



# ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

[Mary Help of Christians Church]

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## Lighting of the Advent Candle Prayer

3rd Sunday of Advent | Candle of Joy



(as the candles are lit, all pray)

Father, at the height of our Advent walk, we relight the candles of hope and peace, and we light a candle of joy. Grant us the courage to experience joy in the hope of the Saviour's coming: joy in the face of apathy, joy in the face of sorrow, joy in the face of uncertainty. Amen.

## In your charity, please pray for

### our sick

Fr John Willis	Shelly Howlett	John Green
Frances Cartwright	Barry Winning	Eduardo Morales
Julien Ryan	Chris Fardy	Harryson Rits
Angela Allan	Narelle Albans	Joan de Souza
Petrina (Fardy) Keys	Peachy Family	Peter Richards

### health & safety of

Anthony Shwe Hla Paw      Ginavis Naw Pha Day

### our deceased

+ Bernard Blanch	+ Shirley Burke
+ Deb Wilson	+ Margaret Hanna
+ Susana Sumang	+ Sr Margaret Keane, RSJ
+ Frank Conroy	+ Sr Geraldine Maher, OP

### Roman Martyrology

13/12 St Lucy, *virgin & martyr*  
14/12 St John of the Cross, *priest & doctor*  
15/12 St Maximinus, *confessor*  
16/12 St Eusebius, *bishop & martyr*  
17/12 St John de Matha, *priest*  
18/12 St Auxentius, *bishop*

*Omnes sancti martyres, orate pro nobis*

## Christmas Masses

<b>Friday</b>	<b>24/12 Christmas Eve</b>
04.00pm	Holy Mass, Vigil of Christmas (English)
06.00pm	Children's Mass, Vigil of Christmas (English)
08.00pm	Holy Mass, Vigil of Christmas (Filipino)
10.00pm	Mass of Christmas Night (English)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>25/12 Christmas Day</b>
09.00am	Mass of Christmas Day (English)
05.30pm	No Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>26/12 Feast of the Holy Family</b>
09.00am	Holy Mass (English)
5.30pm	Holy Mass (English)

Please note that you cannot fulfil both your Christmas obligation and your Sunday obligation with one Mass.

## THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

## PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle, be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

## Our History, Our Story | 1961-2021 1991-2000

Father Willis' first appointment was to Gunnedah for six years. He was transferred to Tamworth. During this time he was Chaplain at Tamworth Base Hospital, where he was highly respected for his dedication to patients and their families. Following Tamworth he was moved to Armidale and spent the next nine years at the Cathedral. He was appointed Parish Priest of South Tamworth in 1993, following the transfer of Father Frank Le Fevre to Tenterfield. He proved himself to be inspiring in his care of those in sorrow or troubles, his homilies were clear and concise; perhaps his greatest strength was in his care for the bereaved and those in need.

His sound business skills were used to great advantage in consolidating Parish assets and taking care of the debt. (Churches are not cheap.) Several new classrooms have been added at both school campuses, making St Edwards School the largest in the Diocese, the envy of other schools.

(Faith of Our Fathers, Living Still...  
Recounted and written by Kitty Thomas)

## Christmas Dues/Offering

At the end of the year, surplus funds in the 1st collection (Presbytery Account) are sent to the Armidale Clergy Fund (ACF) to help priests in smaller parishes, retired and sick clergy. This also means that, at the beginning of each year our Presbytery Account is \$0. Please help us cover our costs for January. Envelopes for Christmas Offering are included in the Planned Giving envelope packs or you may collect an envelope from the table in the foyer. Please leave on the collection plate at any Mass. This contributes towards the support of our priest and presbytery upkeep. Thank you!

## NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Advent Reconciliation (Rite II Penance)

Wednesday 15/12 5.30pm St Patrick's Church (West Tamworth)  
Wednesday 22/12 6.00pm St Nicholas Church (East Tamworth)

### Parish Christmas Party

All parishioners are warmly invited to lunch on Sunday 12/12, 12.45pm for 1pm at Dragon Palace Chinese Restaurant, Peel Street. Please add your name to the sign up sheet in the foyer, numbers are limited so avoid disappointment by signing up soon. RSVP by Saturday 11/12.

