

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

Our Deceased

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

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.

The Journey to
EUCHARIST28

DIDASKŌ
Faith Formation 2026

**The Eucharist in
the Life of the Church**

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.

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<u>MINISTRY ROSTER</u>				
11– 12 July— 15th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A				
	Reader	EMHC	Piety	Counters
Saturday 5.30 pm	D. Sullivan	T. Tighe	D. Sullivan	G. Smith & L. Coleman
Sunday 9.00 am	J. Thompson	Y. Benning	H. McCluand	
Sunday 5.30 pm	P. Frost	S. Grace	C. Frost	
18– 19 July— 16th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A				
	Reader	EMHC	Piety	Counters
Saturday 5.30 pm	J. Milne	K. Pearson	R. Stortenbeker	S & J Jackson
Sunday 9.00 am	S. Cunneen	E. Elsely	C. Norvill	
Sunday 5.30 pm	K. Lopez	K. Keating	J. McKenzie	

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>



PRAYER FOR SEAFARERS

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Have mercy on all seafarers

Our Father. . .
Hail Mary. . .

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Pray for us
St Peter, Pray for us
St Andrew, Pray for us.

Let us pray
O God, in Your kindness, lead all seafarers through the perils of the ocean and bring them back in safety to their homes and friends. Guide them through the many temptations their way of life occasions. Inspire them to make fruitful use of the centres and chapels Your Church has established for them, and grant that they may learn to love and follow You with strength and loyalty through Christ Our Lord. Amen

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP
White Ants 34th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Wednesday, 15 July 2026
Mini Reflection Day with Fr. Roel at 10:00am
Mass at 11:00 am.

(To be followed by lunch at Centillion Chinese Restaurant).

All Parishioners are warmly invited to join.

SAFE MINISTRY WORKSHOP
HERE AT ST EDWARD’S

The Diocesan Safeguarding team are touring the Diocese to deliver the Safe Ministry Workshop.

They will be coming to our Parish on **Wednesday 5th August 2026.**

All parishioners are welcome to attend, mandatory attendance is required for all Parish volunteers and employees.

Program runs from: 5:00 - 6:45pm

Please come along to be informed and equipped to help create a more safer and caring Parish environment.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY MAGAZINE
/NEWSLETTER

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

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	09.30 am
Wednesday	11.00 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

“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	-	\$	819.45
Planned Giving	-	\$	689.00
Loose	-	\$	164.60
June TAP	-	\$	588.29
June EFT	-	\$	1,812.00
Peter’s Pence	-	\$	723.30

Gospel Acclamation 1S3:9,Jn6:68
Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 13:1-23
A sower went out to sow

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, ‘Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!’

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, ‘Why do you talk to them in parables?’ ‘Because’ he replied, ‘the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled: You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

‘But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

‘You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.’ 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.

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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15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME /A

12 JULY 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
The sparrow finds home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of host, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise

First reading Isaiah 55:10-11
A reading from the book of Isaiah.

The word that goes out from my mouth does not return to me empty

Thus says the Lord: ‘As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.’ The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 64(65):10-14
R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows; you level it, soften it with showers; you bless its growth.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

3. You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Second reading Romans 8:18-23
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free. The word of the Lord