

## ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

[Mary Help of Christians Church]

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**Rev. Paul Manvell, Deacon**

**Hilda Raqueto, Parish Secretary**

**Alison Hatton, School Principal**

**Amanda Sheridan & Andrew Millman, Assistant Principals**

**Sally Clarke, REC**

### Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and  
is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living  
and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### In your charity, please pray for our sick

Steven Mauger, Paul Garnett, Yuki, Tracy Press, Bernie King, Kevin Burke, Patricia Owen, Anne McEvoy, Mary Sidaway, Rhonda Lawler, Bryan Burgess, Peter Leddy, Bruce Albans, Carol Costales, Jay-Rikilee-Addison Peachey, Sr. Deirdre Browne IBVM, Patrick Lawler, Judy Peachy, Gabriel Clarke, Claire Borchard, Fay Crocker, Lorraine Guyer, Fr John Willis, Sayde Baladia, Narelle Albans, Chris O'Sullivan, Julien Ryan, Patricia Jones, Ginavis Naw Pha Day, Jo O'Sullivan, Anna Gawlik, Catherine Robinson, Joan Guyer.

### Our Deceased

Therese Middleton, Betty Yeaman, Nerida Hynes, Don Davidson, Marc Hogan, Margaret Hudson, Josip Jursic, Sharon Peachey, Josephine Carlos, Neville Herden, Val Butlar, Wayne Solomons, Msgr. Kerry Bayada, Terry Mooney.

### Anniversary of Death

Erlinda Silva, George Bada, Lima Gorman, Ralph Alonzo Bayliss, John Webster, Kevin Gorman, Jill Mifsud, Henry Mifsud

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O People of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of  
your heart.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy  
which comes to you from God.

### WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

#### ROSARY GROUP

Meet in private homes at 10am on Wednesdays  
For information contact Dulcie Johns Ph: 6762 1092

#### MOTHERS' PRAYERS

Monday, prayers for our children and all children throughout  
the world. For more information contact Trish Tighe  
Ph: 0427657259

#### ST VINCENT de PAUL

##### St Edward's Visiting Conference

Meeting every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 4pm.  
For more information contact Cathy Norvill Ph: 0421 591 046

#### PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP - White Ants

For more information or to join the White Ants Family Group  
ring Sandra Ph: 0408 659 971 or Kerry Ph: 0427 367 628

#### ST EDWARD'S CHOIR & MUSIC MINISTRY

The St Edward's Parish Choir is always ready to welcome new  
members. For more information contact Liz Hearne Ph:  
0403137810

#### ST EDWARD'S SCHOOL READING SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS

**When:** Any week day from 9-11am

**Where:** Infants and Primary campus

**What you need:** A volunteer Working With Children Check  
which can be obtained free of charge from Service NSW.  
Ring Primary School on 67657847 or Infants on 67658569



"Anointing of the Sick" is a Sacrament that brings  
God's grace and healing to the sick and the  
elderly. Anointing can offer spiritual comfort,  
peace, and strength during times of illness and of  
old age.

Here in our parish, anointing will be every first  
weekend after each mass. Home-bound elderly  
parishioners, parishioners in hospital or in  
nursing homes can receive the anointing from a priest. A visit  
can be arranged by informing the parish and the priest.

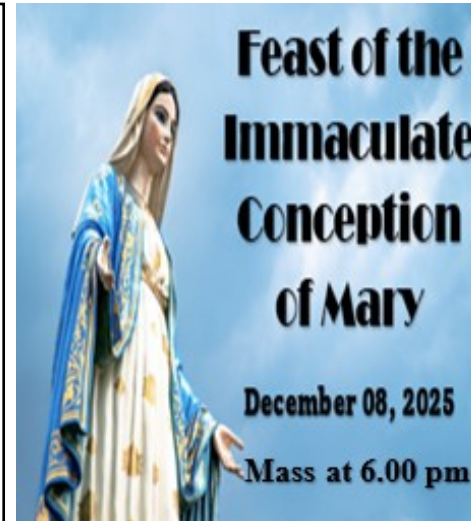
### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



We are delighted to announce that Mr Allem Alba, seminarian for  
the Diocese of Armidale and Brother Maximilian Streher, a  
professed brother of the Immaculata Community, will be ordained  
to the diaconate on Monday, 2 February 2026, the Feast of the  
Presentation of the Lord and the World Day of Prayer for  
Consecrated Life.

The ordination will take place at 10:30am in the Cathedral,  
followed by a light lunch for all in the Torreggiani Room. All are  
warmly invited to attend and to mark this important date in your  
diary.

Professed members of the Immaculata Community belong to a  
juridic entity of the diocese. Although they are ordained into the  
presbyterate of the diocese, their primary vocation and obligations  
remain with their community.



## CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Christmas Novena**  
**15<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> December 2025**

**Monday – Friday**  
**6:00 pm Holy Mass (English)**

**Saturday – Sunday**  
**5:30 pm Holy Mass (English)**

**Christmas Eve**  
**24<sup>th</sup> December**

**6:00 pm Holy Mass**  
**(Children's Mass, English)**  
**10:00 pm Holy Mass (English)**

**Christmas Day**  
**25<sup>th</sup> December**

**9:00 am Holy Mass (English)**

### Schedule of Masses & Sacraments

#### Holy Mass

Monday	08.00 am
<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	<b>06.00 pm</b>
Tuesday	09.30 am
Wednesday	09.30 am
Thursday	09.30 am
Friday	<b>School Mass 10.00 am</b>

Saturday	<b>05.30 pm</b>
Sunday	<b>09.00 am</b> <b>05.30 pm</b>

1st Friday Adoration	<b>08.15 am</b>
1st Saturday Mass	<b>09.30 am</b>

3rd Saturday Mass	
Oak Tree Retirement Village	<b>10.00 am</b>

2nd/4th Sunday Mass	
Tamworth Age Care	<b>11.00 am</b>

#### Confessions

Saturday	04.45 pm to 05.15 pm
Sunday	08.15 am to 08.45 am 04.45 pm to 05.15 pm

#### Baptism

*by appointment*/Online booking:  
<https://stedwardsparish.org.au/sacraments/>

**Wedding, Anointing of the Sick**  
**& Funeral**

*By appointment*

#### Sick List

If you would like to add someone to our sick  
list please use the "sick list prayer request  
form" placed in the blue folder at the foyer.

#### Visitation

If there is a parishioner whom you know would  
appreciate a visit from a priest or the SVDp,  
please contact the Parish Office.

### NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### REPLICA OF THE CATHEDRAL

The Pilgrim Replica of the Cathedral in Armidale is in our Church with the  
Relics of Saints. All are welcome to view and venerate the Holy Relics.

#### 2026 Liturgy Roster

We will be starting to compile the Liturgy Roster for 2026. If you  
would like to become a Reader at Mass or assist on the Piety Stall,  
please contact the office at 6765 9543 or email at  
[southtamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au](mailto:southtamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au)

#### VOLUNTEER READERS EMHC & PIETY FOR HOLIDAY SEASON

If you are available to assist with the Liturgy over Christmas and  
Holiday season, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the  
foyer.

**Heart of Peace (HOPE)** is a social justice ministry of the Roman Catholic Diocese of  
Armidale. Offering free and healthy meals for everyone. MHOC Church Hall, 72 Hillvue  
Road, South Tamworth every Wednesday.

**NEW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** please email: [hopekitchen2340@gmail.com](mailto:hopekitchen2340@gmail.com)  
Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/hopekitchen>



**Please ensure that your children are accompanied when leaving the  
Church during the Mass to go to the toilet or for any other reason.**

#### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

1st Collection -	\$ 778.45	Planned Giving -	\$ 720.05
Loose -	\$ 85.00	November EFT-	\$ 2, 162.00
<b>TAP (November)-\$ 247.78</b>			

#### On Church Giving

To support the priests (active, sick, and retired) 1st Collection  
**A/C Name:** St. Edwards Church Presbytery Savings Account  
**BSB:** 082 105 **A/C No.:** 001023592

To support the Church (Planned Giving Program—PGP):  
**A/C Name:** St. Edwards Church Suspense Account  
**BSB:** 082 105 **A/C No.:** 001002950

**Reference:** First + Last Name

**Reference:** Envelope Number + Last Name

**What return shall I make to the Lord, for all God has given me?**

**Thank you for making a gift to support the important work of our parish. We sincerely appreciate your generosity!**

### MINISTRY ROSTER

**06—07 December— SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT - Year A**

Saturday 5.30 pm	<b>Reader</b> H. Harvey	<b>EMHC</b> G. Smith	<b>Piety</b> D. Sullivan	<b>Counters</b>
Sunday 9.00 am	C. Kelly	Y. Benning	R. Evans	
Sunday 5.30 pm	J. McKenzie	K. Keating	E. Hearne	S. Cunneen & T. Hill

**13—14 December— THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT - Year A**

Saturday 5.30 pm	<b>Reader</b> G. Smith	<b>EMHC</b> T. Tighe	<b>Piety</b> R. Stortenbeker	<b>Counters</b>
Sunday 9.00 am	A. Sheridan	P. Long	H. McCluand	
Sunday 5.30 pm	K. Ringland	D. Stevens	J. McKenzie	L & E Hearne