

*Episcopal Ordination*

and

*Solemn Installation*

of

**Most Reverend  
Peter Mel Murphy**

as

**Eleventh Bishop of Armidale  
Thursday 8th May 2025**

**Our Lady of Pompei**

**Saints Mary & Joseph's Cathedral Armidale**

## SAINTS MARY & JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL

It was evident to Bishop Patrick O'Connor, third Bishop of Armidale, that the first Armidale cathedral would require enlargement or have to be replaced with a new cathedral on the adjoining block of land. He decided to build a new cathedral as it was impractical to enlarge the first cathedral.

Bishop O'Connor engaged a gifted architect, John Francis Hennessy, and a prominent Anglican layman and prestigious local Armidale builder, George Frederick Nott, to undertake the construction of the edifice which would be dedicated to the memory of Bishop Torreggiani – the second Bishop of Armidale.

Cardinal Patrick F Moran, Archbishop of Sydney, laid the foundation stone on 5 February 1911. A year and a half later the new cathedral was opened and dedicated on 6 October 1912 by Archbishop Michael Kelly of Sydney assisted by His Grace Archbishop Duhig of Brisbane. The newly enlarged Cathedral of Saints Mary & Joseph, costing £28,000 was “opened free of debt” due to monies pledged by the faithful and clergy.

The cathedral is of Gothic Revival design with the metal cased spire reaching to a height of 150ft (45.72m) from “pavement”. It is worthy to note that St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney, completed and opened later, is said to be five feet less in width than Saints Mary & Joseph's Cathedral Armidale. Gothic windows in the cathedral exceed 100 in number. The cost of the magnificent stained glass windows was £2,200. The bricks are local 'Armidale Blue bricks', and all the timber work, including the cedar pews, was constructed at Mr Nott's Armidale sawmill. The original cost of a solid cedar pew was £20 each. The total cost of seating was £550. At the time of the cathedral opening seating accommodation provided for 1,200 people, but that is less nowadays due to an extra organ and inclusion of musicians to the area at the front of the southern congregational nave. It is known that one person suffered a serious accident during construction by falling from the north-eastern spirelet of the tower.

A letter written by two bricklayers and hidden in the brickwork of the spire was found in 2024 during the reroofing of the cathedral after storm damage. The note said *“This was layed by motorists, bricklayers & batchelors forever. Ernie Skinner and Arthur Roberts. Aged respectively 24 & 23 years. Date 11/11/1911”*. It can be seen framed and hanging in the Foyer of the cathedral.

The Solemn Blessing of the Cathedral was delayed until Friday 12 December 1919 when the Apostolic Delegate Archbishop Bartolomeo Cattaneo could officiate, following installation of the marble altar.

We kindly express our heartfelt gratitude to

**CONSECRATOR**

Metropolitan  
Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

**CO-CONSECRATORS**

Bishop Michael Kennedy  
Bishop Mark Edwards OMI

**APOSTOLIC NUNCIO**

Archbishop Charles Balvo

**VISITING PRELATES**

**DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR**

Monsignor Edward Wilkes

**DEACONS**

Reverend Mr Paul Manvell  
Reverend Mr Michael Van Anh Pham

**CLERGY**

**RELIGIOUS**

**CATHEDRAL CHOIR**

**ORGANIST**

**SERVERS**

Seminarians of the Diocese of Armidale  
Seminarians of Vianney College, Wagga Wagga  
Cathedral Servers

**DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

**INDIGENOUS LEADER**

**GOD'S FAITHFUL**

# ORDER OF MASS

*All stand*

## HYMN: BE THOU MY VISION

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;  
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
be thou ever with me, and I with thee Lord;  
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;  
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
be thou my whole armor, be thou my true might;  
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:  
be thou mine inheritance now and always;  
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun,  
O grant me its joys after victory is won;  
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

# INTRODUCTORY RITE

*All make the Sign of the Cross as the Archbishop says*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**℟ Amen.**

Peace be with you.

