

In your charity, please pray for our sick

People of Donetsk, 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

Carol Ham, Fr. Joe Adriano, SJ Murrie, Jim Moriarty, Patrick Thom-as, 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

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.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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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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 – This is My Body, Given For You

The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 (‘Eucharist28’) will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be a festival of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music – a truly ‘once in a lifetime’ experience, and a transformative moment for our nation.

The theme for Eucharist28 is ‘This is My Body, Given For You’, which invites us to reflect on the words that Christ spoke as he instituted the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

At each Mass, the priest repeats Jesus’ words from the Last Supper, and the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

This miraculous change does not end with the gifts. As we receive the Body of Christ, we are transformed into the Body of Christ, carrying His presence into our homes, workplaces, schools, parishes and communities.

Just as He gave His life for us, we too are called to offer our lives in sacrifice and service to God and to those around us.

This national journey to Eucharist28 is an invitation for all of us to share in the breaking of the bread and allow Christ’s presence to transform us. The journey begins now, in our own hearts and in our own parishes.

For catechetical material to help your parish and community prepare for this moment, head to eucharist28.org/resources.



Prayer for the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Holy Father
Who watches over every person Watch over me too when I am elderly.
You have revealed your name to me in Christ, And You were not discouraged by my frailties.
You hold me tenderly in your hands,
And You caress my lines.
You will never forget me! (see Is 49:15).

Grant that I may not fear my weakness; Help me learn to love it
Just as You love it.
Help me learn to listen to it Just as You listen to it.
Help me embrace it
Just as You have chosen it –
You who, though all-powerful, clothed yourself in humility.

May growing old strip away all our pride and all division
So that we may live these years united in You.
You will never forget us! (see Is 49:15) Amen.



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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR RETIRED CLERGY & EDUCATION OF SEMINARIANS ALL WEEKEND ON 02 AUGUST 2026

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE 2026

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

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

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 09.30 am
Friday Funeral Mass 10.00 am
(Carol Ham)

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	-	\$	710.60
Planned Giving	-	\$	770.00
Loose	-	\$	150.00
June TAP	-	\$	588.29
June EFT	-	\$	1,812.00

MINISTRY ROSTER

25– 26 July— 17th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A

	Reader	EMHC	Piety	
Saturday 5.30 pm	G. York	G. Smith	J. Milne	
Sunday 9.00 am	School Mass	J. MacRae	O. Robson	
Sunday 5.30 pm	B. Barry	D. Stevens	C. Frost	Counters R. Gorman & G. Crocker

01– 02 August— 18th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A

	Reader	EMHC	Piety	
Saturday 5.30 pm	A. Hatton	H. Harvey	D. Sullivan	
Sunday 9.00 am	B. Bruccoleri	B. Simpson	F. Moloney	Counters P. & C. Frost
Sunday 5.30 pm	K. Ringland	R. Fisher	J. Mckenzie	

Second reading Romans 8:28-30
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Those he called, he justified
We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation cf Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 13:44-52
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He sells everything he owns and buys the field
Jesus said to the crowds, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.
‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.
‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down,

they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.
‘Have you understood all this?’ They said, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.’

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.



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Belinda Barry-Cupples & Andrew Millman, Assistant Principals
Sally Clarke, REC



17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME /A

26 JULY 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

First reading 1 Kings 3:5,7-12

Solomon chooses the gift of wisdom
The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, ‘Ask what you would like me to give you.’ Solomon replied, ‘O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?’ It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. ‘Since you have asked for this’ the Lord said ‘and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 118(119):57,72,76-77,127-130

- R. Lord, I love your commands.
1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold.
- R. Lord, I love your commands.
2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come and I shall live for your law is my delight.
- R. Lord, I love your commands.
3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold, why I rule my life by your precepts, and hate false ways.
- R. Lord, I love your commands.
4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple.
- R. Lord, I love your commands.