

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

William John Pearce, Ivan Petch, 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

Kevin Ferguson, 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.



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 (with light refreshments afterwards)
Location	:	The Grand Ballroom – Wests’ Diggers Club, 4 Kable Avenue, Tamworth NSW 2340

<u>MINISTRY ROSTER</u>				
15– 16 August— 20th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A				
	Reader	EMHC	Piety	
Saturday 5.30 pm	H. Harvey	K. Pearson	J. Milne	Counters S. Cunneen & T. Hill
Sunday 9.00 am	C. Norvill	E. Elselý	R. Evans	
Sunday 5.30 pm	M. McKenzie	K. Keating	J. McKenzie	
22– 23 August— 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A				
	Reader	EMHC	Piety	
Saturday 5.30 pm	G. Tighe	G. Smith	D. Sullivan	Counters F. Gooley & G. Tighe
Sunday 9.00 am	SCHOOL MASS	J. MacRae	H. McCLuand	
Sunday 5.30 pm	P. Frost	D. Stevens	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.



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.

Prayer for Confirmation Candidates

God our Father, We thank you for our young people who are preparing for the Sacrament Of Confirmation. You call each one of them by name and promise that whatever happens in their lives, you will be with them always. We pray that this journey to Confirmation will be an opportunity for them to deepen their faith and renew their hope in you so that your love may shine through them to the world. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL COLLECTION: GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL
We have collected the total amount of \$ **932.65** 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.

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.

 ***Simplicity September***

This September, simplify one thing in your life and discover what truly matters.

Sponsor yourself, your family or a friend to participate and raise money for **Palms International Volunteering**, Australia’s only Catholic lay organisation that delivers international development and formation through long term international volunteering.

Join Australians across the country supporting Palms’ work in the Asia-Pacific.

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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		NO MASS
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	-	\$	635.60
Planned Giving	-	\$	688.00
Loose	-	\$	155.80
July TAP	-	\$	492.38
July EFT	-	\$	1,492.00

what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The Canaanite woman debates with Jesus and saves her daughter

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, ‘Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.’ But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. ‘Give her what she wants,’ they said ‘because she is shouting after us.’ He said in reply, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.’

But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. ‘Lord,’ she said ‘help me.’ He replied, ‘It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the house -dogs.’ She retorted, ‘Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master’s table.’ Then Jesus answered her, ‘Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.’ And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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;
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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Alison Hatton, School Principal
Belinda Barry-Cupples & Andrew Millman, Assistant Principals
Sally Clarke, REC



20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME /A

16 August 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
Turn your eyes, O God, our Shields; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

First reading Isaiah 56:1,6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will bring foreigners to my holy mountain

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 66(67):2-3,5-6,8

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help.

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth.

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him.

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Second reading Romans 11:13-15,29-32

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

With Israel, God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know