

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, Sharon Peachy

Anniversary of Death

Kevin Gorman, Dominga Calilung, Murray Thorn, Neville Herden, Sr. Gemma Burke RSM, Anne Burke, Kevin Ferguson, Bong Lacuesta, Lindsay Hobson, Agnes Michell, Bernard Andren



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.

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.



Let us come and celebrate our cultural diversity and share our traditional food as we celebrate the 112th World Day of Migrant and Refugee on Sunday, 27 September 2026
Theme: Even Just One of These Children
9.00am Holy Mass followed by morning tea
please bring a typical dish from your home country/region

PARISH SPECIAL GATHERING AND MASS FOR HOMEBOUNDS
Everyone is invited to join and gather as one in a Eucharistic Celebration for "Homebounds" and **Feast of St. Edward** on **13th October at 2:00 pm** followed by "Afternoon Tea". Volunteers are welcome to help elderly homebounds to come to the church.

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

27	Sep	112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees Theme: "Even Just One of These Children"
07	Oct	Solemnity of Our Lady of the Rosary
13	Oct	Feast of St. Edward (Mass for the Homebound)
18	Oct	Mission Sunday
26-30	Oct	Clergy Retreat (no mass on these dates)
22	Nov	World Youth Day (Diocesan Celebrations)
29	Nov	First Sunday of Advent
12	Dec	Anniversary of Dedication of Saints Mary and Joseph's Cathedral Armidale
12	Dec	Priestly Ordination of Rev. Deacon Allem Alba

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>

Newsletter Notices – Survey of Catholic Couples over September

The Australian Catholic Bishops are funding a survey over the month of September into the experience of Catholics in their first 10 years of marriage. The information gathered will inform the development of pastoral responses and resources for this vital stage of married life.

Any couple married in the last 10 years, where at least one spouse is Catholic, can contribute their valuable insights via this link <https://thepmrc.org/survey> All answers are anonymous and confidential, and participants can contact the researchers directly with any questions via the survey link.

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

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	-	\$	1,089.90
Planned Giving	-	\$	490.00
Loose	-	\$	239.55
August TAP	-	\$	413.32
August EFT	-	\$	1,462.00

MINISTRY ROSTER				
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. Brucoleri	
Sunday 5.30 pm	J. McKenzie	D. Stevens	C. Frost	
26– 27 September— 26th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A				
	Reader	EMHC	Piety	Counters
Saturday 5.30 pm	G. Smith	H. Harvey	J. Milne	R. Gorman & G. Crocker
Sunday 9.00 am	J. Thompson	B. Simpson	R. Evans	
Sunday 5.30 pm	M. McKenzie	R. Fisher	J. McKenzie	

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.

Gospel Acclamation cf Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Why be envious because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, “You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.” So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, “Why have you been standing here idle all day?” “Because no one has hired us” they answered. He said to them, “You go into my vineyard too.” In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.” So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. “The men who came last” they said “have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us,

though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.” He answered one of them and said, “My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?” Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.’

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

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME /A

20 SEPTEMBER 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

First reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

My thoughts are not your thoughts

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. **The word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 144(145):2-3,8-9,17-18

R. The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. **R**

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R**

3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **R**

Second reading Philippians 1:20-24,27

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

Life to me is Christ; but death would bring me more

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ. **The word of the Lord**