

In your charity, please pray for our sick

Anna, 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, Harold, Masoud, Jared, Charles, Li, Ingrid, Wang, Anna

Our Deceased

Barry Carl Mathes, Fr. Bernie Frize, William John Pearce, Ivan Petch, Eileen Mary Griffiths, Fr. Michael Mullane, Carol Ham, Fr. Joe Adriano, SJ Murrie, Jim Moriarty

Anniversary of Death

Sr. Gemma Burke RSM, Anne Burke, Kevin Ferguson, Bong Lacuesta, Lindsay Hobson, Agnes Michell, Bernard Andren

ARMIDALE DIOCESE SAFEGUARDING & PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS OFFICE

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

LOVE IN ACTION. LOVE PROTECTS.

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2026

"Your mission is to help ensure that abuse is prevented. Yet prevention is never just a set of protocols or procedures. It is about helping to form, throughout the Church, a culture of care, in which the protection of minors and persons in vulnerable situations is not seen as an obligation imposed from outside, but as a natural expression of faith."

Pope Leo XIV, 16 March 2026

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Safeguarding is the **protection** of those in our care. It is an **act of love**. And love is central to our **faith**.

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<u>MINISTRY ROSTER</u>				
12– 13 September— 24th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A				
	Reader	EMHC	Piety	Counters
Saturday 5.30 pm	G. Tighe	K. Pearson	D. Sullivan	G. Smith & L. Coleman
Sunday 9.00 am	CONFIRMATION MASS	E. Elsey	F. Moloney	
Sunday 5.30 pm	K. Ringland	K. Keating	J. McKenzie	
19– 20 September— 25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A				
	Reader	EMHC	Piety	Counters
Saturday 5.30 pm	G. York	G. Smith	R. Stortenbeker	S. & J. Jackson
Sunday 9.00 am	P. Hla	J. MacRae	B. Bruccoleri	
Sunday 5.30 pm	J. McKenzie	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.



HAPPY CONFIRMATION DAY!

May you and your family always be blessed as you walk the righteous path through life.

CENTACARE NEW ENGLAND NORTHWEST – SEEKING EXTERNAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Centacare NENW are seeking External Committee members. These are exciting opportunities for local professionals who are passionate about contributing to the governance of a well-respected not-for-profit organisation serving communities across the New England Northwest region. External Committee Members provide valuable advice, expertise and local perspectives to support effective decision-making, strong governance and positive organisational outcomes. Committee meetings are generally held online and occur approximately **3–6 times per year**. The positions are listed on SEEK and can be found following these links: People Quality and Safety Committee <https://au.seek.com/job/94505266> Governance & Remuneration Committee <https://au.seek.com/job/94505267> Finance, Audit & Risk Management Committee <https://au.seek.com/job/94505268>

RALLY FOR LIFE – PARLIAMENT HOUSE SYDNEY
Tuesday 15 September 6pm-7pm

Every year in New South Wales, thousands of unborn babies lose their lives to abortion - **right through all 40 weeks of pregnancy**.

In 2024 alone, **17,740 babies** lost their lives to abortion in NSW. NSW law allows abortion through all 40 weeks of pregnancy. We cannot stay silent.

This is our opportunity to send a clear message to every NSW MP before the next election in March 2027: The public is watching, we will not accept abortion up to birth, and we expect our elected representatives to act.

For more information about the how and where go to this link: [NSW Rally For Life September 2026](https://www.nsw.gov.au/rally-for-life)

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

19 SEP OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE FEAST DAY
27 SEP 112th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2026
07 OCT SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
18 OCT MISSION SUNDAY
26-30OCT CLERGY RETREAT
2-6 NOV AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE PLENARY MEETING
22 NOV WORLD YOUTH DAY (Diocesan Celebrations)
29 NOV FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Our Parish community warmly welcomes the family of **Elijah Krupljanin** who will be baptised in our parish this weekend.

OUR PARISH COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARDING

Our Parish is committed to the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards and has a zero-tolerance approach to abuse. This is everyone's responsibility. If you have any concerns or feedback, please contact the Parish/Parish Priest/Safeguarding Contact Person and our Diocesan Safeguarding and Professional Standards Office on (02) 6771 8700 or safeguarding@armidale.catholic.org.au

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)

For those who wish to donate and join the Plan Giving Program, please contact the Parish Office for the details.

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 09.30 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	-	\$	810.25
Planned Giving	-	\$	751.00
Loose	-	\$	191.75
August TAP	-	\$	413.32
August EFT	-	\$	1,462.00

Second reading Romans 14:7-9
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Alive or dead, we belong to the Lord

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation John 13:34
Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 18:21-35
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

To be forgiven, you must forgive

Peter went up to Jesus and said, ‘Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?’ Jesus answered, ‘Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. ‘And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master’s feet. “Give me time” he said “and I will pay the whole sum.” And the servant’s master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. “Pay what you owe me” he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, “Give me time and I will pay you.” But the other would not agree; on the contrary,

he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. “You wicked servant,” he said “I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?” And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.’

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

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Alison Hatton, School Principal

Belinda Barry-Cupples & Andrew Millman, Assistant Principals

Sally Clarke, REC

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME /A

13 SEPTEMBER 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

First reading Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9

A reading from the prophet Ecclesiasticus

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you; and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 102(103):1-4,9-12

R. The Lord is kind and merciful: slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful: slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful: slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

3. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful: slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

4. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful: slow to anger, and rich in compassion.