh	L Quast	N Chin
Reader 2	P Boston	A Rogers	K Frazier	MVanGend	J Chin
PoF	D Fittler	F Miron	R Menz		D Roff
ExMin	Clergy	Clergy	Clergy	Clergy	Clergy
27 SEPTEMBER, 26TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME					
	6PM	8AM	10AM	11AM	5:30PM
Welcomer	MCarson	P Stier	Vinnies	A Pike	Steller
Reader 1	W Clark	B Mackson	Vinnies	L Quast	J Roff
Reader 2	C Doherty	F Miron	Vinnies	MVanGend	P Turley
PoF	A May	N Ramazani	Vinnies		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	Current Target
1st Collection	\$2,963.00	\$2,114.00
2nd Collection	\$3,690.50	\$5,500.00

Saints Mary & Joseph Cathedral Parish Armidale

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Principal, O’Connor Catholic College: Mr Philip Gibney
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September - Month of the Seven Sorrows of Mary & the Holy Cross

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A/2) 20TH SEPTEMBER 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 144(145):2-3,8-9,17-18

R; The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. R:
The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. R:
The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. R:

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:20-24,27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16



Jesus said to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, “You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.” So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, “Why have you been standing here idle all day?” “Because no one has hired us” they answered. He said to them, “You go into my vineyard too.” In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.” So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. “The men who came last” they said “have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.” He answered one of them and said, “My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?” Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.’

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 118: 4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 12 October**.

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 **3rd October at 9.30am**

Marian devotion on the first Saturday of each month immediately after the 9am Mass in the Cathedral.

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 Any enquiries or questions can be directed to Kathy McCartney 0418 465 996

CANCELLED THIS WEEK | **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.

CENTACARE NEW ENGLAND NORTHWEST – SEEKING EXTERNAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Centacare NENW are seeking External Committee members. These are exciting opportunities for local professionals who are passionate about contributing to the governance of a well-respected not-for-profit organisation serving communities across the New England Northwest region.

External Committee Members provide valuable advice, expertise and local perspectives to support effective decision-making, strong governance and positive organisational outcomes. Committee meetings are generally held online and occur approximately **3–6 times per year**.

The positions are listed on SEEK and can be found following these links:

People Quality and Safety Committee <https://au.seek.com/job/94505266>

Governance & Remuneration Committee <https://au.seek.com/job/94505267>

Finance, Audit & Risk Management Committee <https://au.seek.com/job/94505268>

Catholic Culture & Identity Committee <https://au.seek.com/job/94505271>

Cathedral Sound System

Following two days without power while the upgraded switchboard was installed on Sept. 8th and 9th, the sound system in the Cathedral last weekend worked normally at some Masses and at other Masses it did not work well. The electricians who installed the new switchboard were called back and tested all power supply to the system and all was fully operative. Our sound technician visited after that and tested the speakers, the hearing loop, the microphones, as well as the central control unit (CCU). No faults were found. Both the electricians and the sound technician were puzzled.

During this week, the system seems to be operating normally.

The sound technician observed

- that the hearing loop does have some areas where the reception is not optimal, but these are near to the external walls of the cathedral.
- the speakers cover the cathedral well, with small patches, near to the confessionals closer to Dangar Street as well as near the organ and towards the Sacred Heart altar, where the clarity could be less than optimal
- he advised against installing more speakers because that could create the problem of ‘bounce back’ off the walls and a lowering of clarity in the entire building.
- he is providing us with some ‘wind socks’ for the pulpit and eagle-lectern microphones to increase clarity from them. They are the only two wired microphones in the cathedral; the others are wireless; similar to bluetooth devices.

Some have asked if the volume of microphones can be turned up or if the volume is altered before a Mass begins. The answer is no and that this is not possible.

The CCU is a digital system and altering any settings can only be done by a technician using a computer or, in the case of the wireless mics, accessing the internal settings. There is no volume switch or knob on the CCU or any of the wireless microphones.

Hopefully, this will address the concerns of some parishioners

Survey of Catholic Couples over September

The Australian Catholic Bishops are funding a survey over the month of September into the experience of Catholics in their first 10 years of marriage. The information gathered will inform the development of pastoral responses and resources for this vital stage of married life.

Any couple married in the last 10 years, where at least one spouse is Catholic, can contribute their valuable insights via this link <https://thepmrc.org/survey>. All answers are anonymous and confidential, and participants can contact the researchers directly with any questions via the survey link.

The St Vincent de Paul Festival Mass will be celebrated at



St Mary and Joseph’s Cathedral at 10am Mass on Sunday 27th September followed by morning tea and lunch in the Torregiani Room. Our Conference President Tim Battin (St Louise Conference) will be commissioned by Bishop Peter Murphy at this Mass. All past and pre-

sent St Vincent de Paul Conference members are invited to attend Mass and stay for lunch but need to RSVP to Joy Howe by Wednesday 23rd September. joy.howe@vinnies.org.au

All parishioners are invited to share morning tea after Mass outside the Torregiani Room.

God’s ways are not our ways...

Parable of the Vineyard explained:

- All are called to work but at different times. God gives us His grace at different times.
- To work in the vineyard means to work for God, to believe in God and to be a part of God’s family, the fullness of which subsists in the Catholic Church.
- The payment given for work is the same, that is, eternal life (zoe).

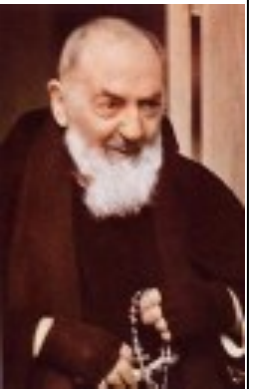
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All who are saved and purified are in heaven but not yet glorious. All are awaiting the resurrection. We will all receive together the blessedness of the resurrection, irrespective of the time when we were called. Whether it be Noah, Abraham, Moses or St Peter, some were called at the third hour of salvation history, others at the sixth hour, and so on. But all together are awaiting that magnificent moment of glory at the end of time. Although all equally share in the joy of heaven, there is diversity. Some saints will shine more than others, according to the degree of charity that they lived on earth

Saint Padre Pio 23rd September

He was a mystic, stigmatist, miracle worker, a man who lived an intense union with God. He was canonized in 2002 by Pope John Paul II. But, as the Pope pointed out, the greatest example of

intense love for God and at the same time for one's neighbor is in the crucifixion of Jesus. "His mission culminates in the Cross of our Redemption, the sign of his indivisible love for the Father and for humanity." So then, there is no reason for anyone to think that love for God can ever be "to excess" or in any way lead a person to neglect his neighbour. On the contrary, true love for God, true prayer, and a longing for the life of heaven inspire people to undergo great labors out of love for their spouse, family and friends. When the going gets tough the tough get going!



FIND THE WORD PUZZLE

Prayer, Adore, Worship, Assumption, Mary, Dogma, Doctrine, Commandments Discipline, Sacrament, Church, Holy, Catholic, Francis, Luke

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Volunteers Needed

HOPE Kitchen Armidale is looking to start in early 2027. We are looking for a few more volunteers to either help with cooking a meal on an evening or serving a meal during lunchtime—it would only take around 1-2 hours of your time. There will be an information session on October followed by training towards the end of the year. Contact George on george@adig.com.au