LITURGY THIS WEEK

MONDAY 19 OCT – Weekday, Ordinary Time 29
07:00 AM Holy Mass
12:00 NN Holy Mass
TUESDAY 20 OCT - Weekday, Ordinary Time 29
07:00 AM Holy Mass
12:00 NN Holy Mass
WEDNESDAY 21 OCT – Weekday, Ordinary Time 29
07:00 AM Holy Mass
12:00 NN Holy Mass
THURSDAY 22 OCT – Weekday, Ordinary Time 29
07:00 AM Holy Mass
12:00 NN **Requiem Mass for Mary Beeby celebrated by Fr Damien Locke**
FRIDAY 23 OCT – Weekday, Ordinary Time 29
07:00 AM Holy Mass
09:15 AM Holy Mass
11:00 AM Mass at Ken Thompson Lodge
05:30 PM Holy Mass
SATURDAY 24 OCT - Weekday, Ordinary Time 29
08:00 AM Holy Mass OLA Chapel (1962 Missal)
09:00 AM Holy Mass
06:00 PM Holy Mass of Sunday
SUNDAY 25 OCT - 30TH 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)

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:
Recently, police officers have served a banning notice on two persons who have been aggressive in behaviour and words over some time. They may not enter the precinct, the Cathedral, or OLA Chapel. For your welfare, if at any time you do not feel safe, please contact Armidale Police 02 6771 0699. If the matter is serious, please call 000.

IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:
DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Brian Maye, Margaret Conlon, Lydia Handebo
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 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 Markeljc, Don Armatage, Molly Burke, Melissa Gamblen, Hannah Whitton, Tom Britt, Danny Jones, Aeron Ryan, Blake Ross, Frederic Kelmeyer, Silvia & Ralph Bowles.

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	MSuluma		P Turley
ExMin	Clergy	Clergy	Clergy	Clergy	Clergy

25 OCTOBER 30TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME					
	6PM	**8AM**	**10AM**	**11AM**	**5:30PM**
Welcomer	MCarson	J Toakley	T Rimpici	A Pike	Steller
Reader 1	KMcMahon	F Miron	R Menz	L Quast	R Camilleri
Reader 2	D Fittler	N Ramazani	K Frazier	MVanGend	J Maher
PoF	W Clark	C Stephen	A Dinh		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	**Current Target**
1st Collection	$2,372.00	**$2,114.00**
2nd Collection	$4,292.00	**$5,500.00**

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Principal, O'Connor Catholic College: Mr Philip Gibney
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October - Month of the Most Holy Rosary
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A/2) 18TH OCTOBER 2026
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON **Cf. Ps 16: 6, 8**

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

FIRST READING **Isaiah 45:1,4-6**

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **Psalm 95(96):1,3-5,7-10**

R: Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. ***R:***

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens, ***R:***

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. ***R:***

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. ***R:***

SECOND READING **Thessalonians 1:1-5**

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy to the Church in Thessalonica which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **Philippians 2:15-16**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL **Matthew 22:15-21**

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON **Cf. Ps 32: 18-19**

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY | This Sunday 18th October. Envelopes are available at the Welcomer's Table.

WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISER
Thursday 22 October, on the Feast of St John Paul II, in the Ursula Room, there will be a movie about his life. All are welcome.

HOW TO SAVE A LIFE
" Join us for an Armidale pro-life event. 'How to Save a Life' is a talk about how to change people's hearts and minds on the issue of abortion. Join us at 10am-12pm on Saturday 31st October at St Mark's UNE Chapel. RSVP to Mary or through the booking link: https://www.unechurch.org.au/?event=how-to-save-a-life-abortion-care-training-morning. "

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. Every Monday (except the first Monday of each month) in the **Ursula Room** 7-9pm. Holy Rosary, faith formation, refreshments.
Next gathering Mon 19 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.

EUCHARISTIC 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

'Give unto Ceasar' refers to the Fourth Commandment:

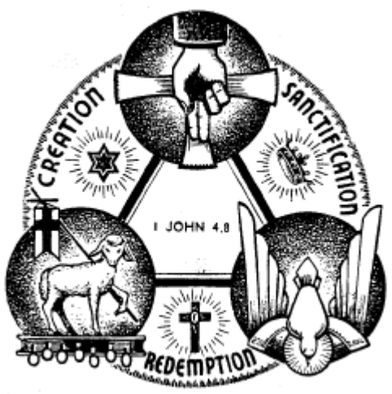
Honour your mother
and your father.

