



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

[Mary Help of Christians Church]

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Rev. Fr Paul Aguilar, PP | Mrs. Liz Hearne, *parish secretary* | Rev. Paul Manvell, *deacon*

In your charity, please pray for

our sick

Fr John Willis Nancy Robinson Narelle Albans
Peachy Family Ginavis Naw Pha Day Barry Winning
Julien Ryan Judy Worthington Peter Richards

our deceased

+ Reginald Dwyer + Tony Stortenbeker *anniversary*
+ Fr Lex Ferrer SVD + Terry Burke
+ Elaine White + Brian Molloy
+ Linda Redondo

Roman Martyrology

21/03 St Nicholas of Flue
22/03 St Nicholas Owen
23/03 St Turibius of Mogrovejo
24/03 St Oscar Romero
25/03 Annunciation of the Lord
26/03 St Ludger

Lent & Holy Week 2022

Thursday 14 April Maundy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7.00pm
Friday 15 April Good Friday (*fasting & abstinence*)
Outdoor Stations of the Cross, 9.00am
Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3.00pm
Saturday 16 April Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil Mass, 6.00pm
Sunday 17 April Easter Sunday
Masses: 9.00am & 5.30pm

On Church Giving

Giving is an expression of our thankfulness and praise to God. It comes from a heart of worship that recognises everything we have and give already belongs to the Lord. Our ability to earn money is a gift from God. Returning a percentage of our treasure back to God is one way that we live our faith. Just like our family households, our parish community needs financial resources in order to operate, serve, and minister. God provides for these needs through you - you ARE the parish.

To support the priests (1st collection):

A/C Name: St Edwards Church Presbytery Savings Account
BSB: 082 105 A/C No.: 001023592
Reference: First + last name

To support the Church (Planned Giving - envelope):

A/C Name: St Edwards Church Suspense Acct
BSB: 082 105 A/C No.: 001002950
Reference: Envelope Number + last name

What return shall I make to the Lord, for all God has given me? Thank you for making a gift to support the important work of our parish. We sincerely appreciate your generosity!

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.

V. Mary Help of Christians... R. pray for us.
V. St Edward the Confessor... R. pray for us.
V. St Mary of the Cross... R. pray for us.

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.

Lenten Devotion | Stations of the Cross

The Stations depict the final hours or Passion of Jesus and are a very special devotion commemorating our Lord's suffering and death which atoned for the sins of the world. Beginning with the first station where Jesus is condemned under Pontius Pilate and continuing through the fourteenth station where Jesus is laid in the tomb, the faithful are able to remember and to, in a sense, walk with Jesus along the Via Dolorosa or Way of Sorrows.

The practice of praying and meditating on the Stations is most often done during the season of Lent, especially on Good Friday and all the other Fridays during Lent. The object, of course, is to help the faithful to make a spiritual pilgrimage of prayer, through meditating upon scenes of Christ's suffering and death. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the meditation is often performed in a spirit of reparation for the sufferings and insults that Jesus endured during His Passion.

Why not consider making this a special part of your own Lenten Journey by coming out and, in your minds and hearts, accompany Jesus as He walks the road of pain and suffering to Calvary?

Join us as we pray and meditate as a group, on the Stations of the Cross every Friday morning during Lent at 9.00 am.

NEWS / ANNOUCEMENTS

Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill

If you haven't already signed the e-petition on the Parliament of NSW website to reject the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021, please consider doing so. At least 20,000 signatures are needed to have the e-petition debated in parliament.

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lc/Pages/epetition-details.aspx?q=apWMTQo6WVdu1NOOVqOtYA==>

Project Compassion

Your generous support can help to change the lives of some of the world's most vulnerable people. Join us this Lent to raise much-needed funds for people living in poverty. Spanning across the six weeks of Lent each year, Project Compassion brings thousands of Australian schools, parishes and supporters together to raise funds for people living in some of the most vulnerable communities across the world. Get involved by watching the stories of Project Compassion available online: <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/> Project Compassion boxes are now available at the foyer.

Volunteers Needed for Holy Week Liturgies

Readers, commentators, Special Ministers of Communion, etc. are needed for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. Please put your name down the sheet at the foyer if you are able to help.

Mass of Holy Oils

The Bishop invites all Parishioners to attend the Mass of Holy Oils in the Cathedral on Holy Tuesday, 12th April. Depending on the numbers we may hire a mini bus. Please complete the sheet in the foyer for bus hire. RSVP by 27/3.

Holy Land Special Collection

On Good Friday 15th April a collection will be taken up for the upkeep of the Holy Land.

Easter Dues/Offering

Easter dues are for the support of the clergy & presbytery upkeep. Envelopes for Easter dues are in the PGP packs. Extra envelopes are available in the foyer. Dues may also be deposited direct to the Presbytery A/C.

Account Name: St Edward Presbytery Account BSB: 082105 A/C: 001023592
Reference: Easter + last name

LENTEN PENANCE

During Lent and on the Fridays of the year, we do penance, not only on our own account, but also in the name of the Church and of the world. We must take seriously our penitential obligations and be sure to carry them out. The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference has not restricted our penance to fast and abstinence in all cases, it has left room for our own responsible choices. We should carefully select the form of penance that we consider most appropriate for our own circumstances and growth in the Christian life.

1. Abstinence from meat, and fasting, are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain.
2. On all other Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:
 - (a) prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary.
 - (b) self-denial – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country.
 - (c) helping others – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

MINISTRY ROSTER

4th Sunday of Lent - C 26th -27th March 2022

	Reader	EMHC	Piety	Counter this week
Sat 5.30pm	C Nepomuceno	R. Hobson	R. Hobson	G. Smith & G. Gordon
Sun 9.00am	D. Sullivan	Y. Benning	F. Moloney	Counter next week
Sun 5.30pm	A. Soehlakaw	R. Fisher	M. Sidaway	R Gorman & G Crocker

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

1st Collection \$810.80 Planned Giving \$622.00 Loose Collection \$51.55 Flood Appeal \$1,050.25

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

Schedule of Masses & Sacraments

Holy Mass

Monday 7.00am
Tuesday 9.30am
Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday 9.30am
Friday 9.00am Stations of the Cross
9.30am Mass
Saturday 05.30pm (vigil)
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.