

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, 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 Myanmar

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



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

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.

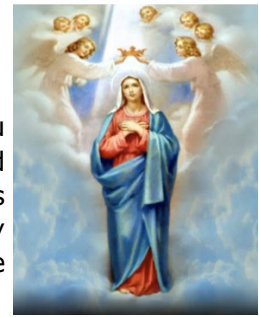


Prayer for the Pope

O' God, Shepherd and Ruler of all the faithful. Look favourably on your servant Leo, whom you have set as the head of your Church as her shepherd. Grant we pray, that by word and example, he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life, through our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.
Amen.

THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

"Blessed are you who have believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord will be fulfilled."



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.

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 09.00 am
Funeral Liturgy 10.30 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

"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	-	\$	746.15
Planned Giving	-	\$	624.00
Loose	-	\$	88.00
July TAP	-	\$	492.38
July EFT	-	\$	1,492.00

MINISTRY ROSTER

22– 23 August— 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A

	Reader	EMHC	Piety	
Saturday 5.30 pm	G. Tighe	G. Smith	D. Sullivan	
Sunday 9.00 am	SCHOOL MASS	J. MacRae	H. McCLuand	Counters
Sunday 5.30 pm	P. Frost	D. Stevens	C. Frost	F. Gooley & G. Tighe

29– 30 August— 22nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A

	Reader	EMHC	Piety	
Saturday 5.30 pm	D. Sullivan	H. Harvey	R. Stortenbeker	
Sunday 9.00 am	A. Millman	B. Simpson	C. Norvill	Counters
Sunday 5.30 pm	K. Lopez	R. Fisher	J. McKenzie	F. Gooley & G. Tighe

or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, ‘Who do people say the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ‘But you,’ he said ‘who do you say I am?’ Then Simon Peter spoke up, ‘You are the Christ,’ he said, ‘the Son of the living God.’ Jesus replied, ‘Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be

considered loosed in heaven.’ Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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.

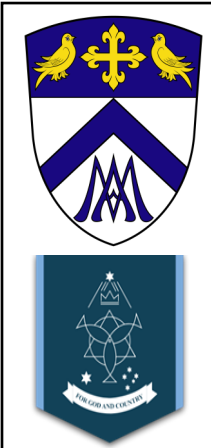
PARISH PRAYER

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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Hilda Raquepo, Parish Secretary
Alison Hatton, School Principal
Belinda Barry-Cupples & Andrew Millman, Assistant Principals
Sally Clarke, REC

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME /A

23 August 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trust in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

First reading Isaiah 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I place the key of the House of David on my servant's shoulder

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkihah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father’s house.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 137(138):1-3,6,8
R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart: you have heard the words of my mouth. In the presence of the angels I will bless you. I will

adore before your holy temple.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love, which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Second reading Romans 11:33-36

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

All that exists comes from him; all is by him and from him.

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives