



# 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.

### THE HISTORICAL FIRSTS IN THE VATICAN

1. Peter, the first Pope, came from present-day Golan Heights in war-torn Syria. Where did the other 265 Popes come from? 196 from Italy, 15 from France, 11 from Greece, etc. in the 2,000-year old papacy.
2. Pope Francis is a Pope of firsts: first Jesuit, first Francis, and first Pope from Latin America. He's also the first pope in 600 years to take office after Pope Benedict XVI, the 264th successor to St. Peter, shocked the Catholic world when he resigned in February 2013. Popes are supposed to run out the clock and just wait for time to come knocking and die in office.
3. Benedict XVI will be remembered as the first pope to join the Twitter community and the first pope to speak to astronauts in outer space.
4. The word Vatican is derived from the Latin, *vates*, which means "TELLERS OF THE FUTURE." More than 10 million tourists visit St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City a year.
5. The Vatican installed its first central telephone system in 1866 (invented by Gian Battisti Marzi) five years before the United States. It's been estimated the Vatican receives about 25,000 calls a day and as many as 40,000 a day during the Christmas season.
6. Pope Francis has created 121 cardinals from 66 countries, 23 of which had never been represented in the College of Cardinals: the first Scandinavian since the Reformation, the first from Goa since an episcopal see was established there in 1533, the first from Latin America's indigenous peoples, and the first from India's Dalit class; the first cardinals from their countries (Cape Verde, Myanmar, Panama, Tonga, Brunei, Singapore).
7. For the first time ever, Pope Francis appoints three women officials to the Vatican office that selects bishops: the Dicastery for Bishops.
8. Pope Francis also named religious sister Nathalie Becquart an Undersecretary of the Synod of Bishops, making her the first woman to have the right to vote in the Catholic Synod of Bishops.

### *In your charity, please pray for*

#### our sick

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

#### our deceased

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

#### Roman Martyrology

01/05 St Joseph the Worker  
 02/05 St Athanasius  
 03/05 Sts Philip and James, *apostles*  
 04/05 The 40 Martyrs of England and Wales  
 05/05 Bl Edmund Rice  
 06/05 St François de Laval

#### *Omnes sancti márytes, 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

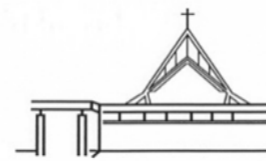
### Last Week's Collection

1st Collection - \$ 859.25    Planned Giving - \$ 832.00  
Loose - \$ 75.60

### MINISTRY ROSTER

7 May | 5th Sunday of Easter - Time A

	<b>Reader</b>	<b>EMHC</b>	<b>Piety</b>	<b>Counters this week:</b>
Saturday 6.00pm	C. Jackson	G. Smith	R. Stortenbeker	P. Frost & C. Frost
Sunday 9.00am	C. Kelly	A. McEvoy	F. Moloney	<b>Counters next week:</b>
Sunday 5.30pm	P. Frost	S. Grace	C. Frost	R. Fisher & K. Keating



40th Anniversary of the Blessing & Opening  
of Mary Help of Christians Church  
South Tamworth

17th April 1983 - 2023

### NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### First Holy Communion

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

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

#### Confirmation

*for students in Year 6 and up*

Information Evening	Wed TBA		<i>St Eds Primary Campus</i>
Enrolment Mass	Sat 05/08	5.30pm	Church
Prep. Class	Mon 07/08	5.00pm	weekly in Church
Confirmation Sunday	Sun 17/09	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*

#### 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.

#### SVdP Winter Appeal

St Vincent De Paul are holding a Winter Appeal on 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> May. We appreciate any contribution that you are able to give to help our brothers and sisters keep warm this winter. We will have a door collection and will have EFTPOS facilities available.

#### PALMS Australia | Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills and knowledge with those who have few other chances for training. Build enduring global relationships while assisting sustainable, self-reliant, community development. Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code below. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know: Ph: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567 www.palms.org.au

#### Invitation | Heart of Life

'Dare to Dream!', via Zoom, 5x Wednesday, 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 May, 5.00-6.30 pm (AEST). "We have had dreams and there is no one to interpret them..." and Joseph said to them, "do not interpretations belong to God?" (Genesis 40:8) Join our director, Clare Shearman, and guests in our 'dream lab'. Based on the Dreams session previously offered as part of the Siloam Program, this five-week program will explore the significance of our dreams, include the practice of dream circles, provide guidance and practice for working with dreams—our own and others', consider the potential for our dreams to personally and collectively shape the future. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$130. Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 03 9890 1101.



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

01-07 May

#### Holy Mass

Monday	07.00am
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	No Mass
Thursday	No Mass
Friday	No 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

*by appointment*

#### Funeral

*by appointment*