

Parishioners are invited

to the Episcopal Ordination and Installation
of

Bishop-Elect

Very Reverend Dr Peter Mel Murphy

Thursday 8th May 2025, 6:30pm

Saints Mary & Joseph's Cathedral, Armidale

Reception to follow at Armidale Ex-Services Club
(Armidale Servies)

137 Dumaresq Street, Armidale

RSVP by Thursday 17 April 2025

using the QR Code,

or via RSVP site on the

Diocesan website: <https://armidale.catholic.org.au/>:



Hearing Loop (from Fr Paul)

It came to my attention in September last year that the Hearing Loop in the church was not working. At first, I thought it may have been damaged during the installation of the air conditioning in August but upon consultation with the installers that proved not to be the case. Then began a rather long process of finding someone who was willing and able to investigate the issue for us.

It proved impossible to find someone locally who had the expertise and the interest in helping us so I had to go further afield. Two companies in Tamworth were approached and, after a few false starts, Peter Scott from Tamworth Audio made a visit two weeks ago. All of this has taken 6 months to accomplish.

Apparently, the loop is under the carpet but is not intact and so there is no signal. The break in the loop may have been caused by rodents or the fragility of the copper wire as it has aged. To replace this under-carpet loop would require the carpet to be taken up and a new loop laid, followed by new carpet.

We cannot envisage replacing the carpet at the moment until the leaks in the "spire" above the altar and the water access in the foyer can be fixed. Otherwise it would be a waste of money since there would continue to be water damage on new carpet.

The other option is to install a replacement hearing assistance system. It would be wall mounted and contain an IR emitter unit with two transmitters and a rack mounted encoder in the AV cabinet. It involves running two Cat6 cables to two locations mounted high on the sanctuary wall. Being a new system, at extra cost, it could cater for those who have hearing aids, and those who don't, as well those who use cochlear implants.

The cost of the full kit is \$13,749.00 plus fitting and commissioning.

At the moment, we can't afford this as it would empty

our Parish account and we would need to take some funds from our investment accounts.

So, I pose the questions:

- ◆ Do we need a hearing assistance system?
- ◆ If so, how can we afford it?
- ◆ Do we delay until we raise the funds?

I would be interested to hear your responses or you may also speak to the members of the Finance Committee: Dudley McLennan, David McMahon, Rodney Moffitt and Peter Turner. This issue will be considered at the next meeting on 10th April.

Prayer in Honour of the Holy Eucharist

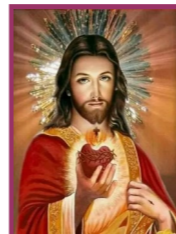
Sweetest Jesus, Body and Blood most Holy, be the delight and pleasure of my soul, my strength and salvation in all temptations, my joy and peace in every trial, my light and guide in every word and deed, and my final protection in death. Amen.

A reflection by the Venerable Servant of God, Archbishop Fulton J Sheen

By defending the woman, Christ proved Himself a friend of sinners, but only of those who admitted that they were sinners. He had to go to the social outcasts to find bigness of heart and unmeasured generosity which, according to Him, constituted the very essence of love. Though they were sinners, their love lifted them above the self-wise and the self-sufficient, who never bent their knees in prayer for pardon. He came to put a harlot above a Pharisee, a penitent robber above a High Priest, and a prodigal son above his exemplary brother. To all the phonies and fakers who would say that they could not join the Church because His Church was not holy enough, He would ask, 'How holy must the Church be before you will enter into it?' If the Church were as holy as they wanted it to be, they would never be allowed into it! In every other religion under the sun, in every Eastern religion from Buddhism to Confucianism, there must always be some purification before one can commune with God. But Our Blessed Lord brought a religion where the admission of sin is the condition of coming to Him. *'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are ill.'*

But why would He not condemn her? Because He would be condemned for her. Innocence would not condemn, because Innocence would suffer for the guilty. Justice would be saved, for He would pay the debt of her sins; mercy would be saved, for the merits of His death would apply to her soul. Justice is first, then mercy; first the satisfaction, then the pardon. Our Lord really was the only One in that crowd who had the right to take up the stone to execute judgment against her, because He was without sin. On the other hand, He did not make light of sin, for He assumed its burden. Forgiveness cost something and the full price would be paid on the hill of the three Crosses where justice would be satisfied and mercy extended. It was this release from the slavery of sin that He called the beautiful name of freedom.

