

Welcome to St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish of Moree

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Entrance Antiphon:

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High.
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Communion Antiphon::

We have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Feast Days this Week

St Agnes 21st

St Francis de Sales 24th

Clergy movements

The Parish welcomes Fr Sajji and Fr John. There will be morning tea after the 8.30 mass this Sunday to welcome them.

Christmas Dues

Any amount is gratefully received, and contributes towards the support of our local priests, as well as the retired priests in our diocese. Envelopes are available in the foyer.

DIACONATE ORDINATION INVITATION

Parishioners are warmly invited to attend the diaconate ordination of Mr Allem Alba and Br Maximilian Streher at the Cathedral, 10.30am on Monday, 2 February.

Light refreshments will follow the ceremony in the Torreggiani Courtyard. For catering purposes please **RSVP by Friday 23 January** to the Chancery Office. Phone 6771 8700 or chancery@armidale.catholic.org.au

In the interest of safety please always accompany your child to the church toilet or when leaving the church for any reason.

Catholic Viewpoint

The December edition is now available.

You may access current and previous editions from the Diocesan website at: <https://armidale.catholic.org.au/catholic-viewpoint>

Piety Goods are available in the foyer after Mass. Lovely gift ideas for babies, birthdays and other celebrations.

Visits to the Sick

If someone is sick (in hospital, Whiddon, or at home) and needs a visit from a priest, please contact the Parish Centre.

Parish Hospitality Ministry

If you know of someone who might need a lift to Mass, please contact the Parish Office.



Whiddon Masses

Mass is celebrated at Whiddon on Wednesdays at 10.30am. Residents are anointed monthly.

Return and Earn Fundraiser

Recyclable cans & bottles (marked with 10c refund on the label) may be left at the Parish Centre.

Weekday Masses

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 5.40pm

Tuesday 9.15am (Parish Centre Chapel)

Saturday 9.15 am (Adoration 8.15am)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6pm Sunday 8.30am

Confessions 5-5.30pm Saturday

Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land

God of mercy and compassion,
of grace and reconciliation,
pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East: Jews, Muslims and Christians, Palestinians and Israelis. Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation, that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces,
and peace and justice
could be experienced by all. Amen



Pope Leo's Prayer for January

Guide us in truth, strengthen us in trials and protect the unity of the faithful. Inspire leaders with courage and compassion, and help us to follow Christ with boldness and love. Pope Leo XIV, beloved and faithful, pray for the church, and pray for us all.
Amen.



Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

God of Mercy, we pray for Ukraine. For all of humanity distorted by war. For all the lives lost, homes seized, and peace broken.

May the Spirit of comfort and compassion envelop all who dwell in fear.

May the Spirit of wisdom and humility enliven our global leaders.

May we affirm the dignity and rights of all. May we seek peace. Amen.

Available in the foyer, free!

Australian Catholics Spring edition

The theme of this edition is 'Voices of Hope'. Take home a copy today.

Please Pray For

Baptism in our Parish

Our Sick

Peter Buckland, Linda Patrick. Anne Gibbons, Sue Rigby, Jennifer Wheeler, Jayden Wilde, Francisca Moredo, David Schwab, Gabby Klaser, Leeanne Lang, Georgia Darcy, Thomas Deas, Les O'Connor, Paula Barton, Georgie Peachey, Jan Davies, Dawn Ellis, Sam Khoury, Sr Tess Egan rsj, Margaret Gorman, George Donald, Fr Bernie Flood, Carol Bussell, Katie James, Mary Cazzulino, Craig Lockhart, Paul Fallon, Walter Robb, Mick Fletcher, Patty Parry, Maureen Carrigan, Lionel Cusack, Maria Gregory, Brendan Hughes, Sr Shirley King OP, Sr Margaret Blackford OP, Colleen Marsden, Melinda Cain, Shirley Schmidt, Allan Ross

Our Deceased

Recent: Margaret Gow, John O'Sullivan, Bill Gowlett, Janelle Pitt, Paul Crawford
Anniversaries: Lyle Rigby; Monica Bierhoff; Bud, Paul & Kevin O'Neill; Kate Hunter, Bradley Kelly, George Duncan, Phillip Sinclair, Janette James, Nina Madden, Gwen Boland
Also: Robina Teitzel; Jane Keenan; Neville Jurd; John Haddad; Jason Haddad; Norman Haddad; Stan & Philomena Gillan; Jack & Molly Watt; Bill & Beth Watt & all the faithful departed.

be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

Church Cleaning this week

5th Wed: No team, any volunteers?

Rosters next weekend January 3 & 4

Readers

Saturday: N Carrigan **Sunday:** L Mathews

Communion Ministers

Saturday: T O'Connor **Sunday:** E Cain

For those who wish to give online:

1st Collection: Supports our Diocesan Clergy

Monthly stipend, food, housekeeper

BSB 082105 A/c 001023659

Moree Catholic Church Presbytery

2nd Collection: Supports our Parish

Insurance, maintenance, travel, rates, utilities, wages etc BSB 082105 A/c 001058010

Moree Catholic Church Management

Reference: Name or Planned Giving number.