



# ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

[Mary Help of Christians Church]

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**Hilda Raquepo, Parish Secretary**  
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**Belinda Barry-Cupples & 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

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

## Our Deceased

Dean William York, Kevin Lane, Concetta "Connie" Brucolieri, Joyce Bevan, Anna Anderson, Trish Thornberry, Michael Joseph Markham, Ron Peachey, Peter Leddy, 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

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

## MINISTRY ROSTER

### 31-01 February – FOURTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year A

Saturday 5.30 pm  
 Sunday 9.00 am  
 Sunday 5.30 pm

Reader  
 G. Smith  
 A. Sheridan  
 K. Ringland

EMHC  
 K. Pearson  
 A. Sheridan  
 K. Ringland

Piety  
 D. Sullivan  
 B. Simpson  
 K. Keating

Counters  
 J. MacRae & J. Milne

### 07-08 February – FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year A

Saturday 5.30 pm  
 Sunday 9.00 am  
 Sunday 5.30 pm

Reader  
 G. Tighe  
 S. Cunneen  
 A. Soehlakaw

EMHC  
 G. Smith  
 S. Cunneen  
 A. Soehlakaw

Piety  
 J. Milne  
 Y. Benning  
 O. Robson  
 D. Stevens

Counters  
 S. Cunneen & T. Hill  
 J. McKenzie

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to announce that Seminarian Allem Alba, whose home-parish is St Edward South Tamworth will be ordained to the order of Diaconate for the Diocese of Armidale on 2nd February 2026 at the Armidale Cathedral at 10:30 AM.

Let us continually pray for Seminarian Allem as he prepares for this solemn event.

## MISSIONARY ORDERS SPECIAL COLLECTION 2026

For a number of years, the diocese has taken up a special collection in support of the work the Missionary Orders, who have priests ministering here in the Diocese of Armidale, undertake in their own country.

The funds from these appeals will help to support the marginalised people in the local areas where the La Salette's (Philippines), Rogationists of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (India) and Oblates of Saint Joseph (Philippines) minister.

The Missionary Orders Special Collection will be held on **Sunday 8th February**.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026

The First Confession Information will be on  
**Tuesday, 10th February at 5.30pm in the church.**

## NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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](mailto:chancery@armidale.catholic.org.au)

If you will be attending please add your name to the Sign Up sheet in the foyer and we will RSVP for you. Unfortunately we will not be able to offer bus transport to Armidale. If you require transport please indicate on the Sign Up sheet.

### LENTEN PROGRAM – 2026

Because Lent starts early this year with **Ash Wednesday on February 18**, we are starting enrollments for Lenten program. This year we will be offering two groups on **Thursdays at 10.30am and 7.00pm commencing Thursday 19th February** in the meeting room of the Presbytery. We will be using the Wollongong Diocese Lenten Program "Compassio". Please add your name to the sign up sheet in the foyer if you would like to join one of the groups. Lenten Book will be available from the Piety Stall for \$10.00 each. If you are unable to attend program sessions but would like to purchase the book for home devotion, please add your name to the sheet.

### LITURGY ROSTER FOR 31 JANUARY – 28 JUNE 2026

Liturgy Roster for the 1st half year is already send out to those in the Liturgy Lists. Printed copies are available at the foyer for those who don't have email address. Feel free to call or email the office if you change your email address so we can update your records.

**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 - \$ 1,032.50	Planned Giving - \$ 536.00
Loose - \$ 75.20	
January EFT - \$ 1,197.00	January TAP - \$ 422.71

## 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!*

## Special Collection

There will be a special collection this weekend for **Bro Allem Alba** for those who wish to give, testimonial envelopes are available at the foyer.

## RESCHEDULE OF 1ST SUNDAY MORNING TEA

Our 1st Sunday morning tea will be moved on **February 8** after morning mass to give way for the Farewell of **Fr. Mario Avelino Mendoza Jr.**

Thank you for supporting our Parish for few months. God bless you and your ministry in Gunnedah.

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## Schedule of Masses & Sacraments

### Holy Mass

Monday	07.30 am
Tuesday	09.30 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

### 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.