**℟ And with your Spirit.**

*The Archbishop welcomes the congregation, and then begins*

## PENITENTIAL RITE

Brethren, let us acknowledge our sins and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

*After a brief silence all say*

**I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;**

*All strike their breast thrice, saying*

**through my fault,**

**through my fault,**

**through my most grievous fault;**

**therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

*The Archbishop gives absolution, saying*

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

**℟ Amen.**

## KYRIE

Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe, eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

## GLORY TO GOD (sung)

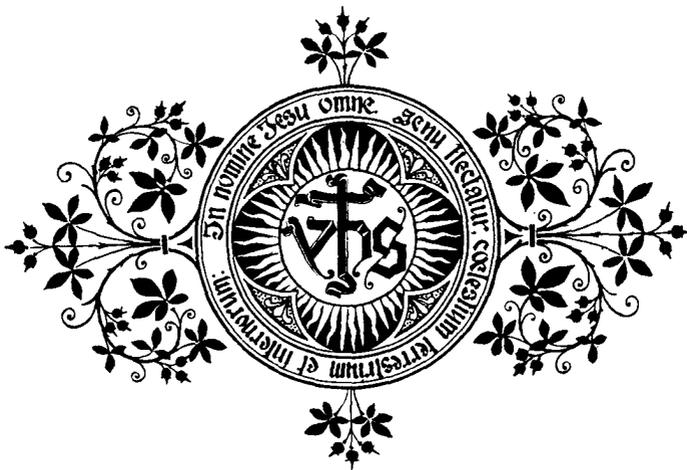
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

*The Archbishop says*

## OPENING PRAYER / COLLECT

O God, eternal Shepherd, who, governing your flock with watchful care, choose to join Peter Murphy, you servant and Priest, to the College of Bishops this day, grant, we pray, that by his holiness of life he may everywhere prove to be a true witness to Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

**℟ Amen.**



# LITURGY OF THE WORD

*All sit*

## FIRST READING

Janine Gracias

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 61: 1-3

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord, a day of vengeance for our God, to comfort all those who mourn and to give them for ashes a garland; for mourning robe the oil of gladness, for despondency, praise.

The Word of the Lord.

**℟️ Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (sung)

Ps 109: 1-4r. v.4

**℟️ You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.**

The Lord's revelation to my Master: 'Sit on my right: I will put your foes beneath your feet.' **℟️**

The Lord will send from Zion your sceptre of power: rule in the midst of all your foes. **℟️**

A Prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains; from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. **℟️**

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change 'You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.' **℟️**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians Cor. 5: 14-20

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them. From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God.

The Word of the Lord.

**℟️ Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA** (Sung)

*All stand*

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord has sent me to bring  
Good News to the poor, and freedom to prisoners.  
Alleluia!

*A Deacon reads*

The Lord be with you.

**℟️ And with your spirit.**

# GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

John 20: 19-23

**All: Glory to you O Lord.**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**℟ Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Please remain standing*

## RITE OF ORDINATION

### VENI, CREATOR, SPIRITUS

Veni, Creator Spiritus,  
mentes tuorum visita,  
imple superna gratia  
quae tu creasti pectora.

Qui diceris Paraclitus,  
altissimi donum Dei,  
fons vivus, ignis, caritas,  
et spiritalis unctio.

Tu, septiformis munere,  
digitus paternae dexteræ,  
Tu rite promissum Patris,  
sermone ditans guttura.

### HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, come,  
From thy bright heav'nly throne,  
Come take possession of our souls,  
And make them all thy own.

Thou who art called the Paraclete,  
Best gift of God above,  
The living spring, the living fire,  
Sweet unction and true love.

Thou who art sevenfold in thy grace,  
Finger of God's right hand  
His promise teaching little ones  
To speak and understand.

Accende lumen sensibus:  
infunde amorem cordibus:  
infirmi nostri corporis  
virtute firmans perpeti.

Hostem repellas longius,  
pacemque dones protinus:  
ductore sic te praevio  
vitemus omne noxium.

Per te sciamus da Patrem,  
noscamus atque Filium;  
Teque utriusque Spiritum  
credamus omni tempore.

Deo Patri sit gloria,  
et Filio, qui a mortuis  
surrexit, ac Paraclito,  
in saeculorum saecula. Amen.

