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Who are the saints mentioned in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer 1)? (Last Part)

- Felicity: Another half of a pair of martyrs—and the first woman to appear in the Canon after the Blessed Virgin Mary—Felicity was a pregnant slave-girl who was thrown to the lions and then dispatched by the sword in 202 along with...
- Perpetua: A noble woman of high rank in Carthage who would not go back on her faith, she shows, with St. Felicity, that any person, whether of high or low estate, male or female, can win the martyr's crown.
- Agatha: A Sicilian noble, Agatha, according to the official martyrology, "after beatings and imprisonment, racking, the twisting of her limbs, the cutting off of her breasts, and torture by being rolled upon shards and burning coals, at last died while in prayer to God." According to tradition, it took *two* attempts to kill her. The year was 254.
- Lucy: Like saint Agatha, she was of Sicilian nobility. Her name meaning "light" despite the fact that she'd been blinded, pulled by oxen, covered in pitch and resin and boiling oil, and finally had her throat slit under the emperor Diocletian's persecution. Another famous female martyr of the early Church.
- Agnes: Of all the women martyrs, perhaps the most famous, and certainly the youngest (about 12 years of age), her name means "lamb," though she had the heart and faith of a lion. Along with Lawrence, one of the most famous early Roman saints and, in the words of the great Doctor of the Church St. Jerome, "Agnes is praised in the literature and speech of all peoples, especially in the Churches, she who overcame both her age and the tyrant, and consecrated by her martyrdom to chastity." John Keats's famous poem "The Eve of Saint Agnes" shows just how right St. Jerome was.
- Cecilia: Patron saint of musicians, and usually shown with a keyboard, her passion is so well-known that it would be unjust to list a truncated version of it here. Though the date of her martyrdom is unknown (as is much of the history surrounding her), it is thought to have occurred in Rome in the early part of the fourth century.
- Anastasia: Her commemoration falls on Christmas Day, which shows the regard in which her cult was held. Along with her husband Publius she was tortured and eventually killed about the year 304 with 270 other men and women.

Perhaps the next time a priest wisely decides to invoke the Roman Canon (which, after all, remained almost unchanged from the Council of Trent to the present day), the above reflections on the saints will help bring us into a deeper union, a further communion with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Moreover, these saints remind us that we are a Church of martyrs, that the pathway to Heaven is in cruciform.

Holy Saints of the Roman Canon, pray for us!

In your charity, please pray for

our sick

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| 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 | Pia Layson | Patrick Lawler |
| Catherine Robinson | | |

our deceased

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| + Dorothy & James Ryan | + Belarmino Perdito |
| + David Gleeson | + Neil Sadler |
| + Kevin Ferguson <i>anniv 28/08</i> | + Matta Khoa |
| + Max Kokegei <i>anniv. 4/08</i> | + Mary Akua Forson |
| + Lynette Brand | + Sullyn Janes |

Roman Martyrology

- 14/08 St Maximilian Mary Kolbe
15/08 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
16/08 St Roch
17/08 Our Lady of Knock
18/08 St Helena
19/08 St John Eudes

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,

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

19-20 August | 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

	Reader	EMHC	Piety	Counters this week:
Saturday 5.30pm	J. Milne	G. Smith	D. Sullivan	S & J Jackson
Sunday 9.00am	D. Sullivan	Y. Benning	F. Moloney	Counters next week:
Sunday 5.30pm	M. McKenzie	R. Fisher	J. McKenzie	R. Gorman & G. Crocker

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Masses for the Assumption of the BVM | Holy Day of Obligation 15 August

Mary Help of Christians Church South Tamworth	10.00am 06.00pm	Holy Mass, <i>with students</i>
St Marie Therese Church Kootingal	07:00am	
St. Marys Church North Tamworth	09:00am	
St Patrick's West Tamworth	12.00pm	

Special Collection: Good Shepherd Appeal

A big thank-you to everyone who donated so generously to our Good Shepherd appeal last weekend. A total of \$817.24 was raised. If you missed the opportunity to donate you can still make an online donation the Priests Retirement Fund by depositing to St Edward's Special Collections Account BSB: 082-105 Acc No: 001059638. If you need a tax receipt please contact the office.

Planned Giving Receipts

As previously noted in 2017, Planned Giving is no longer a tax deductible donation. Considering this and the significant number of envelopes and receipts not collected from the Church; we will no longer print receipts to all planned givers. Records will still be kept and receipts will be issued upon request only.

Invitation | Natural Fertility Awareness Week Webinar

This year, 2023, marks the 70th anniversary of the commencement of Dr John Billings' research in finding a natural, reliable method of Fertility Awareness for couples. During Natural Fertility Awareness Week, in August, a special, free webinar in recognition of Dr John Billings' work, entitled "Understanding Couple Fertility: the Male Perspective" will be held on Monday 21st August 2023 at 7.30pm AEST.

As well as highlighting the male perspective in using the Billings Ovulation Method®, couples will reflect on how it has helped them in understanding their joint fertility, as well as benefiting their relationships and family life.

Please follow the link to register for the Webinar on Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/understanding-couple-fertility-the-male-perspective-webinar-tickets-678382479257?aff=oddtcreator>

Free Workshop | Parenting in Australia

Parenting in Australia is a workshop for multicultural families in Australia, the aim is to help families understand and follow Australian laws while raising children. During the workshop we will talk about unique challenges faced by families in adjusting to a new culture and explore positive ways of managing behaviour while staying connected to their children.

When: Thursday 24th August 2023 *RSVP by 22 August 2023*

Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm Lunch will be provided.

Where: Centacare NENW, 201 Marius Street, Tamworth

All different backgrounds are welcome!

Registration link: <https://forms.office.com/r/fiDsuDp27Y>

For more information contact Yesy at 02 6762 9209

Invitation | Youth & The Church

Parishioners are invited to an evening of engagement and discussion on Friday 25th August 6pm-8pm on the topic of "Youth & The Church, the open generation" An interactive Diocesan event designed to bring generations closer together in our Catholic communities. Featuring speakers from Alpha Youth Catholic and local WYD pilgrims. For further information or RSVP contact Chris da Silva phone 6771 8700 or chris@armidale.catholic.org.au to register and receive the zoom meeting link for online participation

Vinnies Sleepout Tamworth

Will you make a difference in the lives of people experiencing homelessness? Join our Vinnies Community Sleepout or donate to help rebuild lives for people experiencing homelessness. McCarthy Catholic College (Tribe Street) Friday 25 August 2023 from 6pm. To join or make donation please contact Jann Browne 0418 464 330.

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.

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.

Last Week's Collection

1st Collection -	\$ 896.55
Planned Giving -	\$ 840.00
Loose -	\$ 70.10

Schedule of Masses & Sacraments

Holy Mass

Monday		07.00am
Tuesday	Assumption	10.00am 06.00pm
Wednesday		09.30am
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 & Anointing of the Sick

by appointment

Funeral

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