

Welcome to the Cathedral Parish of SAINTS MARY & JOSEPH

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- Faithful to the Teaching of the Apostles
- Faithful to Prayer
- Faithful to the Breaking of the Bread
- Alive in the Community of the Spirit
- Sharing what we have with those in need
Acts 2:42-46

PARISH CLERGY:

Bishop of Armidale - Bishop Michael Kennedy DD
Administrator - Fr Francis Afu
Assistant Priest - Fr Sabu Pulimalayil

OFFICE HOURS: The Parish Office will be mostly unattended until Tuesday 29th January. Leave a message on the phone and your call will be returned and please use the letterbox outside the entry to the Parish Office for any Mass Offerings, yellow forms etc.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Sunday 13th January 2019/Psalter Week 2



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LITURGY THIS WEEK

SATURDAY: 9.15AM, 6PM VIGIL MASS
SUNDAY: The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
8AM, 10AM, 5.30PM
MONDAY: 7AM, 12.30PM Cathedral
TUESDAY: 7AM, 9.15AM Cathedral
WEDNESDAY: 9:15AM, 12.30PM Cathedral
THURSDAY: St Anthony
7AM, 9.15AM Cathedral
FRIDAY: 9.15AM, 5.40PM Cathedral
SATURDAY: 9.15AM, 6PM VIGIL MASS
SUNDAY: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8AM, 10AM, 5.30PM

SACRAMENT of PENANCE

FRIDAY: 5-5.30PM
SATURDAY: 11.30AM-12NOON; 4.30-5.30PM

ROSTERS... Thank you to all who have been on Parish rosters during 2018. There are no rosters for January, so the Parish will be reliant on volunteers. A new roster will be prepared for February onwards in 2019.

ROSARIES THIS WEEK: Mon 7th 12 noon Angelus followed by the rosary prior to the 12.30pm Mass; TUE 15th Jan in the home of Kath and Ron Nixon, 15 Lawrence Avenue at 4pm; WED 10th Jan, 12 noon Angelus followed by the rosary prior to the 12.30pm Mass and at Autumn Lodge Chapel at 2.30pm. All welcome.

Save the Date...



menALIVE Weekend for Men is SOON. It is happening on the weekend of 9 & 10 February 2019 at St Albert's College Armidale. Like thousands of other Catholic men who have already been on menALIVE weekends, you will be inspired and encouraged to renew your faith and rediscover God's purpose in your life. Experienced leaders from menALIVE will be running the weekend. There is still time to register. Registration forms are available in the church foyer or contact armidalemenalive@gmail.com or the parish office on 6772 2218. Enquiries: armidalemenalive@gmail.com or Parish office on 6772 2218.

INFANT BAPTISM..... Catholic parents seeking baptism of their children should book in at the Parish Office. One parent at least should be Catholic, and parents are asked to attend a preparation session - Saturdays 10.30am for one hour and given a signed undertaking that they intend to raise their child in the "practice of the Christian faith". Birth Certificates must also be submitted. Godparents should be Catholics who have been fully initiated: Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion...one such Catholic godparent is required by the Church. Godparents represent the People of God into whom the child is being baptised. Members of other Christian communities who celebrate valid baptism may act as Christian witnesses. Godparents must be over the age of 16yrs and must share baptism with their godchild. Baptism is a wonderful time for the Church and for families.... plan to make it a great day!!

THE Catholic Weekly on sale \$2 at the paper table.



Thank You to our Priests

Dear Parishioners,

As you would be aware, the Cathedral Parish administrator Fr Francis Afu and Assistant Priest Fr Sabu Pulimalayil will be taking up new appointments in the Diocese in February. However, this Sunday 13th February will be Fr Francis' last Sunday in the parish as he departs this week to attend the World Youth Day in Panama as chaplain to the Diocesan pilgrimage. I therefore take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to Fr Francis for accepting my request and taking on the role of Cathedral Administrator so soon after his ordination as a priest and for undertaking all its duties with such diligence and vigour. I also thank Fr Sabu for the very able assistance that he provided to Fr Francis, and both of them for the pastoral care that they have provided to you the parishioners of Saints Mary and Joseph's Cathedral Parish. We will all miss them, we wish them well in their new appointments, and our prayers go with them.

