



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

[Mary Help of Christians Church]

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Rev. Fr Roel Llave, Parish Priest
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Alison Hatton, School Principal
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Sally Clarke, REC



First Reconciliation for Children

First Reconciliation
Tuesday, 17th March
at 4:00pm



EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028

In preparation for the International Eucharistic Congress, Sydney 2028 (Eucharist28), the Diocese of Armidale will be joining the Catholic Church in Australia in a year of prayer to prepare for this moment of grace.

By praying together, we open our hearts to the transformative work Jesus desires to do in our lives, readying ourselves for the profound encounter that Eucharist28 invites.

We invite you to join us as we take our first steps toward Eucharist28 – gathering in adoration, prayer, and hopeful anticipation of all that God has in store. Join us in our First Friday Adoration.

Please contact the parish office on phone: **6765 9543** or email southtamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au or see Fr. Roel after Mass if you are interested in taking part.

My Future Plan 2026

Have you ever thought of the future? Some people do! Some people would like to plan. Some parishioners wanted to make a plan. Here at St. Edward's Parish, we welcome those who are open to do future preparations especially for their own request.

A package for the future is handy. It will help the family to go through things much easier. If you so wish, please get a "Request Form", fill it up with corresponding choices, put your name and seal it with a sticker attached in the package, and hand it to the parish where it will be kept until the need arises. (All information in this document will remain confidential and will be retained by the Parish, remained sealed until after the death of the person (parishioner) to whom this document refers.)

Schedule of Masses & Sacraments

Holy Mass

Monday—Wednesday NO MASSES
(Clergy Assembly)

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 10.00 am
Oak Tree Retirement Village

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

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.

THE COLUMBARIUM UPDATE

Tamworth Regional Council response in part stated, "the Columbarium would be considered a cemetery and is prohibited on the subject land". The Parish Pastoral Council reviewed and decided not to pursue the project as per the Regional Council's decision.

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN PROGRAM

Thursday of Lent will 10:30am and 7:00pm start on 19 February, feel free to join the reflection sessions at the Presbytery meeting room.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross is a Lenten devotion that offers witness to Jesus' Passion and Death. For the remainder of Lent we will be praying the Stations of the Cross at **05.30pm on Fridays** in the Church.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026

The **World Day of Prayer 2026 is on Friday, 06 March at 10 am at St. Nicholas Church**. All are welcome.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir for Easter urgently seeking new singers. The choir practice will start on **Wednesday, 11 March at 4:30 pm** in the church. All welcome to join.

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Our Parish community warmly welcomes the family of **Ezekiel Jay Woods and Indie Lee Jones** 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

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| 1st Collection - \$ 847.80 | Planned Giving - \$ 647.00 |
| Loose - \$ 122.70 | |
| February EFT - \$ 1,332.00 | February TAP - \$ 112.56 |

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!

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

Andrew Mosey, Donald, Xi, Susie, Vladimir, Charles, 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

Susan Le Cerf, Lorraine Guyer, Bernie Callinan, Louise O'Halloran, Dean William York, Kevin Lane, Concetta "Connie" Bruccoleri, Joyce Bevan, Anna Anderson, Trish Thornberry, Michael Joseph Markham

Anniversary of Death

Mavis Parsons, Grahame Fisher, Kevin (Kim) Slattery, Sr. Therese Conroy RSJ

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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.

MINISTRY ROSTER

28- 01 March— SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - Year A

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| Reader | EMHC | Piety | Counters |
| Saturday 5.30 pm A. Hatton | G. Smith | J. Milne | C. Norvill & H. Harvey |
| Sunday 9.00 am A. Millman | B. Simpson | R. Evans | |
| Sunday 5.30 pm K. Lopez | K. Keating | J. McKenzie | |

07- 08 March— THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - Year A

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| Reader | EMHC | Piety | Counters |
| Saturday 5.30 pm G. York | T. Tighe | R. Stortenbeker | G. Smith & L. Coleman |
| Sunday 9.00 am C. Kelly | Y. Benning | H. McCluand | |
| Sunday 5.30 pm B. Barry | D. Stevens | C. Frost | |