In your charity, please pray for our sick

Di Brown, 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, Kim

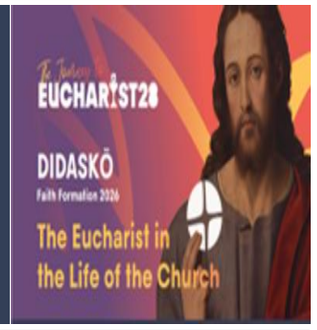
Our Deceased

Donald Gunn, Fr. Bernie Flood, Carol Costales, 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

Adriano Llave, 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





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.

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

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	

14– 15 November— 33rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME – Year A

	Reader	EMHC	Piety	
Saturday 5.30 p	G. Smith	K. Pearson	D. Sullivan	Counters
Sunday 9.00 am	C. Kelly	J. MacRae	H. McCluand	G. Smith & L. Coleman
Sunday 5.30 pm	P. Frost	D. Stevens	C. Frost	

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.

Columban Art Calendar – 2027

Order form for 2027 Columban Art Calendar is available in the foyer. Calendars will be $10.00 each. If you would like to purchase, please add your name and the number of Calendars you require.

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, at WESTS – please access via the Kent Street Entrance (in the next block up, from the Scully Park Pool) into the Mercure Hotel and park your vehicle in the Mercure carpark.

Please enter WESTS via the Mercure entry door and take the lift up to level 1 – the room is along to the right, on the walkway connecting the Mercure Hotel to WESTS.
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**.

FUNERAL MASS
REV. FR. JAMES BERNARD FLOOD
Wednesday, 11th November, 10:30 am
St. Nicholas Church

CALENDAR EVENTS

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-Friday	**NO MASS**
(Fr. Roel Retreat)	
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	-	**$ 792.70**
Planned Giving	-	**$ 772.00**
Loose	-	**$ 182.30**
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.

the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation **Matthew 24:42,44**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 25:1-13**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The wise and foolish virgins

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.' **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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Belinda Barry-Cupples & Andrew Millman, Assistant Principals
Sally Clarke, REC



32nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME/A **08 November 2026**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.
COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

First reading **Wisdom 6:12-16**

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is found by those who look for her

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them. **The word of the Lord**

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 62(63):2-8**

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

4. On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second reading **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians

Do not grieve about those who have died in Jesus

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out