

LITURGY THIS WEEK

ORDINARY TIME

* Reminder that there is no 9:15am Friday Mass during school holidays. Apologies to those who were there last Friday.

MONDAY 05 OCT – Weekday, Ordinary Time 27

07:00 AM Holy Mass

12:00 NN Holy Mass

TUESDAY 06 OCT - Weekday, Ordinary Time 27

07:00 AM Holy Mass

12:00 NN Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY 07 OCT – Our Lady of the Rosary

07:00 AM Holy Mass

12:00 NN Holy Mass

THURSDAY 08 OCT – Weekday, Ordinary Time 27

07:00 AM Holy Mass

10:30 AM Mass at Autumn Lodge

12:00 NN Holy Mass

FRIDAY 09 OCT – Weekday, Ordinary Time 27

07:00 AM Holy Mass

05:30 PM Holy Mass

SATURDAY 10 OCT - Weekday, Ordinary Time 27

08:00 AM OLA Chapel TM (1962 Missal)

09:00 AM Holy Mass

06:00 PM Holy Mass of Sunday

SUNDAY 11 OCT - 28TH 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

FRIDAY04:45 – 05:15 PM

SATURDAY09:45 – 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.

WE CONGRATULATE

Seminarian Isaac Forson

on the announcement of his

Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders

which will be celebrated by Bishop Murphy in the Cathedral during the 11:00 am Mass this Sunday 4 October. All are very welcome and encouraged to attend.

IN YOUR CHARITY,PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Rhonda Hewitt, Brian Battersby, Raphael Smith, Evita Smith, Philomena Smith

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

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

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.

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
11 OCTOBER, 28TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME					
	6PM	8AM	10AM	11AM	5:30PM
Welcomer	KMcMahon	J Toakley	T Rimpici	A Pike	Steller
Reader 1	D Fittler	B Mackson	A Dinh	L Quast	P Turley
Reader 2	W Clark	F Miron	K Frazier	MVanGend	R Camilleri
PoF	C Doherty	N Ramazani	R Menz		J Maher
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	\$2,700.00	\$2,114.00
2nd Collection	\$5,151.00	\$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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October - Month of the Most Holy Rosary

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A/2) 4TH OCTOBER 2026

FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard.

My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.

He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it.

In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too.

He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me.

What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done?

I expected it to yield grapes.

Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,

and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.

I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn.

I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.

Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant.

He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 79(80):9,12-16,19-20

R: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations.

It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. R:

Then why have you broken down its walls?

It is plucked by all who pass by.

It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. R:

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. R:

And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name.

God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. R:

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise.

Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do.

Then the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad.

When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce.

But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third.

Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way.

Finally he sent his son to them. “They will respect my son” he said.

But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, “This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance.”

So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’

They answered, ‘He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.’

Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone.

This was the Lord’s doing and it is wonderful to see?’

‘I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.’

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Lam 3: 25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

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
This 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 26 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.

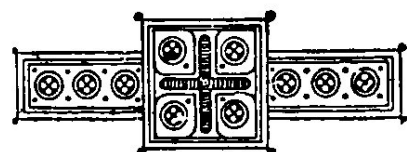
FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION

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.



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

Banquet Invitations & Divine Grace

The entire Christian life bears the mark of the spousal love of Christ and the Church. Already Baptism, the entry into the People of God, is a nuptial mystery; which precedes the wedding feast, the Eucharist. The Lord's Supper which Christ took with his disciples on the eve of his Passion anticipates the wedding feast of the Lamb in the heavenly Jerusalem. Both here and in heaven to partake of this feast the faithful need to be clothed in **sanctifying grace**. Hence the white robe used in baptismal ceremonies which is a symbol of that grace, also called **habitual grace**. It is *this* grace that we must possess in our soul at death, sometimes called the state of grace, [which can be lost by mortal sin] in order that we may be saved and thus welcomed into the banquet of eternal life with God.



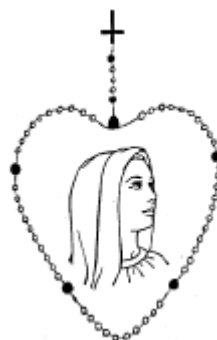
God's grace gives us power to do all things. It can be called dynamic for it is a great source of interior strength. When we worthily receive His Sacraments we download that power that makes all things possible. Horoscopes and superstitions fail to provide the help and assistance we need, they are a misplaced trust, that cannot but lead to failure and disappointment. One great woman who knew the power of divine grace and did great things for God and others was Saint Teresa of Avila.

Alphonsus Ratisbonne - Atheist to Jesuit

The extraordinary life of Alphonsus Ratisbonne, who was born a French Jew in 1814, is miraculous. He converted in Rome from a hardened atheist to a fervent Catholic in 1842. Alphonsus became a Jesuit Priest and then founded a religious order in Palestine to convert Jews to Christianity. His conversion was caused by a vision of Our Lady in the Church of Saint Andrew in Rome. At the time, the then French atheist was wearing the miraculous medal. This powerful sacramental is renowned for its efficacious blessings - hence its name.

OCTOBER - MONTH of the HOLY 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, is no 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. The family that prays together, stays together!



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



Celebrating Seniority!

Develop sustained self-reliant futures in overseas communities!

Join Palms International Volunteering for a special online session where you'll learn about our diverse assignments suited to your qualifications and time of life. Meet past volunteers Wendy and Mick who will share their adventures of life and laughter in PNG and Timor Leste, leaving a lasting positive impact on communities. Scan below to register or see palms.org.au/events

Date: Monday 19 October 2026

Time: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm AEDT

Venue: Online via Zoom

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palms@palms.org.au

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ONE IN CHRIST UNITED IN Mission
100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

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

6 DATE NIGHTS to strengthen your relationship with **Smart Loving's Marriage Kit**, hosted by Archdiocesan Ministries

Invest in your relationship through six online sessions designed to strengthen communication, decision-making and connection. Grounded in relationship science and created for real couples, this program offers practical tools to help you build a stronger, more loving marriage.

HOW IT WORKS

Enjoy each lesson together as a couple, then join the weekly date night hosted by Archdiocesan Ministries.

BEGINS

Wed 7 Oct 2026, 7.30pm Brisbane time

FORMAT

Online 6 x 1 hour sessions

COST

\$24.50 per couple PDF included

RSVP Before **Tuesday 6 October** via the QR code or by visiting

<https://archdiocesanministries.org.au/date-night/>



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

Activities: 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.

In two weeks, we will share the story of Yamikani*, a young boy in rural Malawi whose daily journey to school is filled with hardship.

You will also meet Fr Matthew Semba who is leading a project to build a new school close to home, so children like Yamikani can learn safely and begin to imagine a future beyond survival.

Through your prayers and support, you are part of this mission, helping to ensure that no child is left behind.

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

*Name changed for privacy