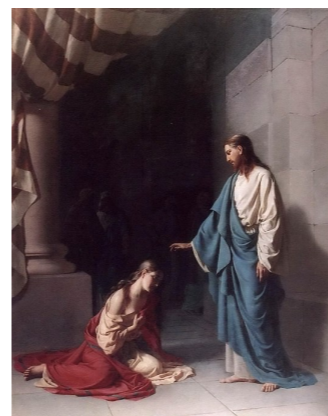
Read the full Reflection on the parish website or the parish Facebook page.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

6 APRIL 2025

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - "PILGRIMS OF HOPE"



"Should we fall into sin, let us at once humble ourselves sorrowfully in His presence, and then, with an act of unbounded confidence, let us throw ourselves into the ocean of His goodness, where every failing will be cancelled and anxiety will be turned into love."
- St Paul of the Cross

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for You, O God, are my strength.

First Reading Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from the book of Isaiah

Thus says the Lord, Who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; Who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour Me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give My chosen people drink. The people I have formed for Myself will sing My praises.

◆ **The word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-7

R: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy .

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R.**

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R.**

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R.**

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R.**

Second Reading Philippians 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For Him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in Him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the

perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and to share His sufferings by reproducing the pattern of His death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

◆ **The word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation Joel 2:12-13

Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ! With all your heart turn to Me, for I am tender and compassionate. **Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Gospel John 8:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak He appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to Him, He sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked Him this as a test, looking for something to use against Him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with His finger. As they persisted with their question, He looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then He bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

◆ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon: Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.



Sacred Heart Parish

(Canonically Erected 1868)

Roman Catholic Diocese of Armidale

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year C

April 6, 2025



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Parish Office Hours:

Monday 7 April & Friday 11 April - 8am to 1pm

Tuesday 8 April - 8am to 12pm

Administrator: Fr Paul Chandler

PPC Chair: Mr Matthew Rennie

Holy Trinity Principal: Mrs Jillian Rainger

Parish Secretary: Peter Turner

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

We pray for: Repose of all those whose death anniversary occurs at this time, especially Patricia Traves, members of Casey & McCarthy families; Repose of all souls in Purgatory.

the Recently Deceased:

Terry Savoy, Daniel Wilson, Straton Kennedy, Danel Djan Soares, Anthony Aboud, Peter Tome.

the sick:

Pope Francis, Stephen Tubb, Tony King, Sue O'Brien, Julie Daley, Pat Gurr, Peter Moroney, Christopher Pay, Neville Barwick, Fr Barry Leech, Lara Bentley, Elizabeth Albany, Fr David Crabb, Rebecca Lane, Brian Barker, and all the sick members of our parish. Please contact the priest on 67221103 for home visits to the homebound and the sick.

Baptism - Saturdays & Sundays at 10.30am

Marriages and Funerals by Appointment

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CLERGY AND THE PARISH

1st Collection: Presbytery (for support of priest)

BSB 082105 Account No. 001023550

Account Name: Sacred Heart Presbytery Inverell Savings Ac.

2nd Collection: Church upkeep, maintenance, expenses

BSB 082105 Account No. 001013072

Account Name: Sacred Heart Parish Inverell

For those on the Planned Giving Program could you please quote your surname and envelope number for the reference.

Planned Giving Program: If you wish to join the planned giving program, please contact the parish office.

APRIL - THE MONTH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

MONDAY 7th

Commemoration of St John Baptist de la Salle, priest

No Mass - Church open from 8am to 1pm

TUESDAY 8th

Tuesday of the 5th week of Lent

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm

WEDNESDAY 9th

Wednesday of the 5th week of Lent

Holy Mass - 6.30am

Home Rosary - 4.30pm, 11 Diamond St, Tingha

THURSDAY 10th

Thursday of the 5th week of Lent

Rosary - 11.30am

Holy Mass - 12 Noon

Adoration - 12.30pm to 1.30pm

FRIDAY 11th

Commemoration of St Stanislaus of Poland, bishop, martyr

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm

Stations of the Cross - 5.30pm

SATURDAY 12th

Saturday of the 5th week of Lent

Baptism of Kolah Mephram - 10.00am

Holy Mass of Sunday - 3.30pm at Bundarra

Rosary - 5.30pm

Holy Mass of Sunday - 6.00pm

SUNDAY 13th

Palm Sunday

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Sacrament of Confession

Sunday: 8.00am to 8.30am

Tuesday: 5.00pm to 5.30pm

Thursday: 1.00pm to 1.30pm

Friday: 5.00pm to 5.30pm (except First Fridays)

Saturday: 5.15pm to 5.45pm (and at any time upon request)

OTHER MASSES:

McLean Village Each 4th Thursday - 10.00am

2nd Saturday - *Bundarra*, St Mary of the Angels - 3.30pm

3rd Saturday - *Ashford*, St Patrick's Church - 3.30pm

4th Saturday - *Tingha*, St. Francis' Church - 3.30pm

5th Saturday - *Yetman*, St Joseph the Worker - 3.00pm

Morning Tea

There will be Morning Tea after the 9am Mass next Sunday. Please bring a plate of delicacies to share.

