

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 Kramatorsk & Sloviansk

Our Deceased

Eileen Mary Griffiths, 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					
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		
15– 16 August— 20th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A					
	Reader	EMHC	Piety	Counters	
Saturday 5.30 pm	H. Harvey	K. Pearson	J. Milne	S. Cunneen & T. Hill	
Sunday 9.00 am	C. Norvill	E. Elsely	R. Evans		
Sunday 5.30 pm	M. McKenzie	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>



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.





SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
15 August
There will be a Mass at 9:30 am & 5:30pm

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM CONFIRMATION

SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, SUNDAY 9:00 AM

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be on September 13, Sunday at 9:00 am Mass. St. Edward’s Catholic School works closely with the Parish and supports the Sacramental Program, particularly through focused Religious Education units. They run the program for kids in our Catholic school.

The Sacramental Program for our children in Public schools is parish based and is run in small groups of children who each have a parent attend with them. The child works with their parent through learning material which is supplied. The program focuses on the parent sharing faith with their child.

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL COLLECTION: GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL
We have collected the total amount of \$ **802.65** from the last weekend special collection. Thank you for your generosity in sharing your blessings to the *Clergy & Seminarian Education & Priest Retirement Fund*. May God bless us all.

VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK
National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in Australia during the week of August 2-9, 2026. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation.

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.

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		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
<u>Confessions</u>		
Saturday	04.45 pm to 05.15 pm	
Sunday	08.15 am to 08.45 am	
	04.45 pm to 05.15 pm	
<u>Baptism</u>		
by appointment/Online booking: https://stedwardsparish.org.au/sacraments/		
<u>Wedding, Anointing of the Sick & Funeral</u>		
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	-	\$	686.65
Planned Giving	-	\$	585.00
Loose	-	\$	83.40
July TAP	-	\$	492.38
July EFT	-	\$	1,492.00

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my brothers

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation **Ps 129:5**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 14:22-33**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus walks on the water

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on

the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. ‘It is a ghost’ they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, ‘Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.’ It was Peter who answered. ‘Lord,’ he said ‘if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.’ ‘Come’ said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. ‘Lord! Save me!’ he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. ‘Man of little faith,’ he said ‘why did you doubt?’ And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, ‘Truly, you are the Son of God.’ **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



19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME /A

09 August 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

First reading **1 Kings 19:9,11-13**

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The Lord was not in the wind, or the earthquake, or the fire

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, ‘Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.’ Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 84(85):9-14**

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps.

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Second reading **Romans 9:1-5**

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