2234 God's fourth commandment also enjoins us to honour all who for our good have received authority in society.

2237 Political authorities are obliged to respect the fundamental rights of the human person. They will dispense justice humanely by respecting the rights of everyone, especially of families and the disadvantaged.

2240 Submission to authority and co-responsibility for the common good make it *morally obligatory to pay taxes,* to exercise the right to vote, and to defend one's country.

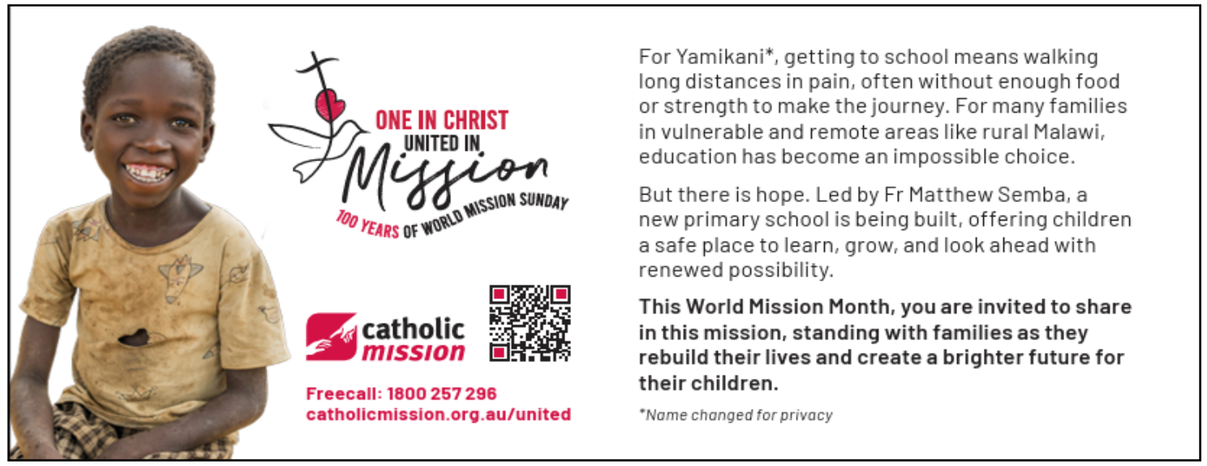
2242 *The citizen is obliged in conscience* ***not to follow*** *the directives of civil authorities when they are contrary to the demands of the moral order,* to the fundamental rights of persons or the teachings of the Gospel. "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." "We must obey God rather than men" Acts 5:29.



Louis & Zélie Martin,
parents of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux
are saints.



Blessed Louis and Zélie Martin, the parents of Saint Thérèse, were beatified on October 19, 2008 in the basilica dedicated to their daughter at Lisieux in France. The first parents of a saint to be beatified, they are the first spouses in the history of the Church to be proposed for sainthood as a couple and the second to be beatified together. They taught the faith to their children and in particular the youngest daughter, Thérèse, now a doctor of the Church. Zélie and Louis were not declared "blessed" because of Thérèse. She became a saint because of them.





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.

HOPe Kitchen Armidale - Info Session

HOPe kitchen will be having two information session for interested parishioners and volunteers. They will be held on Thursday 22 October. The first session is at 2:30pm at O'Connor College in the board room. For those not able to attend during business hours a second session is available at 5:15pm in the Torreggiani Room. Your attendance at either session is welcome. For any questions or further information please email george@adig.com.au

On Saturday 14 November 2026 a Mass of Thanksgiving will be offered for the Sisters of Saint Joseph, who at the end of this year will no longer have a presence in formal ministry in the Diocese.

Mary MacKillop responded to the request of Bishop Torregiani and the first Sisters arrived in 1880. Since then 590 Sisters have ministered firstly in schools then, motor mission, parish and spiritualty. Many students, parishioners and families and clergy have been touched by their commitment to God's Mission.

Mass will be celebrated in St Patrick's Church West Tamworth at 11am followed by a light lunch.

For catering purpose please RSVP to Kim McKenzie via email: Kim.McKenzie@sosj.org.au or phone: 02 8741 2311 by Tuesday 3 November 2026.



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.