Cost: \$25/person Banquet Meal (Beef with Vegetables and Garlic, Sweet & Sour Pork, Satay Chicken & Fried Rice) Buy your own drinks.

### Christmas Eve Nativity Play

All children who are interested in being part of the Christmas Eve Nativity Play please register on the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

### Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help organise the annual Parish Christmas Day Lunch for those who are home alone. Please contact Fr Paul if interested.

### Home Alone for Christmas Lunch?

Why not join us in the hall on Christmas Day (25/12) for a very enjoyable lunch. Please complete the details on the sheet in the foyer.

### Christmas Fundraising

This year's Christmas fundraising project is for the benefit of the Rutete Parish's (Tanzania, Africa) education and livelihood program.

\* Jubilee Calendar \$10/each - We are now taking orders for the St Edwards Jubilee Calendar. Please add your name to the sign up sheet in the foyer if you would like to purchase a copy. Proceeds from the sale of the calendar goes to support the Rutete Parish's scholarship program. A full year's tuition for a senior high school student is about A\$700. We are hoping to help 2 Tanzanian senior students.

\* Christmas Baubles \$5/each - from early December we will start selling Christmas baubles to decorate our church's Christmas trees. Proceeds from the sale of the baubles is to support the livelihood project of Rutete Parish. The livelihood project targets to purchase 25 goats to be distributed to 25 families. Each family is tasked to raise the goat and give 1 female kid back to the parish so it can be given to another family. Each goat costs approx. A\$30

### Christmas Cards & Decors

Christmas items are now available at the Parish Piety Store.

### Make Our Christmas Liturgy a Beautiful Experience

We expect many visitors, Catholics who may be ready to return to the faith and non-Catholic seekers. Lets ensure that they have an amazing experience at St Edward's this Christmas.

### Greeter/Welcomer/Usher at Christmas Eve/Day Mass

Help make our Christmas liturgies beautiful and welcoming for all. Please sign the Volunteer Form in the foyer. If you've never ushered before, don't worry! We will train you.

### Readers and E.O. Ministers of Holy Communion

If you are available for our Christmas Masses, please volunteer. Kindly sign the sheet in the foyer.



## SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATA

## Immaculata Mission School 2022

You are invited to spend the first 9 days of 2022 with us as we discover what it means to *Be A Saint!* Program includes talks on the faith, praise & worship, daily Mass, Adoration & the Rosary, recreation, community & friendship. Families welcome and children's ministry available! Come and join us for an amazing time to grow in faith, and love for God and to make new friends!

**When:** 1-9<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 (Family program 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>)

**Where:** New England Girls' School, Armidale, NSW

**Cost:** \$450 - includes accommodation, food, speakers, talks and activities.

For family rates, additional information and TO REGISTER see:  
<http://www.sistersoftheimmaculata.org.au/ims>

For the health and safety of all concerned, parishioners are encouraged to comply with all relevant Public Health Orders.

\* Check-in QR Code/Manually \*Use Sanitiser  
\* Physical Distancing \*Wear Facemask

## Schedule of Masses & Sacraments

### Holy Mass 13-19 / 12

Monday	07.00am
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	09.30am
Thursday	09.30am
Friday	09.30am
Saturday	05.30pm
Sunday	09.00am & 05.30pm

### Confession

Saturday	04.45pm to 05.15pm
Sunday	08.15am to 08.45am 04.45pm to 05.15pm

### Baptism

by appointment

Online baptism request form:  
<https://forms.gle/KUgmzVVDPR8ZhKvk6>

### Wedding

by appointment

### Anointing of the Sick

by appointment

### Funeral

by appointment

## TV / ONLINE MASS SCHEDULE

TV Mass - Channel 10, Sunday 06.00am

Online | Sunday 10.30am  
St Mary's Cathedral (Sydney)  
<https://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/>

Melbourne Cathedral | Sunday 11.00am  
<https://melbournecatholic.org/connect/mass-online>

## Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## Child Safe Parish

Electronic copy of the Child Safe Parish Policy is now available online on our parish website [www.stedwardsparish.org.au/safeguarding/](http://www.stedwardsparish.org.au/safeguarding/) It is a valuable resource to keep our parish a child safe environment. All are encouraged to read the booklet.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

First Collection	\$ 548.40
Planned Giving	\$ 729.00
Loose Collection	\$ 42.60