Hearing Loop

Please read the important notice from Fr Paul on page 4 of the bulletin.

ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER FOR APRIL

Margaret Robinson & volunteer

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Liturgy Committee - Sat 5 April 2025, 10.00am

Pastoral Council - Wed 9 April 2025, 5.00pm

Finance Committee - Thurs 10 April 2025, 4.15pm

Sunday Morning Tea - Sun 13 April 2025, after Mass

Six-Weekend Ministry Roster

This is displayed on the table at the main entrance to the Church.

Palm Sunday and the Sacred Paschal Triduum -

Volunteer Ministry Roster

Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help in the various ministry roles on Palm Sunday and throughout the Triduum.

We still are in need of a few volunteers for the Triduum (readers, data projectors, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion) and two additional Gospel readers for the Mass on Palm Sunday 13 April. If you will be here, please consider volunteering. There are volunteer sign-up forms available at the entrances to the church. If you can serve our Parish by accepting one of the roles needed, please add your name and contact details to the list. Thank you.

Upcoming Special Collections

Testimonial for Bishop-elect Peter Murphy

There is a long-standing custom in the Diocese of Armidale to invite parishioners around the Diocese to contribute to a monetary testimonial which will be presented to Bishop Peter Murphy on the day of his Episcopal Ordination, May 8th. This can help to offset the cost of his episcopal regalia and other expenses in his move to Armidale from Wagga Wagga. As well, it is a welcoming gift and greeting from his people.

Next Sunday, April 13th, Special Collection envelopes will be available at both Masses, on the pews, to use for cash donations. These may be placed in either collection at Mass. Electronic donations can be made using BSB 082105 Acc. 001013072 using the description Bishop-elect.

For the Holy Places

On Good Friday, April 17th, the annual collection for the Holy Places in Jerusalem, Nazareth and Bethlehem will be made at the Solemn Commemoration of the Passion in the afternoon at 3pm.

Collection envelopes for this worthy cause will be available on the pews. Electronic donations can be made using BSB 082105 Acc. 001013072 using the description Holy Places.

Acknowledgement & Thank you

Our parish is blessed with many generous and faithful people. Recently at the Saturday evening Mass we were able to acknowledge the service and dedication of two of

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our parishioners.

Ann Tubb was honoured with a Diocesan Award for 50 years of service as a musician for our parish. She has been an inspiration to others, assisting others to develop their own gifts through teaching music to children and engaging them in the music ministry at Sunday Mass. Ann has also offered her time in the Altar Society and as a member of the Liturgy Committee. We are immensely grateful for her dedication over the last 50 years and commend her generosity.

Colleen Graham was also honoured with a Certificate of Appreciation for 10 years as a catechist in CCD Ministry. What an important work this is! Colleen has helped a huge number of children in public schools to hear and learn about Jesus and His gospel. We likewise commend Colleen for her dedication and fidelity to catechetics.

Congratulations and thank you from us all, Ann and Colleen.

A New Saint for the Church

On Sunday, April 27th, a new saint will be added to the very long list of saints. He is Carlo Acutis, whose first class relic and exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles visited our parish last year.



Carlo Acutis was born and baptised in London in 1991 but moved to Milan shortly after. As a little boy, especially after his First Communion, Carlo never missed his daily appointment with the Holy Mass and the Rosary, followed by a moment of Eucharistic adoration.

During his early teenage years, Carlo developed remarkable computer skills, and between 2004 and 2006 created a website which catalogued each reported Eucharistic miracle in the world, in addition to a list of Marian apparitions, to introduce Jesus to a younger generation on their desktops. This exhibition, which involved the help of his entire family, was unveiled just over a week before his death. He was diagnosed with leukaemia and died four days later at the age of 15 on 12th October 2006, offering his suffering for Pope Benedict XVI and the Church.

The story of his short life is available in a book called "A Millennial in Paradise" and is available from a Catholic bookstore in Melbourne that delivers quickly and for a flat rate: veritatis.com.au

Soon we can say, "St Carlo Acutis, pray for us." He has visited our parish so we have a claim on his protection and intercession.

If you are using a Sunday Missal:

- * Proper of Mass, Page 816
- * Preface II of Lent, Page 30-31
- * Eucharistic Prayer No. 1, Page 61
- * Daily Missal uses Year One (weekday Mass)