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 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, Mag, Joe, Emomali, Nikol,Johnny, Seamus,

Our Deceased

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

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

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.



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*



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.

MINISTRY ROSTER

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	

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	

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

Thank you for your generous support of the Church in Malawi and the communities it serves. Because of your kindness, children like Yamikani* will have greater access to education, nourishment, and the opportunity to build a hopeful future. And if you chose to become a Mission Partner with a monthly gift - thank you so much for your ongoing commitment.
To learn more about the work of Catholic Mission in Malawi and around the world, please visit **catholicmission.org.au/our-work**.
Thank you again for your compassion, and please keep this impactful work in your prayers.

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**.

Real Talk Parents & Caregivers Sessions – 2026

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

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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	-	**$ 821.60**
Planned Giving	-	**$ 478.00**
Loose	-	**$ 131.60**
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.

for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation **John 14:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 22:34-40**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The commandments of love

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'**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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Sally Clarke, REC



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME /A **25 October 2026**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.
COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

First reading **Exodus 22:20-26**
A reading from the prophet Isaiah

If you are harsh with the widow and orphan, my anger will flare against you

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this: '"You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. '"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. '"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."'
The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 17(18):2-4,47,51

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise, when I call I am saved from my foes.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me, He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second reading
1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Thessalonians.

You broke with idolatry and became servants of God; you are now waiting for his Son

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was