O guide our minds with thy blest light,  
With love our hearts inflame;  
And with thy strength, which ne'er decays  
Confirm our mortal frame.

Far from us drive our deadly foe;  
True peace unto us bring;  
And through all perils lead us safe  
Beneath thy sacred wing.

Through thee may we the Father know,  
Through thee thy eternal Son,  
And thee, the Spirit of them both,  
Thrice-blessed Three in One.

All glory to the Father be,  
With his co-equal Son;  
The like to thee, great Paraclete,  
Till time itself be done. Amen.

## PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP-ELECT

*The Bishop-elect is led by his assisting priests to the Principal Consecrator.  
The Diocesan Administrator, Monsignor Edward Wilkes, addresses the Archbishop.*

Most Reverend Father, the Church of Armidale asks you to ordain  
this priest, Reverend Fr. Peter Mel Murphy, to the responsibility of the  
Episcopate.

*After he has been presented the Archbishop asks*

Have you a mandate from the Apostolic See?

*The priest replies*

We have.

*The Archbishop says*

Let it be read.

*All sit.*

*The Apostolic Mandate is read by Archbishop Balvo, the Apostolic Nuncio.*

*After reading it, all give their assent to the election of the Bishop, saying*

**℟ Thanks be to God.**

*The Mandate (Bull) is shown to the Consultors of the Diocese and the Bishops present.*

## HOMILY

*is given by*

**The Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP**  
*Archbishop of Sydney*

## EXAMINATION OF THE BISHOP-ELECT

*After the Homily, the Bishop-elect rises and stands before the Archbishop,  
who questions him, saying*

The ancient rule of the holy Fathers ordains that a Bishop-elect is to be questioned in the presence of the people on his resolve to uphold the faith and to discharge his duty. And so, dear brother, do you resolve by the grace of the Holy Spirit to discharge until death the office entrusted to us by the Apostles, which we are about to pass on to you by the laying on of our hands?

℟ I do.

Do you resolve to preach the Gospel of Christ with constancy and fidelity?

℟ I do.

Do you resolve to guard the deposit of faith, entire and incorrupt, as handed down by the Apostles and preserved in the Church everywhere and at all times?

℟ I do.

Do you resolve to build up the Body of Christ, his Church and to remain in the unity of that Body together with the Order of Bishops under the authority of the successor of Saint Peter the Apostle?

℞ I do.

Do you resolve to render obedience faithfully to the successor of the Blessed Apostle Peter?

℞ I do.

Do you resolve to guide the holy people of God in the way of salvation as a devoted father and sustain them with the help of your fellow ministers, the Priests and Deacons?

℞ I do.

Do you resolve, for the sake of the Lord's name, to be welcoming and merciful to the poor, to strangers and to all who are in need?

℞ I do.

Do you resolve as a good shepherd to seek out the sheep who stray and to gather them into the Lord's fold?

℞ I do.

Do you resolve to pray without ceasing to almighty God for the holy people and to carry out the office of High Priest without reproach?

℞ I do, with the help of God.

May God who has begun the good work in you bring it to fulfillment.



# LITANY OF THE SAINTS

*All stand*

*The Archbishop invites the congregation to pray saying*

Dearly beloved, let us pray that the kindness of almighty God, in providing for the welfare of the Church, will grant an abundance of his grace for this chosen one.

*A Deacon says:*

Let us kneel.

*The Bishop-elect prostrates himself and the Litany is chanted.*

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Saint Michael,

Holy Angels of God.

Saint John the Baptist.

Saint Joseph.

Saint Peter.

Saint Paul.

Saint Andrew.

Saint James.

Saint John.

Saint Thomas.

Saint Philip.

Saint Bartholomew.

Saint Matthew.

Saint Simon.

Saint Jude.

Saint Matthias.

Saint Mary Magdalene.

Saint Stephen.

Saint Ignatius.

Saint Lawrence.

Saints Perpetua and Felicity.

pray for us.

Saint Agnes.  
Saint Augustine.  
Saint Gregory.  
Saint Benedict.  
Saints Francis and Dominic.  
Saint Thomas Aquinas  
Saint Francis Xavier.  
Saint John Vianney.  
Saint Catherine of Siena.  
Saint Teresa.  
Saint Mary of the Cross.  
Saint Carlo Acutis.  
All holy Martyrs,  
All holy Priests and Religious,

pray for us.  
pray for us.

