

In your charity. please pray for our sick

Martin Fardy, Vlad, Brian Sullivan, Jordon Cox, Susie, Margaret Livingstone, Anna, Darrell Callinan, Andrew Mosey, Donald, Xi, Susie, Vladimir, Charles, Patricia Jones, Jhonny Effendy, Evelyn Ceniza Grytberg, Steven Mauger, Paul Garnett, Yuki, 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, Narelle Albans, Julien Ryan, Rhonda Lawler, People of Enerhodan and Dninropetrovsk Oblast

Our Deceased

Fr. Michael Mullane, Carol Ham, Fr. Joe Adriano, SJ Murrie, Jim Moriarty, Patrick Thomas, Dalilah Gako, John Egan, Marien Carrigan, Margaret Halloran, Bernie King, Tracy Press, Allan Thorn, Colin Harvey, Kerry York, Emma Velasco, Sharon Peachy

Anniversary of Death

Bong Lacuesta, Lindsay Hobson, Agnes Michell, Bernard Andren, Morgan Keating, Pedro & Darcela Villamil, Robert Mcburnie, Robert Harvey, Fred Gorman, Lyn Slade, Peter Parsons, Janette Brown, Norbert Moore, Lito Llave, John Gooley, Coraz, Peter Richard Whitney.



EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028

In preparation for the International Eucharist 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.

STAYING SAFE FROM SCAM (FREE EVENT)

Date : Wednesday, 26 August 2026
Time : 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Location : (with light refreshments afterwards)
The Grand Ballroom – Wests’ Diggers Club, 4 Kable Avenue, Tamworth NSW 2340

MINISTRY ROSTER				
01– 02 August— 18th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A				
	Reader	EMHC	Piety	Counters
Saturday 5.30 pm	A. Hatton	H. Harvey	D. Sullivan	P. & C. Frost
Sunday 9.00 am	B. Bruccoleri	B. Simpson	F. Moloney	
Sunday 5.30 pm	K. Ringland	R. Fisher	J. McKenzie	
08– 09 August— 19th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A				
	Reader	EMHC	Piety	Counters
Saturday 5.30 pm	G. Smith	T. Tighe	R. Stortenbeker	J. MacRae & J. Milne
Sunday 9.00 am	F. Gooley	Y. Benning	B. Bruccoleri	
Sunday 5.30 pm	J. McKenzie	S. Grace	C. Frost	

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

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

HEART OF PEACE (HOPE)
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>



Eucharist28 Update:
Eternal Life in the Eucharist

The International Eucharistic Congress (Eucharist28) is coming to Sydney in 2028.

At every Mass, the celebration of the Eucharist is a moment of communion, where we are united in Christ, who’s body and blood we share.

In the Scriptures, Jesus tells us, “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day.” (John 6:54). Through the Eucharist, Christ unites us to Himself and draws us into the eternal life He promises.

This invitation is for everyone, even those who have died. At each Mass, the Church offers the Eucharist sacrifice for the faithful departed that they may experience eternal life and unity with Christ.

To help your parish and community experience this moment of Eucharistic renewal on the journey to Eucharist28, head to eucharist28.org for more.



SAFETY MINISTRY WORKSHOP HERE AT ST EDWARD’S
Wednesday, 05 August at 5:00pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend, mandatory attendance is required for all Parish volunteers and employees.

SAFE TRAINING ATTENDANCE
VOLUNTEERS WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Sacristan
- Parish Secretary
- Parish Safeguarding Contact Person
- Parish Council member
- Parish Finance Council Member
- Choir Director
- Children’s liturgy coordinator or helper
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd leader or helper
- Adult altar server (IF children are serving)
- Sacramental Coordinator
- Youth group leader or helper
- Leader or helper in other child related ministry
- Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist distributing at homes or nursing homes
- Heart of Peace (HOPE) Outreach Volunteer (unless preparing food with no contact with patrons)
- Parish arranged prayer group/bible study leader

