



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

[Mary Help of Christians Church]

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Rev. Fr Paul Aguilar, PP | Mmes Liz Hearne & Hilda Raquipo, *parish secretaries* | Rev. Paul Manvell, *deacon*

The charity of praying for the dead cannot be measured.

When we offer a Mass for a deceased loved one, we are asking God to apply the graces of the Mass to that person's soul, so that their time of purification (purgatory) can be brought quickly to completion and they can enter into the fullness of heaven. This is a truly loving and faith-filled thing to do. The Catechism points this out: "From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God." (CCC 1032). But our faith is imperfect, our love is imperfect, so it is possible that although our prayers and offering do indeed benefit the person who has passed away, they may not be sufficient to bring that person's purification period to an end. And so, we continue to exercise both our faith and our love by having more Masses offered. This is a beautiful expression of the communion of all believers in Christ – a communion that transcends time and space.

If the person you offer the Mass for is already in heaven (if their stage of purification has been completed), then God will surely not let the offering go to waste – he will honour your love and faith and allow it to benefit another member of the Body of Christ. These offerings are not arithmetic; they are animated by faith and love, and as long as our faith and love (and hope) are alive and well, our offerings are a legitimate and fruitful expression and exercise of them, something that gives glory to God and that benefits the whole Church.

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 1.00pm
MHOC Church Hall, 72 Hillvue Road, South Tamworth.

NEW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
to volunteer please email: hopekitchen2340@gmail.com

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
Pia Layson	Patrick Lawler	Catherine Robinson
Barry Robinson	Denise Robinson	

our deceased

+ Raphael Smith	+ Evita Smith
+ Philomena Smith	+ Peter Nally
+ Mary Meppam	+ Frank Koppman
+ Stephen Rafferty	+ Gordon Livingstone
+ Teresita Ortiga	+ Fr Morrie Clarke
+ Joan Thompson	+ Brenda Eyles
+ Fr John Carey	+ Sr Gemma Burke, RSM
+ Sr Iris Fittler, RSJ	+ Gloria Galagher

Roman Martyrology

Oct 30 St. Marcellus
 Oct 31 St. Ampliatius, Urbanus & Narcissus
 Nov 1 All Saints
 Nov 2 Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
 Nov 3 St Martin de Porres
 Nov 4 St. Charles Borromeo

Omnes sancti martyres, orate pro nobis.

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.

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.

MINISTRY ROSTER

4 – 5 November | 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

	Reader	EMHC	Piety	Counters this week:
Saturday 5.30pm	J. Doyle	K. Pearson	J. Milne	S. & J. Jackson
Sunday 9.00am	C. Norvill	P. Long	B. Bruccoleri	Counters next week:
Sunday 5.30pm	H. Harvey	D. Stevens	E. Hearne	R.Gorman & G. Crocker

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Invitation | Appreciation Dinner—Last chance to sign up

On Friday evening November 3rd, the parish will be hosting, at no cost, a two course dinner, commencing at 6.00 pm, to farewell Fr. Paul, and show our appreciation for the eight years he has served our community. BYO drinks. To register, please complete the nomination form in the foyer. Contact Grahame Tighe - 0438657259 for further information.

*Testimonial envelopes for gifts to Fr Paul are now available in the foyer.

All Souls Day (November 2)

November is a special time of the year devoted by the Holy Mother Church to our beloved departed. During this month, the Church asks us to redouble our prayers and sacrifices for the remission of debt incurred by the faithful departed whose sins have already been pardoned. We are pleased to accept names of the deceased to be remembered at our altar during Holy Mass. You can enrol the names of your beloved deceased using the envelope found at the foyer or via online: <https://forms.gle/tS8HsZLbdJ3vNn489>. Kindly return the envelope no later than the 29th October in order for us to prepare the Book of Remembrance early.

Masses on All Saints and All Souls Day

Wednesday	01/11	09.30am	MHOC Church - South
		12 Noon	St Patrick's
		07.00am	St Nicholas
		06.00pm	Dungowan
Thursday	02/11	07.00am, 12.00noon & 06.00pm	MHOC Church - South
		12 Noon	St Patrick's
		09.00am	St Mary's
		06.00pm	St Nicholas
		06.30pm	Kootingal

IMMACULATA MISSION SCHOOL 2024: FISHERS OF MEN

Start the new year by going deeper in God's love through awesome speakers on the Catholic faith, daily Mass, Adoration and the Rosary, praise and worship, fellowship and more! There are two different programs, so there is something for everyone. Youth & adults (14 years & up): 1-6 Jan. 2024. Married couples & families (specifically designed for married couples. Includes childrens and teens program): 7-10 Jan 2024. Special guest speakers: Dan & Stephanie Burke from the USA (co-founders of the Avila Institute, presenters on EWTN & Dan is an author of over 15 books on Catholic spirituality), plus Fr Francesco Gavazzi (from the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal). Where: NEGS (New England Girls' School), Armidale NSW. For costs, additional information and TO REGISTER visit: <http://www.immaculata.org.au/ims>

ANNUAL CLERGY RETREAT

The Annual Clergy Retreat will be held from Sunday 19th November to Friday 24th November in Armidale NSW. There is NO evening Mass on this Sunday and through out the week. Please pray for our clergy during these days.

TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Marriage breakdown is a distressing experience for all concerned. The Church reaches out 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 67718705 or email tribunal@armidale.catholic.org.au

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

What return shall I make to the Lord, for all God has given me? Thank you for making a gift to support the important work of our parish. We sincerely appreciate your generosity!

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.

PRAYER FOR RAIN

Almighty God, we are in need of rain. We realise now, looking up into the clear, blue sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! We place our trust in You. Look on our dry hills, valleys and paddocks, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. We wait and watch for your gift of rain. Then the land will rejoice, and the rivers will sing Your praises, and our hearts will be made glad. Amen.

✠ Mary Help of Christians ✠ Pray for us.
✠ St Edward, the confessor ✠ Pray for us.
✠ St Mary of the Cross ✠ Pray for us.

Schedule of Masses & Sacraments

Holy Mass

Monday	07.00am
Tuesday	09.30am
Wednesday	09.30am
Thursday	All Souls' 7am, 12noon, 6pm
Friday	Holy Hour 08.15am
	Mass 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 booking:

<https://stedwardsparish.org.au/sacraments/>

Wedding, Anointing of the Sick & Funeral

Last Week's Collection

1st Collection -	\$ 766.95
Planned Giving -	\$ 473.00
Loose -	\$ 77.95
Special Collection	\$ 548.45