



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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PRIESTS ARE PEOPLE TOO

It takes a special man to answer God's call to the priesthood. In a world that glamorizes power, pleasure, and self-indulgence, it's difficult to understand the courage, sacrifice, and self-denial it takes to promise to live out a life of chastity, poverty, and obedience for the good of others.



Whether people think they're fools or saints, though, it always seems like others can't fully recognise the humanity of the Church's priests. Catholics and non-believers alike either hold clergymen to impossibly high standards, only to be disappointed when they fail or see them as hypocrites for speaking the truth in spite of their own sinfulness.

We all need to be reminded of one thing: priests are people, just like you and me.

THEY HAVE STRENGTHS & WEAKNESSES

Priests aren't robots; they're men. Even after going through seminary and professing their vows, they continue to be men with personal strengths and weaknesses. I'm always taken aback when people say things like, "He was so smart. He could've been anything, but he chose the priesthood..." or "He is so attractive. What a waste!"

The priesthood isn't a prison sentence. It's not a punishment for the misfits of society who don't fill the perfect mold of what would make a good husband, father, student, or employee. As people of God, we should celebrate the intelligence, talents, work ethic, and even attractiveness of our priests. These traits aren't wasted because they're not experienced as a husband or father; they glorify God's goodness in a unique, powerful way through the priesthood.

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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
Jo O'Sullivan	Peter Fardy	Anna Gawlik
Jerome Wong	Rolando Alba	Garry Lee

our deceased

+ Dorothy & James Ryan + Paul O'Sullivan
+ Brian Clark + Fr Edward Meehan, *anniv. 18/06*
+ Teoderica Javaluyas + Janette Brown, *anniv. 28/06*

Mass Intentions

15/06 for the response of the soul of Fr Peter Maher
16/06 for the repose of the soul of Fr John de Luca

Roman Martyrology

12/06 St Olympius
13/06 St Anthony of Padua
14/06 St Marcian
15/06 Bl Clement Vismara
16/06 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
17/06 The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Omnes sancti mártires, oráte pro nobis.

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.

On Church Giving

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

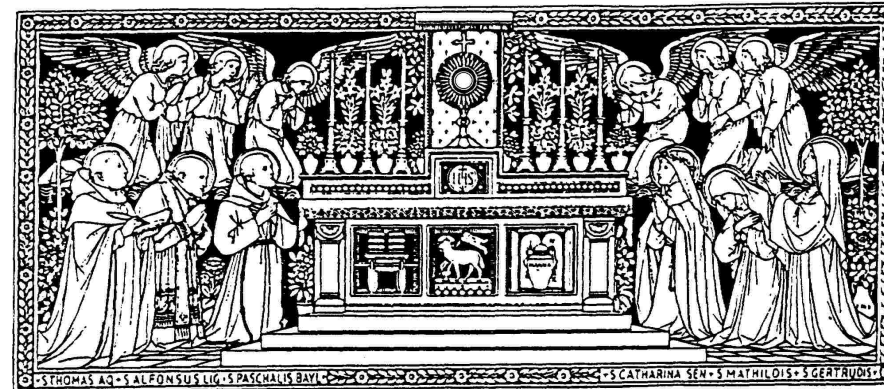
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MINISTRY ROSTER

17-18 June | 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

	Reader	EMHC	Piety	Counters this week:
Saturday 5.30pm	G Smith	S Cunneen	J Milne	J Murrie & B Burgess
Sunday 9.00am	J Manalastas	P Long	B Bruccoleri	Counters next week:
Sunday 5.30pm	M McKenzie	D Stevens	J McKenzie	P Frost & C Frost



"The happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face:
it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist."

- Pope Benedict XVI

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Youth Day Appeal

Thank you for your generous donation of \$ 690.25 for our 2 delegates to WYD.

