



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:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

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.

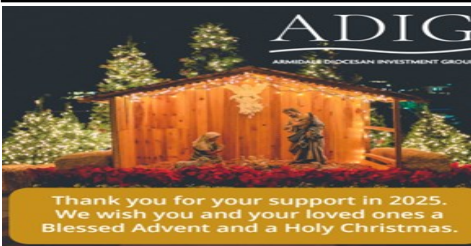
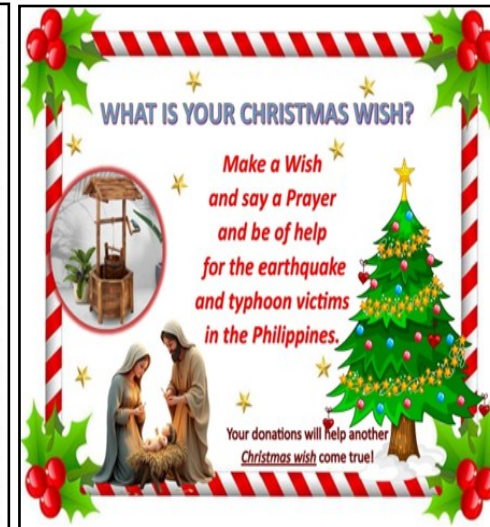
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



We are delighted to announce that Mr Allen 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.



NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATHOLIC VIEWPOINT DECEMBER EDITION

Catholic Viewpoint: The December edition is now available. You can now access current and previous editions of the Catholic Viewpoint from the Diocesan website at:
<https://armidale.catholic.org.au/catholic-viewpoint>

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

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
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 -	\$ 855.20	Planned Giving -	\$ 701.00
Loose -	\$ 178.40	November EFT-	\$ 2, 162.00
TAP (November)-\$ 247.78			

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

Reference: First + Last Name

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

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!

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Novena
15th -23rd December 2025

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

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

Christmas Eve
24th December

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

Christmas Day
25th December

9:00 am Holy Mass (English)

Schedule of Masses & Sacraments

Holy Mass

Monday	08.00 am
Tuesday Graduation Mass	10.00 am
Wednesday	09.30 am
Thursday	09.30 am
Friday	09.30 am

Saturday	05.30 pm
Sunday	09.00 am 05.30 pm

1st Friday Adoration	08.15 am
1st Saturday Mass	09.30 am

3rd Saturday Mass	
Oak Tree Retirement Village	10.00 am

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

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.

MINISTRY ROSTER

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

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

20—21 December— FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT - Year A

Saturday 5.30 pm	Reader D. Sullivan	EMHC K. Pearson	Piety J. Milne	Counters
Sunday 9.00 am	S. Cunneen	B. Simpson	C. Norvill	
Sunday 5.30 pm	A. Soehlakaw	R. Fisher	B. Barry	G. Tighe & F. Gooley