In your charity, please pray for our sick

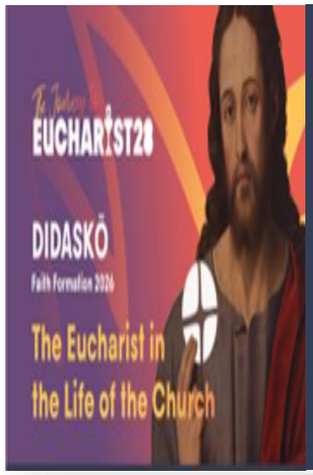
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Our Deceased

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

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, Kevin Ferguson, Bong Lacuesta, Lindsay Hobson, Agnes Michell, Bernard Andren







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*

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**.

MINISTRY ROSTER

17– 18 October— 29th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A

	Reader	EMHC	Piety	
Saturday 5.30 pm	D. Sullivan	G. Smith	J. Milne	Counters
Sunday 9.00 am	F. Gooley	J. MacRae	O. Robson	S. Cunneen & T. Hill
Sunday 5.30 pm	B. Barry	D. Stevens	J. McKenzie	

24– 25 October— 30th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A

	Reader	EMHC	Piety	
Saturday 5.30 pm	J. Milne	H. Harvey	D. Sullivan	Counters
Sunday 9.00 am	SCHOLL MASS	B. Simpson	F. Moloney	G. Tighe & F. Gooley
Sunday 5.30 pm	J. McKenzie	R. Fisher	C. Frost	

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

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.

Catholic Mission Special Collection
We are having a special collection all weekend, **17 and 18 October 2026**. You are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home.

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Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn,
be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs.
As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'.
Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope, scan the QR code, or visit catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today.



NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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		NO MASS
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 the Mass

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

1st Collection	-	**$ 675.25**
Planned Giving	-	**$ 623.00**
Loose	-	**$ 174.30**
September TAP	-	**$ 628.72**
September EFT	-	**$ 1,092.00**

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 **1 Thessalonians 1:1-5**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Thessalonians.

We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation **Philippians 2:15-16**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 22:15-21**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

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.**

ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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Rev. Fr Roel Llave, Parish Priest
Hilda Raquepo, Parish Secretary

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

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME /A **18 October 2026**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me, hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

First reading **Isaiah 45:1,4-6**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: 'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 95(96):1,3-5,7-10

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples.**(R)**

2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens, **(R)**

3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. **(R)**

4. Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R)**