Lord be merciful.  
From all evil.  
From every sin.  
From everlasting death.  
By your incarnation.  
By your Death and Resurrection.  
By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, deliver us, we pray.  
Lord, deliver us, we pray.

Be merciful to us sinners,  
Govern and protect your holy  
Church,  
Keep the Pope and all the ordained in  
faithful service to your Church,  
Bless this chosen man,  
Bless and sanctify this chosen man,  
Bless, sanctify and consecrate  
this chosen man,  
Bring all the peoples together  
in peace and true harmony,  
Comfort with your mercy the  
troubled and the afflicted,  
Strengthen all of us and keep  
us in your holy service,

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.  
  
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Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.  
  
Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.  
  
Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Jesus, Son of the living God,  
Christ, hear us,  
Christ, graciously hear us,

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.  
Christ, hear us.  
Christ, graciously hear us.

*The Archbishop says*

Graciously hear our petitions, O Lord, and pour out upon this, your servant, the power of your blessing, flowing from the horn of priestly grace. Through Christ our Lord.

**℟ Amen.**

*A Deacon says*

Let us stand. *All stand.*

## LAYING ON OF HANDS

*The Archbishop lays his hands on the head of the Bishop-elect, in silence, followed by the two Co-consecrators and all the other bishops.*

*The Archbishop places the Book of the Gospels open upon the head of the Bishop-elect. The two Deacons hold the Book above his head while the Ordination prayer is said:*

## THE PRAYER OF ORDINATION

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Father of mercies and God of all consolation, who dwell on high and look on the lowly, who know all things before they come to be and who laid down observances in your Church through the word of your grace; who from the beginning foreordained a nation of the just, born of Abraham, who established rulers and priests and did not leave your sanctuary without ministers, and who, from the foundation of the world, were pleased to be glorified in those you have chosen:

*All the ordaining Bishops quietly join the following part of the prayer:*

Pour out now upon this chosen one that power which is from you, the governing Spirit, whom you gave to your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, the Spirit whom he bestowed upon the holy Apostles, who established the Church in each place as your sanctuary for the glory and unceasing praise of your name.

*The Archbishop alone continues:*

Grant, O Father, knower of all hearts, that this your servant, whom you have chosen for the office of Bishop may shepherd your holy flock. Serving you night and day, may he fulfill before you without reproach the ministry of the High Priesthood, so that, always gaining your favour, he may offer up the gifts of your holy Church. Grant that, by the power of the Spirit of the High Priesthood, he may have the power to forgive sins according to your command, assign offices according to your decree, and loose every bond according to the power given by you to the Apostles. May he please you by his meekness and purity of heart, presenting a fragrant offering to you through your Son Jesus Christ, through whom glory and power and honour are yours with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**     *All sit*

## ANOINTING OF THE HEAD

*The Archbishop anoints the head of the ordained Bishop with holy Chrism, saying:*

May God, who has made you a sharer in the High Priesthood of Christ, himself pour out upon you the oil of mystical anointing and make you fruitful with an abundance of spiritual blessings.

## BOOK OF THE GOSPEL AND THE EPISCOPAL INSIGNIA

*The Archbishop presents the Book of the Gospel to the newly ordained Bishop, saying:*

Receive the Gospel and preach the word of God with all patience and sound teaching.

*The Archbishop places the ring on the finger of the right hand, saying:*

Receive this ring, the seal of fidelity, adorned with undefiled faith, preserve unblemished the bride of God, the holy Church.

*The Archbishop places a mitre on the head on his head, saying:*

Receive the mitre, and may the splendour of holiness shine forth in you, so that when the chief Shepherd appears you may deserve to receive from him an unfading crown of glory.

*Lastly, the Archbishop gives a crozier, and says:*

Receive the crozier, the sign of your pastoral office and keep watch over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has placed you as Bishop to govern the Church of God.

