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

Gregory John Hungerford, Katlyn 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

Jill Mifsud, Henry Mifsud, Godofredo Vivar, Ted Constant, Vera Benning, Adrianne Meffem, Kevin Gorman, Murray Thorn, Neville Herden, Sr. Gemma Burke RSM, Anne Burke, Kevin Ferguson, Bong Lacuesta, Lindsay Hobson, Agnes Michell, Bernard Andren

PARISH SPECIAL GATHERING AND MASS FOR HOMEBOUNDS

Everyone is invited to join and gather as one in a Eucharistic Celebration for **"Homebounds" and the 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.

EUCHARISTIC ROSARY PROCESSION

Everyone is invited to a **Eucharistic Rosary Procession** on **Fri 16th Oct, commencing at 7.30 pm in the chapel at Nazareth Care**. Please bring a plate to share for supper. Catholic goods are available to purchase from the Frassati Society (cash and bank transfer only).

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 by 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 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*

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.

MINISTRY ROSTER

03– 04 October— 27th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A

	Reader	EMHC	Piety	
Saturday 5.30 pm	H. Harvey	T. Tighe	D. Sullivan	Counters
Sunday 9.00 am	S. Cunneen	Y. Benning	H. McCluand	G. Tighe
Sunday 5.30 pm	K. Lopez	S. Grace	C. Frost	

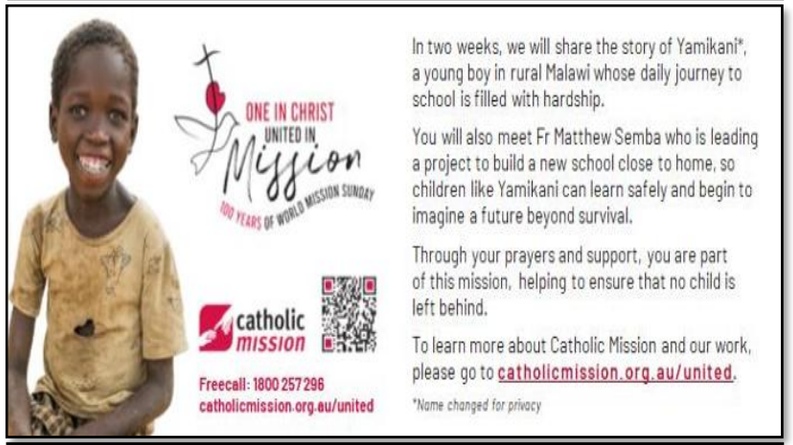
10– 11 October— 28th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A

	Reader	EMHC	Piety	
Saturday 5.30 pm	G. Tighe	K. Pearson	R. Stortenbeker	Counters
Sunday 9.00 am	B. Bruccoleri	E. Elsley	C. Norvill	J. MacRae & J. Milne
Sunday 5.30 pm	P. Frost	K. Keating	E. Hearne	

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

Public Rosary Rally
Saturday, 10 October, 4:30 pm at St. Edward's Parish
Join us as we pray for our nation

On this day, let us join Australia to pray in public, offering rosary rallies to Our Lady as a bouquet of spiritual roses.
By praying and bearing witness to our Faith in public, we will draw down God's mercy upon our country. Praying the Rosary in public is a public act of reparation for the sins and offences committed against the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
Saint Louis de Montfort says in The Secret of the Rosary that:
"Prayer in public is more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy. Therefore, Holy Mother Church has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."



WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Our Parish community warmly welcomes the family of ***Billy Lee Keen and Lennox Lee Keen*** who will be baptised in our parish this weekend.

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

07	Oct	Solemnity of Our Lady of the Rosary
10	Oct	Public Rosary Rally
13	Oct	Feast of St. Edward (Mass for Homebound)
18	Oct	Mission Sunday
26-30	Oct	Clergy Retreat
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

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	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 the Mass

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

1st Collection	-	**$ 657.45**
Planned Giving	-	**$ 513.00**
Loose	-	**$ 128.60**
August TAP	-	**$ 413.32**
August EFT	-	**$ 1,462.00**

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 **Philippians 4:6-9**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philippians.

If there is anything you need, pray for it.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation **cf John 15:15**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 21:33-43**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

This is the landlord's heir: come, let us kill him

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

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.

ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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Belinda Barry-Cupples & Andrew Millman, Assistant Principals
Sally Clarke, REC

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME /A **04 October 2026**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

First reading **Isaiah 5:1-7**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Against the Lord's vineyard.

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the Briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress. **The word of the Lord**

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 79(80):9,12-16,19-20

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **(R)**

2. Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R)**

3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **(R)**

4. And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.
(R)