LITURGY THIS WEEK

MONDAY 09 NOV – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
07:00 AM Holy Mass
12:00 NN Holy Mass
TUESDAY 10 NOV - St Leo the Great, *pope, doctor*
07:00 AM Holy Mass
09:00 AM Holy Mass at Hospital Chapel
12:00 NN Holy Mass
WEDNESDAY 11 NOV – St Martin of Tours, *bishop*
07:00 AM Holy Mass
09:15 AM Holy Mass at DLS Chapel, O'Connor Cath Col
12:00 NN Holy Mass
THURSDAY 12 NOV – St Josephat, *bishop, martyr*
07:00 AM Holy Mass
10:30 AM Holy Mass at Autumn Lodge Chapel
12:00 NN Holy Mass
FRIDAY 13 NOV – Weekday, Ordinary Time 32
07:00 AM Holy Mass
09:15 AM Holy Mass
05:30 PM Holy Mass
SATURDAY 14 NOV - Weekday, Ordinary Time 32
08:00 AM Holy Mass OLA Chapel (1962 Missal)
09:00 AM Holy Mass
06:00 PM Holy Mass of Sunday
SUNDAY 15 NOV – 33RD 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

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	$2,176.00	**$2,114.00**
2nd Collection	$4,342.00	**$5,500.00**

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.

On **Sunday, November 8th** at the **8am Mass,** after due preparation, **Hayden Henderson,** will be admitted to the Roman Catholic Church through the holy sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. We welcome Hayden to our parish and to the Church and offer joyful prayers of thanksgiving for him and his family.

IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: **Fr Bernard Flood (Requiem Mass Wednesday 11 November 10:30am at St Nicholas Church Tamworth),** Maria Brown, Jim Maguire, Fr Barry Leech
DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: John McMillan, Susan Nano
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.

8 NOVEMBER, 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME					
	6PM	**8AM**	**10AM**	**11AM**	**5:30PM**
Welcomer	T Rice	J Toakley	T Rimpici	A Pike	Steller
Reader 1	P Boston	N Ramazani	A Dinh	L Quast	J Maher
Reader 2	D Fittler	C Stephen	K Frazier	MVanGend	D Roff
PoF	C Doherty	A Rogers	P Hordern		J Roff
ExMin	Clergy	Clergy	Clergy	Clergy	Clergy
15 NOVEMBER, 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME					
	6PM	**8AM**	**10AM**	**11AM**	**5:30PM**
Welcomer	T Rice	P Stier	T Rimpici	A Pike	Turley
Reader 1	A May	B Mackson	R Menz	L Quast	P Turley
Reader 2	J Carson	F Miron	NBrennan	MVanGend	R Camilleri
PoF	P Boston	N Ramazani	M Suluma		J Maher
ExMin	Clergy	Clergy	Clergy	Clergy	Clergy

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 Safeguarding Contact: Ms Tina Clarke (Parish Secretary

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November - Month of the Poor Souls in Purgatory

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A/2) 8 NOVEMBER 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON **Cf. Ps 87: 3**

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

FIRST READING **Wisdom 6:12-16**

Wisdom is bright and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **Psalm 62(63):2-8**

R: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. ***R:***

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. ***R:***

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. ***R:***

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. ***R:***

SECOND READING **Thessalonians 4:13-18**

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **Matthew 24:42,44**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL **Matthew 25:1-13**

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON **Ps 22: 1-2**

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.

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

FAMILY GROUPS RECOMMITMENT MASS

Sunday 22 November at 10am.

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.

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 Nov.

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

CHILDREN'S SACRED MUSIC PROGRAM

Children learn Church music and chant through the ages according to the liturgical season. Classes run on Sundays during the school term from 10:30-10-50 am for those ages 5 to 8, and 8 and up. If you are interested or for more information, please contact Perpetua on 0402 741 796

SAVE THE DATE

- **CAROLS IN THE CATHEDRAL**, Thursday 17 December 6:30pm.
- **CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS**, OLA Chapel, Monday 21 December 7:30pm.

SRS OF ST JOSEPH FAREWELL & THANKSGIVING MASS

For those unable to attend the Farewell and Thanksgiving Mass at St Patrick's Church in West Tamworth on Saturday 14 November 2026, at 11am, please find following the YouTube (live stream) link:

https://youtube.com/live/_Rgd60bp5s0?feature=share

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION REFLECTION

One of the most precious things we can offer someone we love is our time, our presence.

