

ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

[Mary Help of Christians Church]

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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

Evelyn Ceniza Grytberg, 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, Patricia Jones, Narelle Albans, Julien Ryan, Rhonda Lawler, Anastasia Diola.

Our Deceased

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, Nevile 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, Michael John Langan, Prof Delores Remonte, Michael Kokegei, Max Kokegei, Michael Wakefield, Trish Wakefield.

MINISTRY ROSTER

10-11 January— THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD—Year A

Please volunteer by signing up on the sheet in the foyer

17-18 January— SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A

Please volunteer by signing up on the sheet in the foyer

Counters
 S. Jackson & J. Jackson

Counters
 R. Gorman & G. Crocker

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.

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEAST OF THE STO. NINO

Next Sunday we will be celebrating the Feast Day of the Child Jesus. Special Tagalog Mass will be held at 11.00 am on Sunday the 18 January. All welcome.

JANUARY MASSES FOR SPECIAL INTENTION

This January we ask you to please pray for the Special Intentions of parishioners at all Masses.

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.

COLUMBARIUM UPDATE

Following positive feedback, providing support for the proposal to install a Columbarium, an enquiry was made to Tamworth Regional Council, requesting advice on the process to move forward. There was no lodgement of a Development Application. The Council response in part stated...the Columbarium would be considered a cemetery and is prohibited on the subject land'.

When Fr. Roel returns in February from leave, the Parish Pastoral Council will review the proposal, and Council decision, and may pursue the matter with Council.

VOLUNTEER READERS EMHC & PIETY FOR HOLIDAY SEASON

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

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

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 - \$ 908.20	Planned Giving - \$ 1,324.00
Loose - \$ 86.00	
December EFT- \$ 1,307.00	December TAP \$ 436.16

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

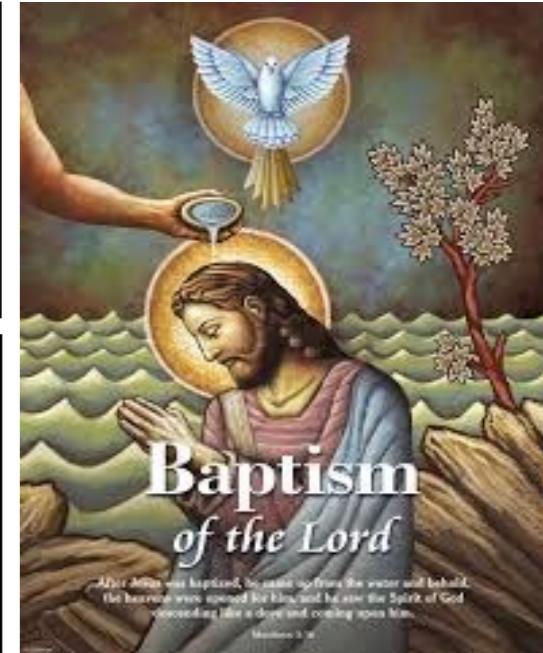
Reference: First + Last Name

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!



Schedule of Masses & Sacraments

Holy Mass

Monday	08.00 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
	<i>Feast of Sto. Nino</i>
	11.00 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.