



# ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

[Mary Help of Christians Church]

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## Credo | The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

*At the words that follow, up to and including  
'and became man', all bow.*

and by the Holy Spirit  
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Act of Spiritual Communion

*The most common occasion for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when we cannot fulfill our obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation, whether because of illness, bad weather, or another reason outside of our control. Many also make an Act of Spiritual Communion when they can and do attend Mass but something prevents them from receiving sacramental Communion that day, such as a mortal sin that they have not had the opportunity to confess yet.*

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 Jones	Rolando Alba

### our deceased

+ Phan Van Nghi + Kevin Taggart  
+ Grahame Fisher, *anniversary*

### Roman Martyrology

20/02 St Eleutherius  
21/02 St Robert Southwell  
22/02 Chair of St Peter  
23/02 St Polycarp  
24/02 St Matthias  
25/02 St Tarasius

*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 Program - PGP):*

**A/C Name:** St Edwards Church Suspense Acct

**BSB:** 082 105 **A/C No.:** 001002950

**Reference:** Envelope Number + last name

## Last Week's Collection

1st Collection - \$ 1,118.40 Planned Giving - \$ 770.70  
Loose - \$ 19.25 EFT & DD January - \$ 2,392.00

## MINISTRY ROSTER

26 February | 1st Sunday of Lent Time A

	Reader	EMHC	Piety
Saturday 5.30pm	G. York	K. Pearson	J. Milne
Sunday 9.00am	D. Sullivan	P. Long	F. Moloney
Sunday 5.30pm	A. Sohlakaw	D. Stevens	C. Frost
Counters this week:	G. Tighe & F. Gooley		
Counters next week:	L. Hearne & E. Hearne		

## NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Ash Wednesday Masses

Wednesday 22 Feb	St Edward's South Tamworth	07.00am & 10.00am
	St Joseph's West Tamworth	12.00pm & 05.30pm
	St Mary's North Tamworth	06.00pm
	St Nicholas' East Tamworth	07.00am

### Pastoral Notes

- Lent begins next Wednesday
- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their 18th year, until the beginning of their 60th year; the law of abstinence bids those who have completed their 14th year (CCL 97, 1251f).
- Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised.
- Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year, in Australia and New Zealand between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent at 9.00am, before Mass.

### Farewell Mass & Celebration for Bishop Michael Kennedy

Holy Mass: Sunday 05 March, 10am, Armidale Cathedral  
Refreshments following: 12pm, Armidale Bowling Club  
RSVPs for both Mass & Refreshments required 24/02  
Mini-bus is available @ \$25 per person (limited seats only)

### Sacramental Preparation Class | Confession

Every Monday starting 20 February, 5.00pm at the Church Hall

### World Day of Prayer

Australian Church Women's World Day of Prayer will be held at the Salvation Army Church at 328 Goonoo Goonoo Rd on Friday 3rd March at 10.00. Each year the World Day of Prayer focusses on a different country and this year's focus is on Taiwan. All welcome, please join us.

### Choir Practice

Choir practice has resumed on Mondays at 5.30pm in the church and we would certainly welcome new members to join in our Easter practices.

### Missionary Order Special Collection

Thank-you for your generous support of the Special Collection, \$ 1 029.50 was collected at Sunday Masses last weekend. The levied amount of \$1 253.00 has been remitted to the chancery.

### World Day of Consecrated Life

Bishop Michael Kennedy will celebrate the Mass for the Diocesan Celebration of the World Day of Consecrated Life at St Francis Xavier Parish Narrabri on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

### Evangelisation Program

Parishioners are invited to an evening of engagement and discussion on Friday 24th February 6pm-8pm on the topic of "Becoming Intentional Disciples". Join with Bishop Kennedy and other interested parishioners at hubs around the Diocese or online. Parishes holding in-person hubs are: Armidale Ursula Room, Moree, All Tamworth Parishes at West Tamworth Parish Hall. Good food, good input and discussion will be available on the night for further information or RSVP contact Chris da Silva chris@armidale.catholic.org.au or phone 6771 8700 or use the QR code to register and receive the zoom meeting link for online participation or register your interest for other events if unable to attend.

### Invitation | Lenten Virtual Retreat and Resources

This Lent, the Norbertine canons of St. Michael's Abbey invite you to join them for Ad Cenam Agni, a virtual Lenten Retreat from the Abbot's Circle. This new, daily series of reflections, sermons, chants, and conversations is intended to help you draw deeper into the beauty of common prayer and Norbertine abbey life. Register now: theabbotscircle.com/ad-cenam-agni

### Invitation | Reflection Day

Hosted by Sr Maureen McDermott RSJ—*Gospel Reflections* will be held at St Patrick's Parish Centre, Bridge Street, West Tamworth on Saturday 04 March. Refreshments at 9.30 am and reflections to commence 10 am till 3 pm. Bring lunch. Register by phoning 6765 8211

### Nazareth Care (updated phone number)

Could you possibly consider becoming a volunteer and make a difference in the lives of the elderly at Nazareth Care? Please ring Sr Ana on 6761 0356, she would very much welcome a chat with you.

## Prayer for a New Bishop

God our Father, in Jesus, your Son,  
You have given to your Church  
the perfect model of priest,  
prophet and king, and so You have  
blessed us through His sacrifice,  
taught us through His Word,  
and guided us through His rule.

We thank You for Bishop Michael  
Kennedy who has cared  
for the people of the Diocese of  
Armidale for 11 years. We pray that  
you continue to bless him  
and his new diocese.

We ask You, Father,  
to guide and enlighten  
those who will be tasked  
with helping to choose  
the next bishop of our diocese.  
May the man they choose  
be a man of deep and true prayer,  
a man of compassionate heart  
and firm resolve,  
and a man of joy and peace,  
who desires above all  
to do Your will.

We entrust our prayers to  
our Patroness, Mary, Queen of the  
Most Holy Rosary, and ask this  
through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.



## Schedule of Masses & Sacraments

### 20-26 February

#### Holy Mass

Monday	07.00am
Tuesday	No Mass ( <i>Mass for Religious</i> )
Wednesday	<i>see announcement</i>
Thursday	No Mass ( <i>HOPe Review</i> )
Friday	09.00am (Stations of the +) 09.30am (Mass)
Saturday	05.30pm
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

*by appointment*

#### Anointing of the Sick & Funeral

*by appointment*