That is the heart of Eucharistic adoration.

When we enter a church and spend time before the Blessed Sacrament, we are not simply finding a quiet place to reflect. We are coming into the presence of Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist.

And He invites us to stay a while. Amid the noise, the to-do lists and the worries of daily life, He asks us simply to be with Him.

We might read a passage of Scripture, pray for a loved one, give thanks for a blessing, or speak openly to Jesus about whatever is weighing on our hearts. Sometimes we need no words at all.

As St John Paul II wrote of Eucharistic adoration:

"It is pleasant to spend time with him."

Eucharistic adoration is not separate from the Mass, nor a substitute for it. Rather, it deepens our relationship with the One we receive in Holy Communion.

Time spent in His presence helps us carry His love more fully into our families, parishes and communities.

You don't need perfect words or an extraordinary spiritual experience. Just a willingness to be there, and to open your heart to Him. Consider visiting Him in OLA Chapel 8am-8pm Monday to Thursday or 8am Friday to 8am Saturday.

STAY AWAKE

The Lord reminds us to 'stay awake' which means be vigilant concerning the state of our soul by frequenting the sacraments, praying daily and remaining faithful to God's commandments.



We are all tempted to be selfish rather than self-giving which diminishes the presence of God's grace in our souls.

Our aim, therefore, is to maintain maximum spiritual life or 'oil' in our souls so that we are always prepared instead of just getting by in a mediocre fashion.

OIL LAMPS

The "oil" in today's parable symbolizes good works and deeds. Wise people are those who are concerned for the daily needs in one's own family, and among the wider family of neighbours and even strangers. Saint Teresa of Calcutta said: "What is the oil in our lives? They are the little everyday things:



faithfulness, punctuality, kind words,
thoughtfulness of another person,
the way we are silent at times,
the way we look at things,
the way we speak,
the way we act.

Those are the little drops of love which make it possible for our life of faith to shine brightly.

Take Time

Take time to think… it is the source of power.
Take time to play … it is the secret of youth.
Take time to read… it is the fountain of wisdom.
Take time to laugh… it is music for the soul.
Take time to pray… it is God's power on earth.

WHY PRAY FOR THE DEAD?

During the month of November, the entire Church prays for the dead, for those who have died in God's grace but remain imperfect and are awaiting heaven.

