



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

[Mary Help of Christians Church]

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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.

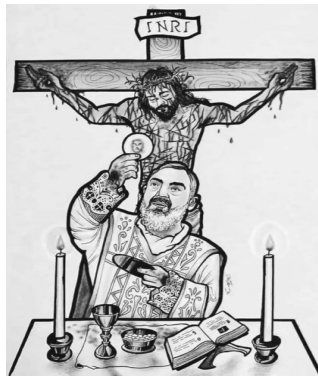
ST. PADRE PIO ON HOW TO ATTEND MASS

On July 25, 1915, Padre Pio wrote a letter to Anita Rodote on how to properly attend the Holy Mass:

The Divine Master calls the church the house of prayer. In order to avoid irreverence and imperfections I exhort you in the Lord to:

Enter the church in silence and with great respect. Take the holy water and make the sign of the cross carefully and slowly. Before God in the Blessed Sacrament genuflect devoutly. At your pace, kneel down and render to Jesus the tribute of your presence. Confide to him all your needs, and those of others. Speak to him with filial abandonment. Be very composed when standing up, kneeling down, and sitting. Carry out every religious act with the greatest devotion. Be modest in your glance. Don't turn your head here and there to see who enters and leaves. Don't laugh.

Don't speak to anybody, except when requested for charity or other strict necessity. Say the words distinctly, observe the pauses, and never hurry. Behave in such a way that all the presents are edified by you. Don't leave without asking Jesus for his blessing, and forgiveness for your shortcomings. Leave the church recollected and calm.



Before Padre Pio offered the unconsecrated host on his Paten, he would run his fingers around the host to make sure there were no loose particles.

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

+ Judy McLoughlin + Peter Richards + Nam Hyunh
+ Dorothy Ryan + James Ryan + Carl Empleo

Roman Martyrology

24/4 St Fidelis of Sigmaringen
25/4 St Mark
26/4 St Mark the Evangelist
27/4 St Louis Grignion de Montfort
28/4 St Peter Chanel
29/4 St Catherine of Siena

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 - \$ 1027.95 Planned Giving - \$ 713
Loose - \$ 25.00

MINISTRY ROSTER

30 April | 4th Sunday of Easter - Time A

Saturday 6.00pm	Reader J. Milne	EMHC K. Pearson	Piety D. Sullivan	Counters this week: L. Hearne & E. Hearne
Sunday 9.00am	D. Sullivan	Y. Benning	O. Robson	Counters next week:
Sunday 5.30pm	J. Manalastas	R. Fisher	J. McKenzie	P. Frost & C. Frost



40th Anniversary of the Blessing & Opening
of Mary Help of Christians Church
South Tamworth
17th April 1983 - 2023

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Offering

The Easter offering, formerly called "Easter dues", are used to support the clergy across the Diocese of Armidale. BIG THANK YOU! to everyone who has been able to make a donation. This Easter we have raised \$ 1 652.80. Unlike our parish here at St Edward's, many parishes in our diocese do not collect sufficient funds each week to support their Parish Priest with adequate care, food and etc. Our contributions are passed on to those poor parishes with special needs. This funds also supports the sick and retired clergy of our diocese. Envelopes for Easter dues are in the PGP packs. Extra envelopes are available in the foyer. Offerings may also be deposited direct to:

Account Name: St Edward Presbytery Account
BSB: 082105 A/C: 001023592 Reference: Easter + last name

Good Friday Collection

Thank you for your donation last Good Friday for the upkeep of the sacred sites in the Holy Land. We have collected \$ 738.10. To know more on the works of the Franciscans in the Holy Land visit <http://holylandfranciscansaustralia.org/>

Caritas Australia

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2023. Total donations received from South Tamworth Parish is \$ 1077.70. Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations.*

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.

Visitation

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

Child Safe Parish

Electronic copy of the Child Safe Parish Communities Policy is now available online on our Parish website under NEWS category. It is a valuable resource to keep our parish a child safe environment. All are encouraged to read the booklet.

First Holy Communion

for students in Year 3 and up and have made their First Reconciliation

Information Evening Wed 26/04 6.00pm *St Edward's Primary Campus*
Enrolment Mass Sat 29/04 5.30pm *Church*
Prep. Class Mon 01/05 5.00pm *weekly in Church*
1st Communion Sun 18/06 9.00am *Church*

*For students in the State Schools & Non-Catholic Private Schools
please contact the Sacramental Preparation Team
Mrs Kerry and Rev. Paul Manvell ph: 02 6762 0569*



Heart of Peace (HOPE) is a social justice ministry of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Armidale.

Offering free and healthy meals for everyone.
Every Wednesday from 12.30pm to 1.30pm
MHOC Church Hall, 72 Hillvue Road, South Tamworth.

New volunteers are welcome.
To volunteer please email: hopekitchen2340@gmail.com
Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/hopekitchen>

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

24-30 April

Holy Mass

Monday 07.00am
Tuesday 09.00am *ANZAC Day*
Wednesday 09.30am
Thursday 09.30am
Friday 09.30am
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

by appointment

Funeral

by appointment