Most Rev. Michael Kennedy D.D.

Goodbye Message to the Parishioners of Saints Mary and Joseph Cathedral, Armidale January 2019

Dear Parishioners,

I am very thankful for my time with you in Armidale. I have truly great memories to relish and to keep. It was indeed a great opportunity for me to serve you, first as a deacon, then as an Assistant Priest under Fr. Richard Gleeson and finally as your Administrator. I grew at your hands, and I must say, you, the parishioners, did a pretty good job. Thank you for being part of my story. Thank you, Bishop Kennedy, for the appointment.

I sincerely thank my staff, Tina Clarke, Kerry Steller, Fiona McCann, cathedral cleaners for their professional support. They both made my work as Administrator very easy. I thank Fr. Sabu for his assistance and for the brotherhood we shared. It was very good working with him. I thank Lyn Macey and Vickie Stephenson the O'Mahony housekeepers. Gee! Their meals were good. I thank Michele Maschio, the O'Mahony House cleaner and Steve Burns the grounds man.

I also thank Jacqui Toakley and members of Pastoral Council as well as John Hanrahan and members of the Finance Council. Together, we made it through my term as the Cathedral Administrator. I will miss their wise

counsel and moral support. "You were a good bunch of people to work with". Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

I also remember and thank many who worked behind the scenes: John Hawthorne and his family, Loreto and Sr. Judith Ellis, Kerry and Margaret Barrett, Jenny Ireland, Michelle Doherty and the Dohertys, Sue Newsome, Liam and Patsy Skinner, the Roger and Relma Patrick together with Wendy and Lyla Stephens, Kath Russell, Warwick, Des Latham, Glenda and Vincent Fittler, Gary and Belinda Burton, Robert Hanna, Margaret Vince, Bishop Hanna, Fr. Bernie, Robyn Judge, Maureen Armitage, The Tindales, the Roffs, Jenny Pirgram, the principals, RECs of our schools, and there are so many others - some of whom I will need to thank personally, but if I have missed out anyone who should have been mentioned believe me it was definitely unintentional !!!

In the spirit of the occasion, I ask for forgiveness of all those whose toes I might have stepped on, in the course of carrying out my ministry as Cathedral Administrator. To say the least, it was a big responsibility. I only tried my best. Thank you for your understanding.

Finally, I would like to leave you with these words. "Life is good. It is a gift from God, to be lived and enjoyed. Don't waste it by focusing on what you don't have or who you are not. Live it, remembering where God has brought you, remembering His promises to be with you always, until the end of time. Live it with the conviction that you are good enough for God. Live it worshiping God and praying without ceasing. Live it with a smile".

I will miss you all, but I will savour our memories and the lessons we learned together.

Thank you and God bless you.

Fr. Francis Afu

TAP & GO DEVICES WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE IN THE CATHEDRAL AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO CASH AND DIRECT DEBIT MEANS OF CONTRIBUTING TO THE RUNNING AND MAINTENANCE OF THE CATHEDRAL PARISH. We are still expecting the arrival of these devices. Details will be communicated to you as they arrive.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Gary Jones, Fr. Tom Shanahan, Greg Carson, Keith Antney, John Russell, John Gollodge (Wollongong), Bradley Bowen, Chris Toohey, Akhtar Ostowari, Kathleen Heron
ANNIVERSARIES: Donald Tydd, David Froome, Phyllis Smith, Keith Hutchinson, Lynette J9ohnstone, Reginald Bullock, Patricia Mulligan, Sr Carmel Fittler OSU

SICK: Robert Markeljic, Don Armatage, Mary Harb, Rob Baker, Rosemary Britt, Ben Singh, Tommy Hawthorne, Brian Battersby, Tanya Neilson, Molly Burke, Melissa Gamblen, Fergus Watson, Hannah Whitton, Tom Britt, Danny Jones, Ghodsi Amini, Susan Maye, Michael Zhu, Aeron Ryan, John Fleming, Blake Ross, Gemma Milliken, Joseph O'Brien, Deacon Peter Harrison, Frederic Koelmeyer, Maureen Veitch, Maria Selvey, Eleanor Pankhurst, Kay Goodwin, Anne Simpson, Silvia & Ralph Bowles.