



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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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.

CATECHESIS | HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY

Jesus enters Jerusalem and greeted by people waving palms. God prepares the sacrifice.

HOLY MONDAY

Jesus cleanses the temple, curses the fig tree. God prepares those who will accept His sacrifice.

HOLY TUESDAY

Jesus teaches in the Temple for the last time. God sends the invitation to come and partake in the sacrifice.

SPY WEDNESDAY

Mary of Bethany anoints the feet of Jesus with spikenard oil. Judas seeks to betray Jesus. The Passion of Jesus starts. God waits for the response to His invitation.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Jesus celebrates the passover and offers up His body and blood at the last supper. God offers His sacrifice.

GOOD FRIDAY

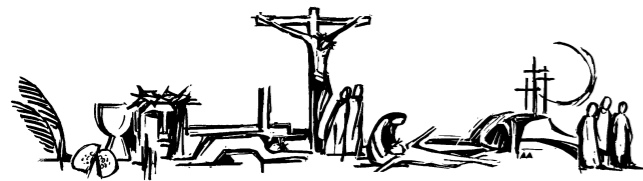
Jesus is accused, condemned, scourged, crucified and dies on the cross. God accepts His sacrifice.

HOLY SATURDAY

Jesus is laid to rest in the tomb. He descends down to Hell and takes the Saints who are the righteous dead into Paradise. God receives His Saints.

EASTER SUNDAY

Jesus rises from the dead. Satan is defeated. Death is conquered. God gives us eternal life in Jesus.



MINISTRY ROSTER

9 April | Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection - Time A

	Reader	EMHC	Piety	Counters this week:
Saturday 6.00pm	J. Doyle	K. Pearson	R. Stortenbeker	P. Frost & C. Frost
Sunday 9.00am	S. Cunneen	A. McEvoy	B. Bruccoleri	Counters next week:
Sunday 5.30pm	K. Ringland	S. Grace	C. Frost	J. McRae & J. Milne

In your charity, please pray for

our sick

Fr John Willis	Barry Winning	Sayde Baladia
Narelle Albans	Chris O'Sullivan	Peachy Family
Julien Ryan	Ginavis Naw Pha Day	
Patricia Jones	Paul O'Sullivan	

our deceased

+ Editha Leandres	+ Maxwell Grogan	+ Thomas Gorman
+ Peggy Mallise	+ Judy McLoughlin	+ Peter Richards

Roman Martyrology

3/04 St Edward the Confessor, *coronation 1043*
 4/04 St Isidore of Seville
 5/04 St Vincent Ferrer
 6/04 St Flavius Marcellinus
 7/04 St John Baptist de la Salle
 8/04 St Dionysius of Corinth

Omnes sancti mártires, oráte pro nobis.

Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, for those in my own home, and in my family. Amen.

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 (active, sick and retired-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 - \$ 758.25 Planned Giving - \$727.00
Loose - \$ 45.50

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Reconciliation

St Nicholas Parish East Tamworth Wednesday 05 April 06.00pm

Easter Egg Hunt

There will be an easter egg hunt following the 9.00am Easter Sunday Mass. We are also accepting easter egg donations for the children.

Easter Offering

Easter dues are for the support of the clergy, presbytery upkeep, sick and retired priests. 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

Easter Duties Volunteers

Readers, commentators, extraordinary ministers of holy communion and people for Washing of the Feet are needed for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. It would be most appreciated if you could please volunteer by writing your name on the sheet in the foyer.

Project Compassion

You may now return your project compassion boxes. Kindly place them in the Caritas box at the foyer.

Planned Giving Envelopes

It's time to place our envelope order for the next Financial Year. If you would like to contribute to the needs of the parish by joining our Planned Giving Program please complete the form in the foyer and place in the box provided.

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.

Sick List

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.

Schedule of Easter Services

Holy Thursday	06/04	6.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Prayer Vigil at the Altar of Repose
Good Friday	07/04	9.00am 3.00pm	Stations of the Cross Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday	08/04	6.00pm	Easter Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday	09/04	9.00am 5.30pm	Holy Mass (+ easter egg hunt for children) Holy Mass

THE PRAYER VIGIL WITH JESUS AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE (HOLY THURSDAY)

On Thursday of Holy Week the Church remembers Christ's Last Supper with his apostles and sets the scene for what will happen the next day. During the celebration of the Lord's Supper, the liturgy re-enacts in a solemn way the movement of Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane. After the distribution of Holy Communion the priest does not place the remaining hosts in the primary tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is usually reserved.

Often the Eucharist is placed in a secondary tabernacle on a side altar, or in an area of the church that is most suitable. This procession from the main altar to another location in the church is symbolic of the movement of Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane, where he experiences great agony before his arrest and betrayal.

This tradition of adoring Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday is often called the "Night Watch" or "Gethsemane Watch" and recalls how Jesus invited his apostles to stay with him while he prayed.

Our prayer vigil is our way of being with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane that night he agonized with the Father about the impending events. We are also with him when Judas arrives with the soldiers to arrest him and take him away.

Use this time for prayer in its many forms - verbal, mental, and also that deep silent exchange between your heart and the heart of God - a "force field" of the continual exchange of love between you and him. Silence, stillness is the context.

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 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.

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.

Schedule of Masses & Sacraments

03 - 09 April

Holy Mass

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass <i>Chrism Mass</i>
Wednesday	09.30am
Thursday	<i>please see schedule</i>
Friday	<i>of easter services</i>
Saturday	06.00pm
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

by appointment

Funeral

by appointment