In your charity, please pray for our sick

Di Brown, Anna, Vlad, Charles, Martin Fardy, Brian Sullivan, Jordon Cox, Susie, Margaret Livingstone, 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, 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, Mag, Joe, Emomali, Nikol,Johnny, Seamus,

Our Deceased

Fr. Bernie Flood, Carol Costales-Dizon, Fr. Barry Leech, Gregory John Hungerford, Katelyn Wall, Naomi Newbury, Colin Middleton, Jenny York, 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

Lima Gorman, Don Davidson, Josip Jursic, Jill Mifsud, Henry Mifsud, Godofredo Vivar, Ted Constant, Vera Benning, Adrianne Meffem, Kevin Gorman, Murray Thorn, Neville Herden, Sr. Gemma Burke RSM, Anne Burke



THANKSGIVING MASS FOR THE SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH

On **Saturday 14 November 2026**, a Mass of Thanksgiving will be offered for the **Sisters of Saint Joseph**, who at the end of this year will no longer have a presence in formal ministry in the Diocese.

Mary MacKillop responded to the request of Bishop Torregiani and the first Sisters arrived in 1880. Since then, 590 Sisters have ministered firstly in schools then, motor mission, parish and spirituality. Many students, parishioners and families and clergy have been touched by their commitment to God's Mission.

Mass will be celebrated in **St. Patrick's Church West Tamworth at 11am,** followed by a light lunch.

For catering purposes, please **RSVP to Kim McKenzie** via email: Kim.McKenzie@sosj.org.au or phone: **02 8741 2311 by Tuesday, 03 November 2026**.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

ROSARY GROUP
Meet in private homes at 10 am 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 weekday from 9-11 am
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*

REV. DEACON ALLEM PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION

The Catholic Diocese of Armidale cordially invites you to the **ORDINATION TO THE SACRED PRIESTHOOD of Rev. Deacon Allem James Alba on The Solemnity of the Dedication of the Armidale Cathedral, Saturday, 12 December 2026 at 11:00 am at Saints Mary and Joseph Cathedral.**

His **FIRST HOLY MASS** will be celebrated on **Gaudete Sunday, 13 December 2026 at 9:30 am at St. Nicholas Parish Church, East Tamworth**

A **THANKSGIVING MASS** marking the First Day of Simbang Gabi, **Tuesday, 15 December at 6:00 pm at St. Edward's Parish, South Tamworth**

The priest will give First Priestly Blessings after each Mass.

RSVP codes for **Ordination** and **First Holy Mass** are available at the official invitation posted on the church bulletin board.

MINISTRY ROSTER

31– 01 November— ALL SAINTS DAY – Year A

	Reader	EMHC	Piety	
Saturday 5.30 p	A. Hatton	T. Tighe	R. Stortenbeker	Counters
Sunday 9.00 am	C. Norvill	Y. Benning	B. Bruccoleri	L. & E. Hearne
Sunday 5.30 pm	K. Ringland	S. Grace	E. Hearne	

07– 08 November— 32nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME – Year A

	Reader	EMHC	Piety	
Saturday 5.30 p	G. York	G. Smith	J. Milne	Counters
Sunday 9.00 am	A. Millman	E. Elsely	R. Evans	M. & H. Harvey
Sunday 5.30 pm	M. McKenzie	K. Keating	J. McKenzie	

PARISH ANNUAL LUNCH 2026

The annual Parish lunch will be held on Sunday, November 29th, 2026, at 12.00 pm, at Centillion Chinese Restaurant. The cost for the last few years has been $25.00, but this year it will be $28.00 per person, plus drinks. Please add your name to the nomination form in the church foyer and provide your contact phone number. If you require transport, please get in touch with the Parish office.

ALL SOULS DAY (NOVEMBER 2)

November is a special time of the year devoted by the Holy Mother Church to our beloved departed. During this month, the Church asks us to redouble our prayers and sacrifices for the remission of debt incurred by the faithful departed whose sins have already been pardoned. We are pleased to accept names of the deceased to be remembered at our altar during Holy Mass. You can enrol the names of your beloved deceased using the envelope found at the foyer or via online:
https:docs.google.comformsd/1S_jKuG9Sdr7vb7wc7nOqlPwdmKc2C7fBJa_5d3t3oM/edit
Remembrance list will be updated each week. All Mass offerings will be offered in general and in particular throughout the months of November and December.

Real Talk Parents & Caregivers Sessions – 2026

Wednesday, 11th November, 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm
St. Nicholas Primary School

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Our Parish community warmly welcomes the family of ***Hallie Joan Ticehurst*** who will be baptised in our parish this weekend.

Catholic Mission Special Collection

On behalf of the Church in Malawi, thank you once again for your generosity. Your support is helping create spaces where children like Yamikani* can learn, families can rebuild, and communities can move forward together.
If you have not yet had the opportunity to donate, please visit ***catholicmission.org.au/united*** to lend your support today.
To learn more about the impact you can make through Catholic Mission, visit ***catholicmission.org.au/our-work*** to see other examples of life-giving programs around the world.

CALENDAR EVENTS

11	Nov	Real Talk Parents & Caregivers
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
15-23	Dec	Christmas Novena Mass (Simbang Gabi)
25	Dec	Solemnity of the Lord's Nativity

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 to go to the toilet or for any other reason. accompanied when leaving the Church during Mass

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

1st Collection	-	**$ 794.65**
Planned Giving	-	**$ 623.00**
Loose	-	**$ 146.70**
October TAP	-	**$ 435.10**
October EFT	-	**$ 2,097.00**
Special Collection	-	**$ 966.10**

Collections– do you know the difference?

The **1st Collection** goes into the Presbytery account to support 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 get in touch with the Parish Office for the details.

Second reading **1 John 3:1-3**

A reading from the first letter of John

We shall be like God because we shall see him as he really is

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation **Mt11:28**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 5:1-12a**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

How happy are the poor in spirit

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.' **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.

PRAYER FOR RAIN

Almighty God, we are in need of rain. We realise now, looking up into the clear, blue sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! We place our trust in You. Look on our dry hills, valleys and paddocks, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. We wait and watch for your gift of rain. Then the land will rejoice, and the rivers will sing Your praises, and our hearts will be made glad. Amen.

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Sally Clarke, REC



ALL SAINTS /A **01 November 2026**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
Blessed are the clean heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

First reading **Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14**

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 23(24):1-6**

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm.

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things.

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob.

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.