## LITURGY THIS WEEK

**MONDAY 26 OCT – Weekday, Ordinary Time 30**
**07:00 AM** Holy Mass
**12:00 NN** Holy Mass
**TUESDAY 27 OCT - Weekday, Ordinary Time 30**
**07:00 AM** Holy Mass
**12:00 NN** Holy Mass
**WEDNESDAY 28 OCT – Ss Simon and Jude, *apostles***
**07:00 AM** Holy Mass
**09:15 AM** Mass - DLS Chapel, O'Connor Catholic College
**12:00 NN** Holy Mass
**THURSDAY 29 OCT – Weekday, Ordinary Time 30**
**07:00 AM** Holy Mass
**12:00 NN** Holy Mass
**FRIDAY 30 OCT – Weekday, Ordinary Time 30**
**07:00 AM** Holy Mass
**09:15 AM** Holy Mass
**05:30 PM** Holy Mass
**SATURDAY 31 OCT - Weekday, Ordinary Time 30**
**08:00 AM** Holy Mass OLA Chapel (1962 Missal)
**09:00 AM** Holy Mass
**06:00 PM** Holy Mass of Sunday
**SUNDAY 01 NOV – ALL SAINTS**
**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)**

## ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD

Bishop Murphy cordially invites parishioners to the Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood of Rev. Deacons Allem Alba & Br Maximilian IC, 11am on Saturday, 12 December 2026, Ss Mary and Joseph's Cathedral, Armidale.
**Please rsvp by Friday 13th November, 2026 via the link https://forms.gle/nxbXrbFuTQKKieSL8 or phone the Chancery Office 6771 8700**

## IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR:

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Fr Barry Leech (Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday 27th October at 11am, Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 352 St Vincents Rd, Banyo QLD)
**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Helen Carey, Gregory Porter
**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.

**25 OCTOBER 30TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

| | 6PM | 8AM | 10AM | 11AM | 5:30PM |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Welcomer** | MCarson | J Toakley | T Rimpici | A Pike | Steller |
| **Reader 1** | P Boston | 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 |

**1 NOVEMBER ALL SAINTS**

| | 6PM | 8AM | 10AM | 11AM | 5:30PM |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Welcomer** | T Rice | P Stier | T Rimpici | A Pike | Turley |
| **Reader 1** | C Doherty | J Toakley | J Turner | L Quast | J Roff |
| **Reader 2** | A May | A Rogers | NBrennan | MVanGend | P Turley |
| **PoF** | J Carson | F Miron | M Suluma | | 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** | $2,261.00 | **$2,114.00** |
| **2nd Collection** | $4,866.00 | **$5,500.00** |


# Saints Mary & Joseph Cathedral Parish Armidale

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**October - Month of the Most Holy Rosary**

**30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A/2) 25TH OCTOBER 2026**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** **Cf. Ps 104: 3-4**

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

**FIRST READING** **Exodus 22:20-26**

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this:
'"You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.
'"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.
'"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** **Psalm 17(18):2-4,47,51**

***R: I love you, Lord, my strength.***

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise,
when I call I am saved from my foes. ***R:***

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me,
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. ***R:***

**SECOND READING** **1 Thessalonians 1:5-10**

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** **John 14:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** **Matthew 22:34-40**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** **Cf. Ps 19: 6**

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

***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.***

## NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CLERGY RETREAT**
The annual diocesan clergy retreat is this week Monday 26 to Friday 30 October. Fr Eli will be in residence in the absence of Fr Paul & Fr Ernie.

**REAL TALK AUSTRALIA**
Parishioners are warmly invited to Realtalk Australia's upcoming parent and carers evening on October 27 at 6.30pm At St Mary's (St Anne's Hall, Jesse St entrance). There is no cost simply turn up!
Real Talk addresses topics relating to self-worth, technology, relationships, love, sex and puberty. They speak to over 30,000 students each year and present parent nights in many schools nationally. See flyer on the notice board.

**NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS**
The suggested donation for November Mass offerings is $20. If you would like a Mass offered for a special intention, envelopes are available in the Cathedral foyer and at the Parish Office.

**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. "

**BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER**
The Frassati young adult group is having a bake sale after each Mass on Sunday 1st November. The money raised will be used to fund guest speakers to come to address the Verso L'Alto gatherings on Monday night. Please support us and enjoy some home-made treats.

**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 9 November.**

**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.

**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

**TOGETHER IN JESUS**
Ecumenical picnic will be held on 1st November between 12 and 2 in Central Park near the rotunda.

## TWO GREAT COMMANDMENTS
## Love GOD + Love OTHERS

Among the Pharisees, there existed much discussion about which one of the 613 laws of the Mizvot was the most important. Jesus not wanting to enter into their petty human debates reminds them of God's Law - the Ten Commandments. It consists of two sections: three laws for God and seven for us. Jesus summarized them into two: love of God and love of others. These laws are what we call the Natural Moral Law. This is the same law that is written on our consciences and by it we shall be judged. Respect for others and their things, as well as their good name embraces many of these divine precepts that pertain to us. We are called to follow Christ in this manner, by our words and actions in conformity with His divine Will. The first three commandments, however, refer to God, His Name and divine Worship - that is, attending Holy Mass. To be a faithful Catholic we need to keep the **Precepts of the Church** CCC 2041:

**Mass on Sunday & Holy Days (e.g. Christmas, Assumption);**
**Receive Holy Communion at least once a year;**
**Confession of mortal sins at least once a year;**
**Penance on Fridays and fasting (e.g. Lent);**
**Support the parish (e.g. collections, direct deposit);**

When we don't worship God, we end up giving honour to something or someone which absorbs our attention and time. It gradually becomes an idol though we don't think of it as such. Too many Australians spend an inordinate amount of time worshipping a game of sport instead of God!



## His Sacrifice of the Cross
### was not to be forgotten, so He said:
*"Do this in remembrance of me!"*

**It was a command to the Apostles, who in turn would command priests to do this... But what is the this?**

- *Is it to celebrate a Last Supper meal as a memorial?*
- *Is it to share a banquet and think about His command that: "We should love one another..."?*

It means to offer His Sacrifice: *The Pope teaches us:* "Jesus did not simply state that what he was giving them to eat and drink was his body and his blood; he also expressed its sacrificial meaning and made sacramentally present His Sacrifice which would soon be offered on the Cross for the salvation of all. The Mass is at the same time, and inseparably, the sacrificial memorial in which the sacrifice of the Cross is perpetuated."

## HALLOWEEN ONCE MEANT THE EVE OF ALL HALLOWS/ ALL SAINTS

All Saints Day is a surprisingly old feast. It arose out of the Christian tradition of celebrating the martyrdom of saints on the anniversary of their deaths. Pope Gregory IV (827-844) extended the feast to the entire Church and ordered it to be celebrated on November 1st.




## 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.
A donation basket will be at the church's welcomers' table each Sunday from 1 to 29 November. Centacare NENW staff will collect the donations, prepare the hampers and distribute them during Advent.


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## *Invitation*

All parishioners are cordially invited to attend Holy Mass giving thanks for the gift of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, whose dedication, commitment and legacy the Sisters gifted to our Diocese. To be held at:

**11:00am on Saturday 14th November in St Patrick's Catholic Church, West Tamworth**

Following Mass, you are invited to join with the Sisters at lunch in:

**West Tamworth Leagues Club, Phillip St, West Tamworth**

*Important – For seating & catering please RSVP to the Parish Office by email armidaleparish@armidale.catholic.org.au or phone 6772 2218 by* ***Thursday 29th October.***




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*Name changed for privacy