



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

[Mary Help of Christians Church]

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CHRISTMAS AT SOUTH TAMWORTH

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.

Christmas Fundraising

This year's Christmas fundraising project is for the benefit of an orphanage in a Parish in Myanmar ravaged by the on going civil war and for education and livelihood program of 2 African women in Nigeria. Christmas Baubles \$5/each - from 4th December we will start selling Christmas baubles to decorate our church's Christmas trees.

Hand-painted Christmas Cards & Blank Flower Cards

Pen and watercolour-wash Christmas Carol Cards and blank Flower Cards are available for sale at the bauble table. \$1.00 each or 6 cards for \$5.00 All proceeds will be donated to our Parish Christmas fund raising.

Christmas Lunch

If you can't be with family and friends this Christmas, why not join us for lunch on Christmas Day, 12pm for 12.30pm at the Church Hall 72 Hillvue Road, South Tamworth. For catering purposes, RSVP is required by December 16 email: southtamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org or phone 6765 9543 or register on the sign up form in the foyer.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve	24/12	4.00pm	English Mass
		6.00pm	English Mass - (Christmas Nativity Play)
		8.00pm	Filipino Mass
Christmas Day	25/12	9.00am	English Mass
		5.30pm	NO EVENING MASS

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.

In your charity, please pray for our sick

Fr John Willis	Barry Winning	Sayde Baladia
Peter Richards	Narelle Albans	Chris O'Sullivan
Peachy Family	Julien Ryan	Ginavis Naw Pha Day
Nini Torres	Patricia Hansen	

our deceased

+ Fr Dick Buckhorn + Bernadette O'Neill + Jill Moroney
+ Ron Dawson + Frank Conroy anniversary 4/12
+ Marie Thomas

Roman Martyrology

12/12	Our Lady of Guadalupe
13/12	St Lucy
14/12	St John of the Cross
15/12	St Mary Di Rosa
16/12	St Adelaide
17/12	St Lazarus of Bethany

Omnes sancti mártýres, oráte pro nobis.

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!

MINISTRY ROSTER

Third Sunday of Advent A 17-18 December

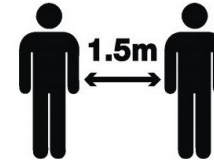
	Reader	EMHC	Piety	Counters this week
Sat 5.30pm	G. Smith	G. Clarke	J. Milne	L. Hearne & E. Hearne
Sun 9.00am	B. Bruccoleri	P. Long	R. Evans	Counters next week
Sun 5.30pm	P. Frost	D. Stevens	J. McKenzie	G. Tighe & F. Gooley

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

1st Collection \$ 957.95 Planned Giving \$ 681.00 Loose Collection \$ 17.40

With the increase of COVID-19 infection in the community, the following health protocols are recommended:

Wear Facemask Physical Distancing Use Sanitiser



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

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.

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Photos for our Nativity Scene

All families are invited to bring a family photo to place in the Nativity Scene with the baby Jesus. This Christmas, may Jesus be born anew in our family, so that by our lives we may bring joy and new hope to the world.

Columban Calendars & Christmas Cards

Columban Calendars for 2023 are now available from the Piety Stall for \$11.00 each. Christmas Cards with Nativity pictures are also available for purchase \$3.50 for a pack of 8 cards.

Advent Reconciliation

St Patrick's Church - West Tamworth	Wednesday	14 Dec	5.00pm
St Nicholas' Church - East Tamworth	Wednesday	21 Dec	6.00pm

Readers Roster

It's time to start on the next roster for readers. If you are happy to continue to be on the roster for the coming year or if you would like to have your name added to the new roster, please add your name and your preferred Mass time to the sign up sheet in the Foyer, or email the office. If you would like to be removed from the roster please contact the office.

Immaculata Mission School 2023 in Armidale NSW

Young people aged 15-35 are invited to spend the first 10 days of 2023 going deeper in faith at the Immaculata Mission School! The program includes talks on the faith, praise & worship, daily Mass, Adoration & the Rosary, fun, community & friendship. This is an awesome opportunity to hear more about our Catholic faith through speakers such as special guest Fr Drake McCalister who will be joining us from Franciscan University Steubenville in Ohio, USA. From the 5th-10th January it's open to those over 35 and families. Come and join us for an amazing time to grow in faith, and love for God and make new friends!

When: 1-10th January 2023 (over 35s & family program 5th-10th)

Where: NEGS (New England Girls' School), Armidale NSW

Who for: Young people aged 15-35, also families and those over 35

Cost: \$490 - includes accommodation, food, speakers, talks and activities.

For family rates, additional information and TO REGISTER visit:

<http://www.sistersoftheimmaculata.org.au/ims>

Christmas Dues

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

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.
St Mary of the Cross... pray for us.

Schedule of Masses & Sacraments 12-18 December 2022

Holy Mass

Monday	07.00am
Tuesday	NO MASS,
Wednesday	09.30am
Thursday	10.00am (Graduation Mass)
Friday	09.30am
Saturday	05.30pm (vigil)
Sunday	09.00am 05.30pm

Confessions

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://stedwardsparish.org.au/sacraments/>

Wedding

Anointing of the Sick

Funeral

by appointment

HOPe KITCHEN

Free and healthy meal for everyone.

Every Wednesday

12.30pm to 2.30pm

Scout Hall, Hillvue Road,
South Tamworth.

Buses serving area: 433, 435, 437

Program will run from 28/09 to 21/12.

Heart of Peace (HOPE)

is a social justice ministry of the
Roman Catholic Diocese of Armidale.

New volunteers are welcome.

To volunteer please email:
hopekitchen2340@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/hopekitchen>

Total meals served since 28/09/2022: **1053**

Child Safe Parish

Electronic copy of the Child Safe Parish Policy is now available on our website 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.