## **SEATING OF THE BISHOP**

*Bishop Murphy is led to the cathedra by Archbishop Fisher.*

## **SIGN OF PEACE**

*Bishop Murphy receives a fraternal gesture of peace from the prelates.*

## **SICUT CERVUS**

Sung Motet

## **DIOCESAN WELCOME**

## **PASTOR BONUS**

Sung Motet

*Bishop Murphy receives nominated representatives of the Diocese of Armidale.*

*Bishop Murphy now becomes the Principal Celebrant of the Mass.*

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## OFFERTORY HYMN: COME DOWN O LOVE DIVINE

*Family members bring the gifts forward*

Come down O love divine, seek now this soul of mine,  
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;

O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust  
and ashes in its heat consuming;

And let your glorious light shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity my outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become my inner clothing;

True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,  
and for its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,  
shall far surpass the power of human telling;

For none can guess its grace, till we become the place  
where-in the Holy Spirit makes its dwelling.

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

We offer you the sacrifice of praise, O Lord,  
for the deepening of our service of you,  
so that what you have conferred on us, unworthy as we are,  
you may graciously bring to fulfillment.

## PREFACE

*The Bishop says*

The Lord be with you

**All: And with your spirit**

Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right and just.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For by the anointing of the Holy Spirit you made your Only Begotten Son High Priest of the new and eternal covenant, and by your wondrous design were pleased to decree that his one Priesthood should continue in the Church. For Christ not only adorns with a royal priesthood the people he has made his own, but with a brother's kindness he also chooses men to become sharers in his sacred ministry through the laying on of hands. They are to renew in his name the sacrifice of human redemption, to set before your children the paschal banquet, to lead your holy people in charity, to nourish them with your word and strengthen them with the Sacraments. As they give up their lives for you and for the salvation of their brothers and sisters, they strive to be conformed to the image of Christ himself and offer you a constant witness of faith and love. And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints, we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,

Hosanna in the highest.

## FIRST EUCHARISTIC PRAYER – ROMAN CANON

### *The Bishop begins*

To you, therefore, most merciful Father, we make humble prayer and petition through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord: that you accept and bless these gifts, these offerings, these holy and unblemished sacrifices, which we offer you firstly for your holy catholic Church. Be pleased to grant her peace, to guard, unite and govern her throughout the whole world, together with your servant Francis our Pope, and me your unworthy servant, and all those who, holding to the truth, hand on the catholic and apostolic faith.

Remember, Lord, your servants and all gathered here, whose faith and devotion are known to you. For them, we offer you this sacrifice of praise or they offer it for themselves and all who are dear to them: for the redemption of their souls, in hope of health and well-being, and paying their homage to you, the eternal God, living and true.

In communion with those whose memory we venerate, especially the glorious ever Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ, and blessed Joseph, her Spouse, your blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Jude; Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian and all your Saints; we ask that through their merits and prayers, in all things we may be defended by your protecting help.

Therefore, Lord, we pray: graciously accept this oblation of our service, that of your whole family, which we make to you also for me, your unworthy servant, whom you have been pleased to raise to the Order of Bishops; and in your mercy, keep safe your gifts in me, so that what I have received by divine commission I may fulfil by divine assistance.

Be pleased, O God, we pray, to bless, acknowledge, and approve this offering in every respect; make it spiritual and acceptable, so that it may become for us the Body and Blood of your most beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer, he took bread in his holy and venerable

hands, and with eyes raised to heaven to you, O God, his almighty Father, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my body, which will be given up for you.**

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took this precious chalice in his holy and venerable hands, and once more giving you thanks, he said the blessing and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

**Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me.**

*The Bishop sings*

The mystery of faith:

*All sing*

**We proclaim your death O Lord and profess your resurrection until you come again.**

*The Bishop and concelebrants continue*

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the blessed Passion, the Resurrection from the dead, and the glorious Ascension into heaven of Christ, your Son, our Lord, we, your servants and your holy people, offer to your glorious majesty from the gifts that you have given us, this pure victim, this holy victim, this spotless victim, the holy Bread of eternal life and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

Be pleased to look upon these offerings with a serene and kindly countenance, and to accept them, as once you were pleased to accept the gifts of your servant Abel the just, the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith, and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek, a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.