NOVEMBER MASSES | *Eternal rest grant unto:*

Barbara Ramsden, John Ramsden, Duane Ramsden, Craig Ramsden, Wini Sundborn, Keith Clegg, Jack Clegg, Nana Clegg, Nana Ramsden, Grandad Ramsden, Mike Flanagan, Lynda Flanagan, Patsy Ramsden, Margaret Ramsden, Syd Ramsden, Avis Ramsden, Rudi, Frank Kellehar, Patsy Mountford, Craig Walker, Fr Michael Butler, Fr Lyall, Mike Kichenside, Hertrudes Lacanilao, Lolo Lacanilao, Felicitas Del Castillo, Nicasio Del Castillo, Tito boy Lacanilao, Vic Contemplacion, Pauline Duflou, Peter Duflou, Stephanie Duflou, Brian Schaefer, Agnes Schaefer, Sherley Louise, Vicente Diana Jr, Lebe Diana, Leodegario Alimangohan, Stefania Pasztetnik, Piotr Pasztetnik, Michal Boczar, Karolina Boczar, Marcin Pasztetnik, Anna Pasztetnik, Anna Baczkowicz, Augustyn Baczkowicz, Jan Baczkowicz, Maria Piecuch, Joanna Piecuch, Ludmia Piecuch, Jan Galeczka, Sandra Ryan, Harry Ryan, Betty Streher, Anthony Streher, Thomas Kelly/Lawton, Patricia Marr, Lily May Streher, Olive Tasker, Nicole Del Castillo, deceased members of Lacanilao and Del Castillo family, Ging Cahegas, Mama Diling, Jerrold Lato, Bill and Lola Harding, Michael Francis De Battista, Alessandro Adorni-Braccesi, Peter Joseph, Giovanna Adorni-Braccesi, Zio Adorno, Patricia Briscoe, Brian Walsh, Adriana Doodeman, Gerardus Doodeman, Barbara Tol, Cor Tol, Bob Bower, David Evans, Patricia Bower, Mollie Evans, Pop Evans, Reginald Bower, Chris Bower, Barry Bower, Margaret Mack, deceased members of the Doodeman, Tol and Bower families, Pat and Don Blenkinsopp, Seripina and Oppung Dolly Rajagukguk, Blenkinsopp, O'Brien and Rajagukguk family, Julisar Simbolon, Tulang Rajagukguk, Jay Daryl Solon, Jorge Varunny, Achama Kallukaran, Tony Kallukaran, Joji Kallukaran, Jose Kallukaran, Ron Jumawan, Glen Perpetua, Valentin Jr. Hornijas, Helga Jones, Mary-Anne Jones, Justine Jones, Peter Colquhoun, Gail Colquhoun, Florencia Cunanan, Donencia Pancho, Pacensia Pancho, Pancho family, Jim and Phillip Newell, Richard Smart, Keith and Gene Povey, Betty and Wendy Willis, Kathleen Canavan, John Canavan Sr, Jack Canavan, Lois & Bill Hinton, Daniel Canavan, Kathleen Canavan, Pat Richmond, Bell and Richmond Families, Rosemary Clarke, Clarke & Jeffery Families,Ken & Dorrie Ferris, Owen Ferris, Paul Johnson, Tony Johnson, Mark Hagan, Julie Hayes, Max Johnson, Bruce Johnson, Margaret Ouvrier, Tom Saladine, Joe O'Brien, Peter & Kathleen O'Brien, Warren Zirkler, Clem O'Brien, Kevin O'Brien, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary & CWL, Deceased priests & bishops of Armidale, For those who have no one to pray for them, Deceased members of St Joseph's Passionist Family Group & extended Family Groups, Fr Peter McGrath, Paul Armatage, Tracie Armatage, Parents, Relatives & In-Laws of Burke, Williams & Armatage Families, James Maguire, Don Hewitt, Fr John Carey, Jack & Eileen Carey, Pat & Dorie Hewitt, Winston Hewitt, Trinette Roser Alex Faint, Terry Faint, Tony Faint, Mary Faint, Margaret Faint, George Keoghan, Family & Friends of Ron Bower, Bill Carlon, Myra Carlon, Nole Thibault, Joyce Thibault, Warren Thibault, George Ordell, James Giffien, Bourke, Carlon, Thibault & Black Families, Gallagher, Morris, Burke Families, John McMillan, Wendy Nano, Maria Brown,

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE!

FIRELIGHT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND

UNE Catholic Chaplaincy invites young adults to a fortnightly dinner, talk and prayer at UNE. Starts 6:15pm on the ground floor at 44 Booloominbah Dr. The next Firelight will be on Friday 14th Nov, and the talk will be "Being a Disciple of Jesus" by Rachel Camilleri. For more info contact Izzy on une.catholic@gmail.com.

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 Welcomer's Table 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.

PALMS TIMOR-LESTE ENCOUNTER 10-23 MAY 2027!

Timor-Leste is Australia's closest neighbour. It is also the nation with which Australia has had a complex chequered history. Yet very few Australians have ever been there.

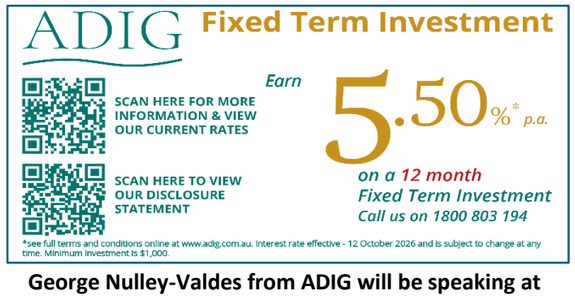
An Encounter Tour to is not only an unforgettable holiday – it is an opportunity to get 'behind the scenes' insights into history, culture & t

he importance of relationships in sustainable development.

In a small (max 8 person) group, you will meet Palms international partners and long-term volunteers. Encounters are the ethical option to learn about development and support Australia's oldest lay Catholic international development organisation.

Book your place on the 14-day Encounter Tour here: palms.org.au/encounters.

Volunteers Needed! Catholic Community Connectors needed to assist with the Palms' Simplicity September campaign. More info here.



George Nulley-Valdes from ADIG will be speaking at each Mass this weekend.