

LITURGY THIS WEEK

ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY 12 OCT – Weekday, Ordinary Time 28

07:00 AM Holy Mass

12:00 NN Holy Mass

TUESDAY 13 OCT - Weekday, Ordinary Time 28

07:00 AM Holy Mass

09:00 AM Mass at Hospital Chapel

12:00 NN Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY 14 OCT – Weekday, Ordinary Time 28

07:00 AM Holy Mass

12:00 NN Holy Mass

THURSDAY 15 OCT – St Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor

07:00 AM Holy Mass

12:00 NN Holy Mass

FRIDAY 16 OCT – Weekday, Ordinary Time 28

07:00 AM Holy Mass

09:15 AM Holy Mass

05:30 PM Holy Mass

SATURDAY 17 OCT - St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr

08:00 AM OLA Chapel TM (1962 Missal)

09:00 AM Holy Mass

06:00 PM Holy Mass of Sunday

SUNDAY 18 OCT - 29TH 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:

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Clarice Khan, Anne David, Warren Halloway, Elaine & Dick Farrell

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.

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
18 OCTOBER, 29TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME					
	6PM	8AM	10AM	11AM	5:30PM
Welcomer	W Clark	P Stier	T Rimpici	A Pike	Turley
Reader 1	A May	C Stephen	NBrennan	L Quast	D Roff
Reader 2	J Carson	J Toakley	J Turner	MVanGend	J Roff
PoF	P Boston	A Rogers	M Suluma		P Turley
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	\$2,489.00	\$2,114.00
2nd Collection	\$4,996.00	\$5,500.00

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October - Month of the Most Holy Rosary

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A/2) 11TH OCTOBER 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 129: 3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

FIRST READING Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 22(23)

R: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. R:

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. R: You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. R: Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. R:

SECOND READING Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf Ephesians 1:17. 18

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 33: 11

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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
Next gathering Saturday 7th November, 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 **7th November 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.

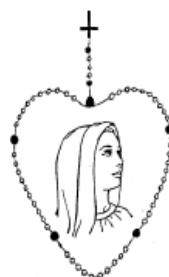


Perseverance in Prayer - Pray the Rosary

The family that prays together stays together

Seven Simple Rules

1. Be constant - a daily routine is essential.
2. Try to improve the quality of your prayers
3. Never doubt that God hears your prayers.
4. Avoid distractions but don't be discouraged.
5. Listen as much as you speak.
6. Learn from others about prayer.
7. Don't forget - NEVER give up.



To fully grasp the meaning of God's written word, here are three Bible rules:

1. observation
2. interpretation
3. application



First, **observe** the text within its entire context.

Always read each sentence several times to grasp its meaning. Also, ask yourself, to whom is it addressed and what are the circumstances? Next, **interpret** the meaning of the words and parables employed. Is the style employing metaphors, allegories or hyperbole? Check other translations, syntax and original languages. Last, **apply** the living Word to yourself today. What is God saying to me? **God wants to be NO. 1** priority in my life. Prioritize values so that he is **on** top. So keep coming to Mass so as to worship and adore Him at his holy Sacrifice.

Sacrament of the Eucharist is Holy Communion

The Church has received the Holy Eucharist from Christ her Lord not as one gift - however precious - among so many others, but as the gift *par excellence*, for it is the gift of himself, of his Person in his sacred Humanity. This great Sacrament is a consequence of his Sacrifice, re-lived in the Mass. The Church draws her life from Christ in the Eucharist; by him she is fed and by him she is enlightened. The Eucharist is both a mystery of faith and a 'mystery of light'.

Whenever the Church celebrates Mass, the faithful can in some way relive the experience of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus: "their eyes were opened and they recognized him" (Luke 24:31)

Mystic and Doctor

Saint Teresa of Avila - Feast on 15th October

St. Teresa of Jesus was born at Avila in Spain on 28 March, 1515 and died in 1582. Teresa was brought up by her saintly father, a lover of serious books, and a tender mother. After entering religious life she became very ill and nearly died. After a prolonged cure she was eventually healed by St. Joseph. During these years of suffering she began the practice of meditation and God blessed her with 'intellectual visions'. One vision depicted hell, a state for those who die in mortal sin - which inspired her to seek a more perfect life. The more she endeavored to do God's will the more powerfully did God work in her soul. The whole city of Avila was troubled by the reports of this nun contained in her autobiography *The Life*. Teresa also experienced a spiritual piercing or transverberation of the heart, the spiritual espousals and the mystical marriage. After many troubles and much opposition she founded numerous convents of Discalced Carmelites. St. Teresa's position among writers on mystical theology is unique. Under obedience she wrote four books which contain the best explanations of prayer and meditation. One is called the *Way of Perfection*.



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Date: Monday 19 October 2026
Time: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm AEDT
Venue: Online via Zoom

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CENTACARE CHRISTMAS HAMPER FOOD ITEMS

Centacare NENW is collecting non-perishable food items to create Christmas hampers for local families who are experiencing hardship and whom Centacare NENW staff encounter through their work each week. These hampers will provide much-needed grocery support and help bring some extra joy to families at Christmas.

Centacare NENW have asked if parishioners from our parish would like to help with this initiative.

Suggested Hamper Items: Canned foods, pasta, rice & noodles, breakfast cereals & school snacks, Long-life milk, Vegemite, jam, tea & coffee, toiletries & personal care items, cleaning products & toilet paper.

We will have a basket at the back/front (alter depending on your circumstances) of the Church each Sunday from 1 November to 29 November to collect donations. Centacare NENW staff will collect the donations, make up the hampers and distribute them during Advent.



For Yamikani*, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice.

But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility.

This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children.

*Name changed for privacy