We are still accepting donations for this appeal, you may send yours via EFT:

A/C Name: St Edwards Parish

BSB: 082 105 A/C No.: 001058473 Reference: WYD + Full Name

First Holy Communion

Saturday 17 June 5.30pm State Schools & other Private Schools

Sunday 18 June 9.00am St Edward's School

MHOC War Memorial Bell Tower

Construction of the War Memorial Bell Tower will be completed by early June after which a dedication and blessing service will be held, and on July 4th a memorial to commemorate 100 years of Legacy will be held. The Legacy torch left Pozieres, France on ANZAC Day April 25th, and will arrive in Tamworth on July 4th in time for the remembrance ceremony. Total construction cost of the bell tower has been raised by a grant from the Department of Veterans' Affairs and donations of cash or kind (some building and supply costs have been generously donated). A memorial garden with plaques will be created adjacent to the bell tower. If you would like to contribute to the creation of the garden and ongoing maintenance of the project, kindly use the envelope in the foyer. Please provide your name and details on the envelope so we can properly acknowledge your gift. Donation can also be EFTed to:

A/C Name: St Edwards Church

BSB: 082 105 A/C No.: 001002950

Reference: Bell + First & Last Name*

*please email copy of the transaction receipt to southtamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au

Memorial Mass for the Late Sr Pat Bartley, RSJ

Parishioners are invited to attend the memorial Mass for the late Sr Pat Bartley on Thursday 15th June at 11am at Werris Creek Church.

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Closing Date 4 August 2023. More information and Applications Forms are available online pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship

Formation Opportunity | Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Flyer/Registration forms now available

The first Level of formation for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) will be run at the Holy Family Parish Centre, Armidale, June 29th – 2nd July and 6-8th October (9am-5pm daily). This is a unique formation opportunity for catechists, parents and anyone interested in helping children grow in their relationship with God. Financial subsidies available for all Parishioners of Armidale Diocese. Flyers/ Registration forms are now available at the back of the Church, or email jmturmer2110@gmail.com for a copy.

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.

Cuppa "n' Chat | Multicultural Conversation

To connect with local people, practice speaking English, learn something new and enjoy a "cuppa" while making new friends. Thursday 10.30am to 12.00pm beginning 01 June 2023 Centacare NENW, 201 Marius St. For more information please contact Yesy at y.sepulveda@centacarenenw.com.au or 02 6762 9209.

PRAYERS FOR A BROKEN HEART

✠ Lord, my thoughts feel so consumed with this breakup. I feel anxious about what the future holds, and how I'll move on from this. Please help me to take my eyes off of the hurt and devastation of this breakup. Help me fix my eyes on You, knowing that You care for me.

Though I may have had my own plans for this relationship, I know Lord that Your plans are greater than mine. Please help me to place my trust in You, and Your wisdom. I ask that You would help me heal from this heartbreak. Please restore my heart, and fill me with hope for the future. Help me to move on from this breakup, and deal with any anger, or ill feelings that I may be experiencing.

I don't want to hold onto things or people that will change, I want to hold onto You. You are the only one who will never change. Help me to find my hope in You. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

✠ Lord, my heart feels so shattered today. I don't know how to go through each day while my heart feels torn into pieces. No matter how much I try to grasp onto each piece, it just slips through my hands again and again. I know that You alone can mend my broken heart. Your word says that You heal the broken hearted and that You bind up their wounds.

I ask that You would heal my heart, Lord. Please bind up the wounds of my heart, and make me whole again. On my own, and in my strength I cannot face another day. But through Your healing hands, I know that You can carry me through. I give You every piece of me, knowing that You are faithful and able to make it whole. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Last Week's Collection

1st Collection - \$ 862.65
Planned Giving - \$ 686.00
Loose - \$ 109.00

Schedule of Masses & Sacraments

12-18 June

Holy Mass

Monday to Wednesday	No Mass <i>earth moving & concrete laying</i>
Thursday to 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, Anointing of the Sick,

& Funeral

by appointment