VOLUNTEERS WHO DO NOT NEED TO ATTEND
However, all are encouraged to attend the training as it provides good formation on how to spot abuse and what to do about it in all areas of life

- Catechists who have already completed some safeguarding training (unless they are involved in another additional ministry in the parish that does require training)
- Readers
- Money collectors/counters
- Choir members
- Ushers/welcomers
- Projectionist
- Flower arrangers
- Piety store
- Extraordinary ministers doing so during Mass
- Gardener
- Cleaner

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE 2026
Information Night: Parent/s or Guardian, Tuesday, 04 August at 5:30pm
Confirmation Mass: 13 September at 9:00 am

Special Collection Good Shepherd Appeal
There will be a special collection this weekend 1-2 of August for the Clergy & Seminarian Education & Priest Retirement Fund. Donation to Priest Retirement Fund is tax deductible. If you require tax receipt kindly use the envelope at the foyer. Tap Donation accepted.

**Celebrate the Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop**
Join the **Sisters of Saint Joseph and Mary MacKillop Place** as we celebrate the **Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop on Saturday 8 August.**
Make a pilgrimage to Mary’s tomb, spend time in prayer in the Chapel, and celebrate the Eucharist with us at one of our Feast Day Masses:
8:00am & 6:00pm – Chapel
10:00am & 1:00pm – Glen Roy Green (outdoors)
The **10:00am and 1:00pm** Masses will be AusLan Interpreted, and the 10:00am Mass will be livestreamed for those unable to attend in person.

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW CHURCH PARKING FOR AGED/DISABILITY
Five additional spaces for aged & disability parking have been created on the outward/exit end of the drive through. Two for parallel parking, adjacent to the Memorial Bell Tower, and three for angle parking on the right side of the exit driveway.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY MAGAZINE/NEWSLETTER
Our Catholic Weekly Magazine/Newsletter are available at the foyer, grab a copy for just \$2 each.

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH
Our Parish community warmly welcomes the family of **Casper and Evander Adams** who will be baptised in our parish this weekend.

Collections– do you know the difference?

The **1st Collection** goes into the Presbytery account for the support of the priests—in appointments in our Parish and across the Diocese as well as those in retirement

2nd Collection goes into the Parish or Church account to support the Parish activities and upkeep of all the buildings (including insurance)

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 SCHOOL MASS 09.30 am
Wednesday 09.30 am
Thursday NO MASS
Friday 09.00 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

“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.

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, please contact the Parish Office.

**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	-	\$	895.65
Planned Giving	-	\$	518.00
Loose	-	\$	136.15
July TAP	-	\$	492.38
July EFT	-	\$	1,492.00

food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.
For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 14:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The feeding of the five thousand

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist’s death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, ‘This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.’ Jesus replied, ‘There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.’ But they answered ‘All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.’

‘Bring them here to me’ he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining; twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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.

PARISH PRAYER

Loving God, Father of us all, gather and form us into a caring and welcoming parish family. May Your Holy Spirit touch our hearts for us to reach out with compassion to those in need. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd. Amen.

Mary Help of Christians... pray for us.
St Edward the Confessor... pray for us.

Prayer for Priestly Vocations

Father, in your plan for our salvation you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love. Raise up worthy ministers for your altars and ardent but gentle servants of the gospel. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Eternal High Priest, Amen. St John the Baptist, Pray for us. St John Vianney, Pray for us.



ST EDWARD’S CATHOLIC PARISH
[Mary Help of Christians Church]

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Rev. Fr Roel Llave, Parish Priest
Hilda Raquepo, Parish Secretary
Alison Hatton, School Principal
Belinda Barry-Cupples & Andrew Millman, Assistant Principals
Sally Clarke, REC



18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME /A

02 August 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

First reading Isaiah 55:1-3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Come and eat

Thus says the Lord: Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 144(145):8-9,15-18

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live.

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Second reading Romans 8:35,37-39

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

No created thing can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking