



# 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

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

**My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.**

## 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.**

## 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](mailto:southtamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au) or see Fr. Roel after Mass if you are interested in taking part.

## PARISH SPECIAL GATHERING AND MASS FOR HOMEBOUNDS

Everyone is invited to join and gather as one in a Eucharistic Celebration for "Homebounds" on **7th April at 2:00 pm** followed by "Afternoon Tea". Volunteers are welcome to help elderly homebounds to come to the church.

## PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION

**Tuesday, 24th March at 5:30 pm**

## NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LENTEN PROGRAM

**Thursday of Lent will be 10:30am and 7:00pm**, 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.

### 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.

### PROJECT COMPASSION

Please take home a Project Compassion box to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations.  
 With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.

**Heart of Peace (HOPE)** is a social justice ministry of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Armidale. Offering free and healthy meals for everyone. MHOCC 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

<b>1st Collection</b> - \$	<b>912.90</b>	<b>Planned Giving</b> -	\$	<b>925.00</b>
<b>Loose</b> -	\$	<b>107.70</b>		
<b>February EFT</b> -	\$	<b>1,332.00</b>	<b>February TAP</b> -	\$
				<b>112.56</b>

## 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!**

## First Reconciliation for Children

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

## Prayer for our Reconciliation Candidates

**Loving God, help us to teach our children that you love us totally and unconditionally. Help us to encourage our children to grow in love and to learn how to say sorry, knowing that you always forgive. Give us the courage to pray with our children and to share our faith with them as we journey together. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen**

## Schedule of Masses & Sacraments

### Holy Mass

Monday		08.00 am
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>School Mass</b>	<b>09.30 am</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Funeral Mass</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
Thursday		09.30 am
Friday		09.30 am
<b>Saturday</b>		<b>05.30 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>09.00 am</b>
		<b>05.30 pm</b>
<b>1st Friday Adoration</b>		<b>08.15 am</b>
<b>1st Saturday Mass</b>		<b>09.30 am</b>
<b>3rd Saturday Mass</b>		
<b>Oak Tree Retirement Village</b>		<b>10.00 am</b>
<b>2nd/4th Sunday Mass</b>		
<b>Tamworth Age Care</b>		<b>11.00 am</b>

### 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

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

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

### 14- 15 March— FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year A

<b>Reader</b>	<b>EMHC</b>	<b>Piety</b>	<b>Counters</b>
Saturday 5.30 pm G. Smith	K. Pearson	D. Sullivan	S & J Jackson
Sunday 9.00 am S. Cunneen	B. Simpson		
Sunday 5.30 pm J. McKenzie	R. Fisher	E. Hearne	