

LITURGY THIS WEEK

ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY 28 SEP – Weekday, Ordinary Time 26

07:00 AM Holy Mass

12:00 NN Holy Mass

TUESDAY 29 SEP - Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels

07:00 AM Holy Mass

12:00 NN Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY 30 SEP – St Jerome, priest, doctor

07:00 AM Holy Mass

12:00 NN Holy Mass

THURSDAY 01 OCT – St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor

07:00 AM Holy Mass

12:00 NN Holy Mass

FRIDAY 02 OCT– The Holy Guardian Angels

07:00 AM Holy Mass

09:15 AM Holy Mass

10:30 AM Mass at Bupa

05:30 PM Holy Mass

SATURDAY 03 OCT - Weekday, Ordinary Time 26

08:00 AM OLA Chapel TM (1962 Missal)

09:00 AM Holy Mass

06:00 PM Holy Mass of Sunday

SUNDAY 04 OCT - 27TH 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.

Please keep in your prayers Abby Brown and Rory Coffey, who will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony during Holy Mass on Saturday, the 3rd of October at 2pm.

All are welcome to attend the Mass.



IN YOUR CHARITY,PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Bernie Frize, Mary Beeby, Joachim Hempel, Elaine McLennon

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Fr John Carey, Don Hewitt, Eilish & Don Clilverd, John & Marie Lawlor

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, Aaron Lucas, Robert Loh, Kelem-ete 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 Wat-son, 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.

27 SEPTEMBER, 26TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

	6PM	8AM	10AM	11AM	5:30PM
Welcomer	McCarson	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

4 OCTOBER, 27TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

	6PM	8AM	10AM	11AM	5:30PM
Welcomer	T Rice	M Barry	T Rimpici	A Pike	Turley
Reader 1	J Carson	C Stephen	NBrennan	L Quast	J Maher
Reader 2	P Boston	J Toakley	J Turner	MVanGend	D Roff
PoF	KMcMahon	A Rogers	P Hordern		J 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 & mainte-nance, 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	\$2,212.00	\$2,114.00
2nd Collection	\$3,998.00	\$5,500.00

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Parish Secretary Ms Tina Clarke | Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-1pm

Principal, St Mary’s Catholic Primary School: Mrs Belinda Burton

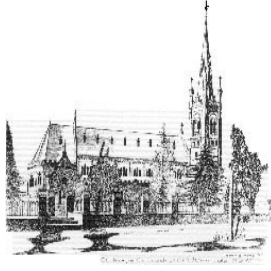
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September - Month of the Seven Sorrows of Mary & the Holy Cross

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A/2) 27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Dn 3: 31, 29, 30, 43, 42

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘You ob-ject, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to re-nounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 24(25):4-9

R: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. R:

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. R:

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor. R:

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, ‘What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, “My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not go,” but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who an-swered, “Certainly, sir,” but did not go. Which of the two did the father’s will?’ ‘The first’ they said. Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.’

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 118: 49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEGION OF MARY are hosting a nationwide rosary chain at the grotto on Saturday 10 October at 2pm. All are welcome to join.

ARMIDALE CATHOLIC MEN'S BREAKFAST on Saturday the 3rd October, 7:00am at "The Mill Bistro", Armidale Ex-Services Club. All are welcome. Contact Nirmal 0430871064

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

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.

Saint Therese - Feast Day 1st October

St Therese of Lisieux was born in Alencon, France in 1873. Aged only 15, she travelled to the Vatican, to personally petition the Pope for permission to be allowed to enter the Convent at this unusually early age. During her short life time St Therese sought to approach God through a path of simplicity and love. She developed a path know as the *little way*.

"You know well enough that Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love at which we do them."

St Therese died of tuberculosis at the early age of 24. However her writings were published after her death and have inspired millions.



HOLY ARCHANGELS

are mentioned in the Bible

Michael = who is like God

Gabriel = the power of God

Raphael = the healing of God

ANGEL SURVEY

1. How many angels are there?
2. Why do we depict angels with wings?
3. Did angels once have bodies?
4. After death do we become like angels?
5. How many choirs of angels exist?
6. Are angels persons?
7. Do angels die?
8. What are demons?
9. Are angels like fairies?
10. Why did God create angels?

Sacrifice of the Mass - we owe it all to God

CCC 1366 The Eucharist is thus a sacrifice because it re-presents (makes present) the sacrifice of the cross, because it is its memorial and because it applies its fruit. At each Mass we pray for those in Purgatory.