In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God: command that these gifts be borne by the hands of your holy Angel to your altar on high in the sight of your divine majesty, so that all of us, who through this participation at the altar receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing.

Remember also, Lord, your servants who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace. Grant them, O Lord, we pray, and all who sleep in Christ, a place of refreshment, light and peace.

To us, also, your servants, who, though sinners, hope in your abundant mercies, graciously grant some share and fellowship with your holy Apostles and Martyrs: with John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia and all your Saints; admit us, we beseech you, into their company, not weighing our merits, but granting us your pardon, through Christ our Lord.

Through whom you continue to make all these good things, O Lord; you sanctify them, fill them with life, bless them, and bestow them upon us.

*The Bishop and concelebrants sing*

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

**℟ Amen.**

## COMMUNION RITE

*All stand*

### LORD'S PRAYER

*The Bishop sings*

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

*All sing*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**℟ For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours now and forever.**

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**℟ Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**℟ And with your spirit.**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*All sing*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

**Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

*All kneel*

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

**℟ Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

*Catholics who have made the proper spiritual and sacramental preparation may come forward in the procession to receive Holy Communion.*

*The sacred host must be consumed in the presence of the minister.*

*Those not of the Catholic faith are welcome to come forward for a blessing from a member of the clergy.*

*Please follow the directions of the Cathedral ushers.*

# COMMUNION HYMNS

## BENEDICTUS

### AVE VERUM

Sung Motet

## GODHEAD HERE IN HIDING

Godhead here in hiding whom I do adore  
Masked by these bare shadows, shape and nothing more.  
See, Lord, at thy service low lies here a heart  
Lost, all lost in wonder at the God thou art.

Seeing, touching, tasting are in thee deceived;  
How says trusty hearing? that shall be believed;  
What God's Son has told me, take for truth I do;  
Truth himself speaks truly or there's nothing true.

On the cross thy godhead made no sign to men;  
Here thy very manhood steals from human ken:  
Both are my confession, both are my belief,  
And I pray the prayer of the dying thief.

I am not like Thomas, wounds I cannot see,  
But I plainly call thee Lord and God as he:  
This faith each day deeper be my holding of,  
Daily make me harder hope and dearer love.

O thou, our reminder of Christ Crucified,  
Living Bread, the life of us for whom he died,  
Lend this life to me, then; feed and feast my mind,  
There be thou the sweetness man was meant to find.

Like what tender tales tell of the Pelican,  
Bathe me, Jesus Lord, in what thy bosom ran--  
Blood that but one drop of has the pow'r to win  
All the world forgiveness of its world of sin.

Jesus whom I look at shrouded here below,  
I beseech thee, send me what I thirst for so,  
Some day to gaze on thee face to face in light  
And be blest forever with thy glory's sight.

# CONCLUDING RITES

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,  
the healing work of your mercy,  
and graciously perfect and sustain us  
so that in all things we may please you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*Bishop Murphy processes throughout the Cathedral to bless the faithful accompanied by Archbishop Fisher.*

### HOLY GOD WE PRAISE THY NAME

Holy God, we praise thy name!  
Lord of all, we bow before thee!  
All on Earth thy sceptre claim,  
All in Heav'n above adore thee;  
Infinite thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn  
Angel choirs above are raising!  
Cherubim and seraphim,  
In unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord;  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord!

Lo! the apostolic train  
Join thy sacred name to hallow!  
Prophets swell the loud refrain,  
And the white-robed martyrs follow,  
And from morn to set of sun,  
Through the Church the song goes on.

Holy Father, holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, Three we name thee,  
Though in essence only one,  
Undivided God we claim thee;  
And adoring bend the knee,  
While we own the mystery.

Thou art King of glory, Christ!  
Son of God, yet born of Mary;  
For us sinners sacrificed,  
And to death a tributary;  
First to break the bars of death,  
Thou hast opened Heav'n to faith.

From thy high celestial home,  
Judge of all, again returning,  
We believe that thou shalt come  
On the dreadful doomsday morning,  
When thy voice shall shake the earth,  
And the startled dead come forth.

