



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

[Mary Help of Christians Church]

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CHRISTMAS AT SOUTH TAMWORTH

Christmas Dues

Every year, excess funds in the first collection (Presbytery Account) are sent to Priest Salary 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!

Christmas Fundraising

This year's Christmas fundraising project is for the benefit of:

- Chaung Ma Gyi Mission Centre Myanmar, a boarding house for children in a Parish in Myanmar near the Thai-Myanmar border (thru Fr Philip Shwe, Myanmar),
- education and livelihood program for 2 African women in Nigeria (thru Fr Kingsley, Quirindi).

To donate, buy a Christmas Baubles \$5/each to decorate our Christmas trees.



Chaung Ma Gyi Mission Centre Myanmar

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

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| Christmas Eve | 24/12 | 4.00pm & 6.00pm | English Mass |
| | | 8.00pm | Filipino Mass |
| Christmas Day | 25/12 | 9.00am | English Mass |
| | | 5.30pm | No 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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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| 1st Collection \$ 805.70 | Planned Giving \$ 862.00 | Loose Collection \$ 26.25 |
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In your charity, please pray for

our sick

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

our deceased

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| + Christine Parkes | + Bernadette O'Neill | + Ron Dawson |
| + Marie Thomas | + Patricia Hansen | |

Roman Martyrology

19/12 Sts Meuris & Thea
20/12 St Philogonius
21/12 St Peter Canisius
22/12 St Chaeremon
23/12 St John of Kanty
24/12 Vigil of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

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!



Lighting of the Advent Candle Prayer

4th Sunday of Advent | Candle of Love

(as the candles are lit, all pray)

Father, as our Advent pilgrimage draws to a close, we relight the candles of hope, peace, and joy. And we light the candle of love. Grant us the courage to share your love: love for life and all creation, love for sinners and saints, love for the poor and the little ones. We thank you for the hope your Son gives us, for the peace he bestows, for the joy your Spirit pours into our hearts, and for your love that redeems us and shows us the way. 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. Kindly write your name and contact number at the back of the photo so we know to whom to return it. 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 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! 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>

Invitation | Made for Each Other Summer School

The Archdiocese of Hobart are hosting the fifth annual Made for Each Other Summer School! This theme for 2023 is 'Him & Her: Vive La Difference', which celebrates and explores the undeniable differences and complementarity of the sexes. **What:** An overnight retreat with engaging speakers, opportunity for prayer, reflection, and social interaction. **When:** January 27th-28th 2023 **Where:** Launceston, Tasmania **Who:** 18+ year olds who are discerning marriage and forming relationships. **Register:** www.himandher.eventbrite.com.au **More information:** rachel.bradley@aohtas.org.au

Ethical Covid-19 Vaccine Trial

Covid-19 vaccinations have been an important population health measure during the recent pandemic. One moral concern with currently available Covid-19 vaccines, however, is their link to the use of aborted fetal cell lines. An Australian Covid-19 vaccine, SpikoGen, does not share this concern, whilst still maintaining comparable safety and efficacy as the other available vaccines. SpikoGen is approved for use overseas and the Adelaide-based developers are now seeking to have it approved in Australia. They are conducting a single-booster clinical trial of SpikoGen for anyone who has had either 2 or 3 Covid-19 vaccinations of other approved products. The UNE Medical Centre in Armidale is one of two trial sites in NSW with the next clinics to be held in Feb 2023. For further information, including on participating, contact: Dr Joe Turner medical.centre@une.edu.au or the Trial Coordinator admin@vaxine.net.au

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 19-25 December 2022

Holy Mass

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| Monday | 07.00am |
| Tuesday | 09.30am |
| Wednesday | 09.30am |
| Thursday | 09.30am |
| Friday | 09.30am |
| Saturday | 04.00pm & 6.00pm |
| Sunday | 09.00am |
| (Christmas) | No Evening Mass |

Confessions

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| 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: 1168

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.