



# ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

[Mary Help of Christians Church]

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## CHRISTMAS PRAYERS

### Family Christmas Prayer

God our loving Father, you are the one who settles people in families and I am blessed to have one. May your blessing be upon each member of my family. Bind us together in love as we reunite to celebrate Christmas. Gather us together, even those we have not seen in a long while. Be in our midst and give us a spirit of unity and love. May our reunion leave us with fond memories we will always cherish. Heal any broken relationships and fill our hearts with your love. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

### Christmas Prayer for Families

Loving God, during this holy season of Christmas, we ask for your blessing on all families. Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place all trust in you. Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty. Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love. May the grace that encircles the Holy Family widen to embrace all families. For this we pray. Amen.

### Christmas Dinner Prayer

God of all gifts, we thank you for the many ways you have blessed us this day. We are grateful for each of those who are gathered around this table. We ask you to bless us and our food and to bless those we love who are not with us today. In our gratitude and love, we remember your humble birth into our lives and pray for those who are without enough to eat. We remember the stable in which you were born and pray for those who have no place to live. We remember your challenging message of caring and giving and we pray for peace in families and nations throughout the world. We bless you and give you thanks in your Spirit who brings our hearts to life this Christmas Day and forever. Amen.

## 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    | Linda Allan    | Helen Oades         |

### our deceased

|  |                |                   |
|--|----------------|-------------------|
| + Christine Parkes                                 | + Marie Thomas | + Patricia Hansen |
| + Val Constant, <i>anniversary 18/12</i>           |                |                   |
| + Frank Fahy, <i>anniversary 20/12</i>             |                |                   |
| + Deceased parents and siblings of Sr Therese, RSJ |                |                   |

### Roman Martyrology

|                           |                               |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 26/12 St Stephen          | 27/12 St John, <i>Apostle</i> |
| 28/12 St Theodore         | 29/12 Holy Innocents          |
| 30/12 The Holy Family     | 31/12 St Silvester I          |
| 01/01 Mary, Mother of God |                               |

*Omnes sancti mátyres, oráte pro nobis.*

## HOME VISITATION

If there is a parishioner in whom you know would appreciate a visit from a clergy or the SVdP Society, please contact the Parish Office.

## SICK LIST PRAYER REQUEST

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.

## 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!

## NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Christmas Offering

At the end of the year, unused 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. Christmas Offering envelopes are available at the foyer. This contributes towards the support of our priest and presbytery upkeep. Thank you!

You may also EFT your contribution:  
Account Name: Special Collection Account  
BSB: 082105 Acc. No: 001059638  
Reference: Christmas Offering

### Invitation | 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:** 1-10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (over 35s & family program 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>)  
**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 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> 2023  
**Where:** Launceston, Tasmania **Who:** 18+ year olds who are discerning marriage and forming relationships. **Register:** [www.himandher.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.himandher.eventbrite.com.au)  
**More information:** [rachel.bradley@aohtas.org.au](mailto: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](mailto:medical.centre@une.edu.au) or the Trial Coordinator [admin@vaxine.net.au](mailto:admin@vaxine.net.au)

### Christmas Fundraising

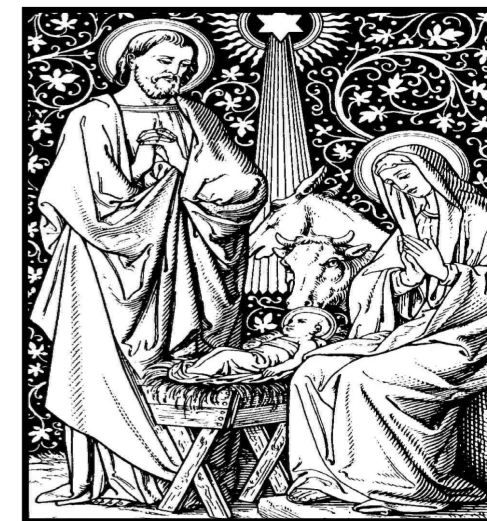
This year's Christmas fundraising project is for the benefit of:

- Chaung Ma Gyi Mission Centre Myanmar, a boarding house for children in a Parish in Myanmar near the Thailand-Myanmar border (thru Fr Philip Shwe, Myanmar),
- Skill training for 2 African women in Nigeria (thru Fr Kingsley, Quirindi).

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



The children of Chaung Ma Gyi Mission Centre Myanmar



## Schedule of Masses & Sacraments 26 December '22 to 1 January '23

### Parish Office Closure

The Parish Office will be closed between Christmas and New Year and re-open on Tuesday 03 January at 9.00am.

### Holy Mass

|           |                    |
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| Mon - Fri | NO MASS            |
| Saturday  | 05.30pm            |
| Sunday    | 09.00am<br>05.30pm |

### Confessions

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| Saturday | 04.45pm to 05.15pm                       |
| Sunday   | 08.15am to 08.45am<br>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.

We have served 1309 meals from 28/09/2022 to 21 December 2022

This program will resume late February 2023.

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](mailto:hopekitchen2340@gmail.com)

Follow us on Facebook:

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

## Child Safe Parish

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