Spare thy people, Lord, we pray,  
By a thousand snares surrounded;  
Keep us without sin today;  
Never let us be confounded!  
Lo! I put my trust in thee;  
Never, Lord, abandon me.

*There will be some announcements*

## FINAL BLESSING

*All stand*

The Lord be with you.

**℟ And with your spirit.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

**℟ Now and forever.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**℟ Who made heaven and earth.**

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**℟ Amen.**

# RECESSIONAL HYMN

## IMMACULATE MARY

Immaculate Mary, we praise God in you;  
His power and his mercy  
His grace given to you.

Refrain:

Ave, ave, ave, Maria!

Ave, ave, ave, Maria!

Predestined for Christ by eternal decree,  
God willed you both virgin and mother to be. (Refrain)

To you by an angel, the Lord God made known  
The grace of the Spirit, the gift of the Son. (Refrain)

Most blest of all women, you heard and believed,  
Most blest in the fruit of your womb then conceived. (Refrain)

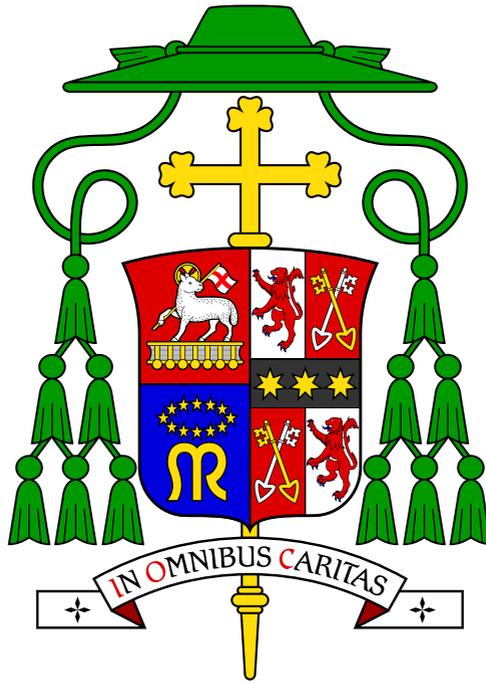
The angels rejoice when you brought forth God's Son;  
Your joy is the joy of all ages to come. (Refrain)

Your child is the Savior, all hope lies in him;  
He gives us new life and redeems us from sin. (Refrain)

With sorrow you watched while your Son died for men;  
With joy at his rising, you saw him again.

In glory for ever now close to your Son,  
All ages will praise you for all God has done. (Refrain)

Through you to your Son lead us, Mary, we pray;  
Through Christ to the Father is our only way.



## MOTTO

In Omnibus Caritas – charity in all things  
derived from Saint Paul's letter to the Colossians 3:14.

## COAT OF ARMS

The Armidale Arms feature on the left hand side. The Lamb of God in glory refers to Revelation 5:12, while the Marian image draws upon Revelation 12:1 of the woman, understood to be Mary, in heaven crowned with twelve stars. On the right hand panel is Bishop Murphy's coat of arms: the keys representing Peter, a name given by Christ to Simon, as our first pope (Matthew 16:19) and the lion is the Murphy heraldic imagery for courage and fidelity. The middle panel or fess features three stars - that could also be taken as a reference to the three virtues: faith, hope and charity; notable in this Jubilee Year of Hope.

*The Bishop's arms were designed by Richard d'Apice AM  
and were illustrated by Sandy Turnbull.*

# BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

## **Bishop Peter Mel Murphy Eleventh Bishop of Armidale**

Most Reverend Peter Mel Murphy, fourth of six children, was born in 1961 in Benalla, Victoria. He attended primary school there at Saint Joseph's with the FCJ Sisters after which he finished his secondary schooling at Assumption College Kilmore with the Marist Brothers in 1978. After working in the bank and in other sundry employments attended Dookie College to complete a degree in Agriculture. After some years of employment as a field agronomist in horticulture, he responded to the call to study for the priesthood in 1985. Once accepted as a seminarian for Wagga Wagga Diocese, Bishop William Brennan sent him to Propaganda Fide College Rome where he gained an STB in Philosophy from the Angelicum and a Licentiate from the Urban University. Once his studies were completed, he was ordained on 11th July 1992 at St. Michael's Cathedral, Wagga Wagga.

