



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

[Mary Help of Christians Church]

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PRIESTS ARE PEOPLE TOO *part 2*

THEY MAKE MISTAKES

Priests aren't infallible. They aren't perfect. They aren't God. We need to remind ourselves of this from time to time when we get hung up on mistakes that they make, big and small. While they are in a public position to serve the Lord and his people, they are still sinful and will assuredly do things that not everyone likes or agrees with. Cut them some slack. Forgive them when they disappoint you, and move on.



Likewise, we shouldn't hold priests that we love and agree with on a pedestal so high that we put them in the place of God. It's equally as tempting to idolize godly men as it is to write off men for not being godly because there seem to be so few of them left in the world. When we do encounter one, it's easy to hang onto his every word. We must fight this compulsion, however, recognizing that priests are God's servants, not God himself.

THEY NEED OUR PRAYERS

At the end of the day, priests are on a journey to heaven just like the rest of us. But unlike the rest of us, their vocation is put on display for everyone, Catholic or not, to critique. I am thankful that the world isn't watching my every move as a wife and mother under the scrutinizing microscope that most priests experience. I would be continually critiqued, and rightfully so.

Priests need our prayers. The good ones and the ones we struggle to find the good in. Thinking of the countless tasks they do every day that go unnoticed – the hospital visits, community outreach, continuing education programs, on top of saying Mass, hearing confessions, and managing a parish for little income – it's a wonder that anyone would join the priesthood at all.

And yet, they do.

Knowing the sacrifice, ridicule, and ingratitude they will experience from the world, something still compels men around the world to take on the most important job in the world: bringing Christ to his people. For that, we owe them our prayers.

Credits to Devon Wattam

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	Belarmino Perdito

our deceased

+ Dorothy & James Ryan	+ Patrick Conroy, <i>anniv 17/06</i>
+ Brian Clark	+ Fr Edward Meehan, <i>anniv. 18/06</i>
+ Paul O'Sullivan	+ Janette Brown, <i>anniv. 28/06</i>
+ Garry Lee	+ Annette Frahm

Mass Intentions

19/06 for the repose of the soul Patrick Conroy
21/06 for the repose of the soul Annette Frahm
22/06 for the repose of the souls of Dorothy & James Ryan
23/06 for the repose of the soul of Garry Lee

Roman Martyrology

19/06 St Romuald
20/06 Bl Margaret Ball
21/06 St Aloysius Gonzaga
22/06 Sts John Fisher and Thomas More
23/06 St Paulinus of Nola
24/06 The Nativity of John the Baptist
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

BSB: 082 105 A/C No.: 001002950

Reference: Envelope Number + last name

MINISTRY ROSTER

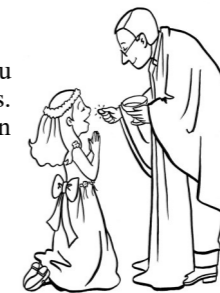
24-25 June | 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

	Reader	EMHC	Piety	Counters this week:
Saturday 5.30pm	J. Milne	T. Tighe	D. Sullivan	P Frost & C Frost
Sunday 9.00am	A. Millman	Y. Benning	R. Evans	Counters next week:
Sunday 5.30pm	P. Frost	R. Fisher	C. Frost	J. McRae & J. Milne

Congratulations to our First Communicants!

May you feel the presence of Jesus with you today as you take communion for the first time. He is with you always. He will never leave you or forsake you. May you grow in your relationship with Him forever and ever.

"If angels could be jealous of men,
they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion."
- St. Maximilian Kolbe



NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save Calvary Hospital

On Wednesday 10 May 2023, the ACT Government announced that it would compulsorily acquire Calvary Public Hospital in Canberra. The Hospital is an apostolic work of the *Little Company of Mary* and has served residents of the ACT and nearby NSW towns since 1979.

Archbishop Prowse has called for the decision to be revisited and has established a taskforce to challenge the ACT Government's plan. The forced takeover of one Catholic apostolic work that receives government funding presents an unknown risk to other Catholic apostolic works which also receive government funding. You may wish to join in supporting this taskforce by signing the online petition 'Save Calvary' <https://www.savecalvary.com.au/>.

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@centacarenw.com.au or 02 6762 9209.

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.

*O God, protector of all who hope in you,
bless your people, keep them safe, defend them, prepare them,
that, free from sin and safe from the enemy,
they may persevere always in your love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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 -	\$ 786.75
Planned Giving -	\$ 656.00
Loose -	\$ 63.70
May EFT & DD	\$ 1 807.00

Schedule of Masses & Sacraments

19-25 June

Holy Mass

Monday	07.00am
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday 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