



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

[Mary Help of Christians Church]

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10 REASONS TO ATTEND DAILY MORNING MASS

10) GOD IS CALLING YOU TO A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP. When I first started going to daily Mass, I felt a strong calling. The workings of divine providence helped to remove obstacles. Even after nine years, my prayer is the same: "Dear God, you know how much I need you to get through the day. If it is your will for me to attend Mass, make it possible for me." He usually does.

9) SEASONS.

The liturgical seasons add a new dimension to Mass with decorations, different coloured vestments and particular themes in the readings. A good way to try out regular daily Mass attendance is to make a commitment to go during a particular season like Advent or Lent.

8) QUIET.

Most parishes are open for a while before and after Mass. It's nice to have the opportunity for quiet time with the Lord, away from the distractions of home.

7) EXAMPLE.

I do not advertise the fact that I attend daily Mass, but some family and friends know. This opens the door to questions about faith. It also surprises and confuses people. "Why would you do that?" "How can you work Mass into your busy schedule?" I like to make them wonder.

6) HUMILITY.

Rather than feeling that I am holier than anyone else, daily Mass humbles me by reminding me that without God, I can do nothing. To keep my faith strong and deal with life's challenges, I need the extra graces of daily Mass.

5) THE SAME AND YET DIFFERENT.

The essentials of the Mass are universal, but the readings, congregation and possibly the church you attend may be different. This helps me to remember that Catholic means universal. As the gospel has spread all over the world, it's likely that someone somewhere is celebrating Mass at any given moment.

4) THE SAINTS.

Daily Mass attendees learn more about the well-known saints (Anthony, Joseph, Therese of Liseux) and discover obscure ones from all times and places like the North American Martyrs, Jane Francis de Chantal, Paul Miki and companions, and St Januarius. Their stories show how God calls each of us to respond to His mercy and love in our own unique way.

3) COMMUNITY.

I am shy, so I don't necessarily know names of most of the people who attend daily Mass. I've struck up a few friendships with folks who obviously love the Lord and His Church. Attending Mass has become my first daily priority, and I sometimes go to other parishes to adapt to my work schedule. It's great to visit other parishes, to see their churches and liturgical customs, and to learn from other priests.

2) THE WORD OF GOD.

Hearing the Word of God proclaimed every day fosters a deeper understanding of scripture and the desire to know more. The Word becomes alive in your heart and you find yourself pondering something that you heard later in the day. I am often amazed at the way the lectionary readings provide the exact word that I need in difficult times.

1) BREAKFAST WITH JESUS.

Daily Mass is like the time that the risen Lord cooked fish on a charcoal fire and served bread to the apostles on the beach. John 21:12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." He wants to feed you, too! He loves you so much, He wants to become a part of you, and to give you daily bread. What better way to start the day?

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 Pia Layson Patrick Lawler
Catherine Robinson Norma Ryan

our deceased

+ Dorothy & James Ryan + Neil Sadler
+ Kevin Ferguson *anniv 28/08* + Matta Khoa
+ Max Kokegei *anniv. 4/08* + Mary Akua Forson
+ Lynette Brand + Sullyn Janes
+ Gwen Press *anniv. 29/08* + Norman Ryan

Mass Intentions

21/08 for the personal intentions of Mr Cenen Milan
22/08 Fr John Willis, *50th anniversary of ordination*
24/08 for the deceased bishops and priests of our diocese

Roman Martyrology

21/08 St Pius X
22/08 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
23/08 St Rose of Lima
24/08 St Bartholomew
25/08 St Joseph of Calasanz
26/08 St Teresa Jornet Ibars

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

26-27 August | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

	Reader	EMHC	Piety	Counters this week:
Saturday 5.30pm	C. Jackson	T. Tighe	R. Stortenbeker	R. Gorman & G. Crocker
Sunday 9.00am	C. Kelly	A. McEvoy	B. Bruccoleri	Counters next week:
Sunday 5.30pm	P. Frost	S. Grace	C. Frost	J. Murrie & B. Burgess

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr Willis' Golden Jubilee of Ordination

Fr Willis will mark 50 years of Priesthood on Wednesday 23rd August. A small gathering of clergy and religious will celebrate with him. Please keep him in your prayers at this special time and offer thanks for his time in South Tamworth.

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.

Marriage Tribunal of the Catholic Church

Within the Catholic Church there exists a series of tribunals. Among the activities of the different tribunals is the work of assisting those who have experienced a marriage breakdown. Marriage breakdown is a distressing experience for all concerned. Many separated and divorced people wonder about their status within the Church. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Armidale Office of the Interdiocesan Tribunal of Sydney extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process. For further information please phone the Armidale Office of the Interdiocesan Tribunal of Sydney on 6771 8705 or email tribunal@armidale.catholic.org.au

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.

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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 - \$ 708.35
Planned Giving - \$ 621.00
Loose - \$ 72.95

Schedule of Masses & Sacraments

Holy Mass

Monday		07.00am
Tuesday		09.30am
Wednesday	<i>Funeral Mass</i>	10.00am
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 & Anointing of the Sick

by appointment

Funeral

by appointment