



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

[Mary Help of Christians Church]

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Who are the saints mentioned in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer 1)? (PART 2)

The next 12 are early martyrs of the Catholic Church: "Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian." These saints represent the hierarchy of the Catholic Church: Pope, bishop, deacon, laity.

The first five are martyred Popes:

- 1) Saint Linus – the second Pope; successor to Saint Peter
- 2) Saint Cletus – the third Pope; successor to Saint Linus
- 3) Saint Clement – the fourth Pope; successor to Saint Cletus
- 4) Saint Sixtus II – reigned as Pope from A.D. 257-258 and martyred under the persecutions of the Emperor Valerian.
- 5) Saint Cornelius – reigned as Pope from A.D. 251-253. He was martyred under the Emperor Gallus.

The next saint is a bishop:

- 6) Saint Cyprian – defender of the Catholic faith; beheaded in Carthage, Africa in AD 258.

The next saint is a deacon:

- 7) Saint Lawrence was martyred under the same Valerian edict that condemned Pope Saint Sixtus II mentioned above. Lawrence was roasted alive on a grid iron.

The next five saints are laymen:

- 8) Saint Chrysogonus A very early martyr who appears to have been a layman and a catechist. Like Lawrence, hugely important to the nascent Church in Rome and a martyr, having been thrown into the sea after decapitation.
- 9 & 10) Saints John and Paul were brothers in the service of the Roman Empire as officers. They were martyred during the reign of Julian the Apostate in 362.
- 11 & 12) Saints Cosmas and Damian were physicians who were martyred in Syria, around A.D. 287

What's wonderful about these saints is that they represent the popes, bishops, deacons, and laity of the Catholic Church...but not just in the city of Rome. We have martyrs in Rome, Africa (Cyprian), Asia (Cosmas & Damian), and Europe (Chrysogonus). The dates of their martyrdoms reveal that the prayer came to be after the persecutions of Diocletian. This places the prayer in the late AD 300s or 400s. Pretty early! This confirms the Roman tradition that the Canon of the Mass was established in essence by Pope Saint Damasus who reigned from AD 366-84. Words from Pope Innocent I (reigned AD 401-17) reveal that the Canon of the Mass was already established and received as something sacred. *to be continued*

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 NEEDED
to volunteer please email: hopekitchen2340@gmail.com

MINISTRY ROSTER

5-6 August | The Transfiguration of the LORD Time A

	Reader	EMHC	Piety	Counters this week:
Saturday 5.30pm	C. Nepomuceno	T. Tighe	J. McRae	G. Tighe & F. Gooley
Sunday 9.00am	S. Cunneen	B. Simpson	H. McCluand	Counters next week:
Sunday 5.30pm	K. Ringland	D. Stevens	C. Frost	G. Smith & L. Coleman

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	

our deceased

+ Dorothy & James Ryan	+ Belarmino Perdito
+ Rolando Alba	+ Nicholas King
+ David Gleeson	+ Neil Sadler
+ Bob McBurnie	+ Matta Khoa

Mass Intentions

31/07 for the repose of the soul of Rolando Alba
01/08 for Mercelle (mum) and safe delivery of baby Thomas
02/08 for the personal intentions of Cenen Milan
03/08 for the repose of the soul of Nicholas King
04/08 for the deceased bishops and priests of Armidale Diocese

Roman Martyrology

31/07 St Ignatius of Loyola
01/08 St Alphonsus Liguori
02/08 Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula
03/08 St Dominic
04/08 St John Vianney
05/08 St Mary Major, dedication of the basilica

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

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sacramental Preparation | Confirmation

Tuesday 01/08	6.00pm	Parents Information Evening, St Edwards School
Saturday 05/08	5.30pm	Enrolment Mass
Sunday 06/08	9.00am	Enrolment Mass
Sunday 17/09	9.00am	Confirmation Sunday

Mondays from 07/08 5.00pm Preparation Classes, MHOC Church

Special Masses

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, *solemnity*

Tuesday 08 August 10.00am Holy Mass, *with students from St Edward's*

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, *Holy Day of Obligation*

Tuesday 15 August 10.00am Holy Mass, *with students from St Edward's*
06.00pm Holy Mass

Clergy Retirement

The Diocesan Administrator has accepted the resignations of:

1. Fr Barry Leech as parish priest of Tenterfield effective 13 August 2023
 2. Fr Richard Gleeson as parish priest of Glen Innes effective 31 October 2023
- Let us give thanks to the Lord for their dedication and service, and pray that they enjoy their well deserved retirement.

Special Collection: Good Shepherd Appeal

There will be a special (door) collection next weekend for the Clergy & Seminarian Education & Priest Retirement Fund. Donation to Priest Retirement Fund is tax deductible. If you require tax receipt kindly use the envelope at the foyer.

National Vocation Awareness Week

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in Australia during the week of August 6-13, 2023. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation.

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.

Public Lecture | Women Deacons and the Synod

On 7 August 2023 (10-11:30am AEST) the ACU Centre for Liturgy will host Dr Phyllis Zagano (Hofstra University, New York) who will give an online public lecture (via Zoom) entitled "*Women Deacons and the Synod: What Happens Now?*" Most of the Continental Assemblies and the syntheses of several Episcopal Conferences call for the question of women's inclusion in the diaconate to be considered at the Synod on Synodality. Is it possible to envisage this, and in what way?" She will address the questions: What are the arguments for and against women ordained as deacons? What will happen in October? Dr Zagano is an internationally acclaimed Catholic scholar and lecturer on contemporary spirituality and women's issues in the church.

To register, please go to www.acu.edu.au/publiclectureCfL

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>

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 -	\$ 795.90
Planned Giving -	\$ 845.00
Loose -	\$ 77.00

Schedule of Masses & Sacraments

Holy Mass

Monday	07.00am
Tuesday	09.30am
Wednesday	Anointing Mass 09.30am
Thursday	09.30am
Friday	Holy Hour 08.15am
	Holy Mass 09.30am
Saturday	Rosary & Mass 09.00am
	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