



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

[Mary Help of Christians Church]

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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

Patricia Jones, Jhonny Effendy, 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, Narelle Albans, Julien Ryan, Rhonda Lawler, Anastasia Diola.

Our Deceased

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O Sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

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 pleased to announce that **Seminararian 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 Seminararian Allem as he prepares for this solemn event.

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

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.

JANUARY MASSES FOR SPECIAL INTENTION

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

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

This is the last call for volunteers for 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

AUSTRALIA DAY MASS AT ST. NICHOLAS @ 9.00AM

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Our Parish community warmly welcomes the family of **Oakley Grace Chisholm** who will be baptised in our parish this weekend.

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 -	\$ 1,012.15	Planned Giving -	\$ 826.00
Loose -	\$ 79.95		
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!

Special Collection

There will be a special collection this weekend and next 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.

Schedule of Masses & Sacraments

Holy Mass

Monday Australia Day Mass	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
	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

24—25 January— THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A

Saturday 5.30 pm
Sunday 9.00 am
Sunday 5.30 pm

Please volunteer by signing up on the sheet in the foyer

Counters
P. Frost & C. Frost

31-01 February—FOURTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A

Saturday 5.30 pm
Sunday 9.00 am
Sunday 5.30 pm

Please volunteer by signing up on the sheet in the foyer

Counters
J. MacRae & J. Milne