Three ACTS of the MASS

MASS	Offertory	Consecration	Communion
	suffering	death	resurrection
Pasch	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Sunday

At Holy Mass we offer bread (food) and wine (drink) that take the place of life, Christ's life, which is offered in an unbloody manner to God the Father. We are meant to offer ourselves with those gifts. Never be an idle bystander at Mass - offer your intentions with the gifts at the offertory prayers. That drop of water in the chalice represents your prayers to be united with the Blood of Christ.

OCTOBER: MONTH of the ROSARY

By announcing each mystery and perhaps even using a suitable icon to focus our attention we improve how we pray the Rosary. The words direct the imagination and the mind towards a particular episode or moment in the life of Christ....

Obviously these mysteries neither replace the Gospel nor exhaust its content. The Rosary, therefore, does not substitute for *lectio divina*; on the contrary, it presupposes and promotes it. Yet, even though the mysteries contemplated in the Rosary do no more than outline the fundamental elements of the life of Christ, they easily draw the mind to a more expansive reflection on the rest of the Gospel, especially when the Rosary is prayed in a setting of prolonged recollection. Listening and meditation are nourished by silence.



MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV FOR THE 112TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES:

"Even Just One of These Children" (cf. Mt 18:10)



"... The Gospel invites us not to calculate: even one. Every child, every human being, possesses an infinite dignity. Each is created in the image and likeness of God (cf. Gen 1:26); each is a presence of the Lord. Before every migrant child, we are called to make an act of humanity and

faith, for we are able to welcome and encounter the Lord. This call becomes even more pressing in the light of another of the Lord's affirmations in the Gospel of Matthew: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mt 25:35). ..." Read the full message at: [chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://acmro.catholic.org.au/resources/church-documents-on-migration/church-documents-on-migrants-refugees/pope-leo-xiv/2136-112-message-for-world-day-of-migrants-and-refugees-and-jubilee-of-migrants-2026/file](https://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://acmro.catholic.org.au/resources/church-documents-on-migration/church-documents-on-migrants-refugees/pope-leo-xiv/2136-112-message-for-world-day-of-migrants-and-refugees-and-jubilee-of-migrants-2026/file)

Pray with Pope Leo XIV:

One Million Children Praying the Rosary

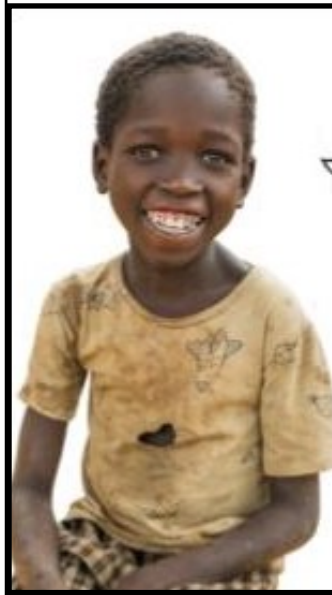
From 1-7 October, *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the *One Million Children Praying the Rosary* prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world. Families, parishioners, prayer groups, and schools are all encouraged to register to take part!

For free Rosary resources and to register, please scan the QR code or visit:

www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying



"When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change." - Saint Padre Pio



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/united

TOGETHER IN JESUS

First Sunday of each Month

Connection and fellowship for Armidale people of every church & all who would like to join in.

BYO picnic in Armidale's Central Park

Between 12 noon and 2pm

Sunday 4th October

Please wear a name tag and bring a chair

"I am the vine; you are the branches." John 15:5





ST MARY'S SCHOOL FETE
A FUN DAY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
SATURDAY
17TH OCTOBER 2026
10AM - 2PM

OLD McDONALD FARM

NURF WARS

ESCAPE ROOM

CAKE STALL

PLANT STALL

FACE PAINTING

BBQ

CAFE

BURGERS

GAMES

RAFFLES

PLUS MORE TO COME!

IF YOU CAN HELP OUT ON THE DAY, we are looking for volunteers!
Give our P&F President and Fete Convenor Jo a call on 0429 831 382.

This year marks 100 years of World Mission Day, a time in which the global Church celebrates God's mission through prayer and generosity.

Today, that mission continues in places like Malawi, where communities are rebuilding after devastating floods and families are striving to create a future for their children.

In the coming weeks, we will share how the Church is walking alongside these communities, and how you can be part of this living mission of love.

To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united.