After ordination, he held the roles of parish vicar in South Wagga (1992-1994), vice rector of the seminary of Wagga Wagga (1994-1997), and parish priest in Lockhart (1997-2000). He studied for a doctorate in moral theology in Rome and served at the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples (2000-2002). Then, he went on to hold the offices of parish priest of Tumbarumba (2002-2007), lecturer in philosophy and moral theology at the seminary of Wagga Wagga (since 1992), parish priest of Lavington in Albury (since 2007), member of the College of Consultants, member of the Personnel Board, dean of the deanery of Murray and chair of the Presbyteral Council (since 2021), vicar general, member of the diocesan Council for Economic Affairs and the diocesan Committee for Safeguarding (since 2022) and, most recently, Administrator of the Cathedral. In addition, in 2022, he participated in the Fifth Plenary Council of the Catholic Church in Australia. He has also been diocesan director for vocations and youth, chaplain at Charles Stuart University in Wagga Wagga, and lecturer at the Pontifical "John Paul II" Theological Institute for Marriage and Family Science in Melbourne.

# EPISCOPAL INSIGNIA USED TODAY BY BISHOP PETER MURPHY

## CROZIER



Crozier of Bishop Elzear Torreggiani  
second Bishop of Armidale

## PECTORAL CROSS



Pectoral cross worn by  
Bishop Patrick O'Connor  
third Bishop of Armidale and  
Bishop John Coleman fourth  
Bishop of Armidale

## EPISCOPAL RING



Episcopal Ring worn by  
Bishop Edward Doody  
fifth Bishop of  
Armidale

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# Expression of gratitude from Bishop Murphy

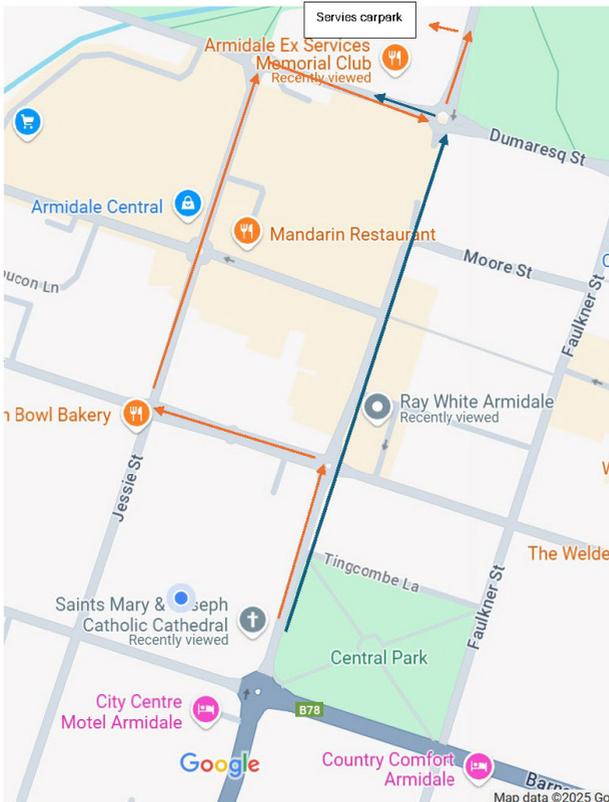
I gratefully thank all who have attended my episcopal ordination today and especially those who travelled long distances to be here, I do appreciate your efforts.

I sincerely thank all those who have prayed and supported me in my pastoral endeavours and I assure you of my prayers.

I would also like to express my thanks to those who have assisted in the planning and preparation of today's episcopal ordination and reception. Behind the scenes, there is a team of generous people whose dedication and gift of service have made today possible - so many thanks.

## DIRECTIONS TO WALK OR DRIVE TO THE SERVIES CLUB

Map showing route for walking and driving to Servies Club venue



KEY



800m walk 5-10 mins  
3 min drive



The Basilica in Pompei dedicated to the Mother of God portrays the famous image of Our Lady of the Rosary which is the same mosaic depiction that features at the entrance to our Cathedral of St Mary and St Joseph.