



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

[Mary Help of Christians Church]

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Rev. Fr Roel Llave | Mmes Liz Hearne & Hilda Raquepo, *parish secretaries* | Rev. Paul Manvell, *deacon*

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

ROSARY GROUP

Meet in private homes at 10am on Wednesdays
For information contact Dulcie Johns Ph: 6762 1092

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

Meet in private homes at 1.30pm on Mondays to pray for our children and all children throughout the world.
For more information contact Trish Tighe Ph: 0427657259

ST VINCENT de PAUL

St Edward's Visiting Conference

Meet in the Church meeting room on Mondays at 4pm.
For more information contact Cathy Norvill Ph: 0421591046

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP - White Ants

For more information or to join the White Ants Family Group ring Kerry Keating Ph: 0427367628

MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

Free English Lessons

Members of our Parish offer free group lessons in the Church Hall on Sundays from 10am—12pm. For more information or to become a volunteer tutor (no experience needed) contact Lizzie on 0439493266 or Kerry on 0427367628.

ST EDWARD'S CHOIR & MUSIC MINISTRY

The St Edward's Parish Choir is always ready to welcome new members. For more information contact Liz Hearne Ph: 0403137810

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

Follow us on Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/hopekitchen

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 |
| Pia Layson | Patrick Lawler | Catherine Robinson |
| Barry Robinson | Denise Robinson | Ros Dewick |

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| + Raphael Smith | + Evita Smith |
| + Philomena Smith | + Peter Nally |
| + Sr Iris Fittler, RSJ | + Teresita Ortiga |
| + Fr Morrie Clarke | + Anthony Davis |
| + Joan Thompson | + Brenda Eyles |
| + Fr John Carey | + Margaret Blake |
| + Gloria Galagher | + Virginia Beramo |
| + Anthony (Nguyen) | + Victor Stevens |

Roman Martyrology

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| Nov 27 | St James Intercisus |
| Nov 28 | St Catherine Laboure |
| Nov 29 | St Hardoin of Brittany |
| Nov 30 | St Andrew the Apostle |
| Dec 01 | Bl Charles de Foucauld |
| Dec 02 | St Bibiana |

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.

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Parish Christmas parties have been held since 2015, this year all parishioners are warmly invited to lunch on Sunday 10th December, 12pm at Centillion Chinese Restaurant, \$23 per head, buy your own drinks. Please add your name to the sign up sheet in the foyer, RSVP by Wednesday 7th December.

CHRISTMAS DAY 'HOME ALONE' LUNCH

Since 2016 the parish has provided a 'home alone' lunch for those who would not be with family on Christmas day. Numbers attending have reduced over the years and we are asking for an indication of how many people would attend this year if a lunch was organised. Could you please contact Grahame Tighe 0438 657 259 to indicate your interest, or for further information. The decision to proceed will depend on the number of responses and how many volunteers are available to organise the lunch.

PIETY STALL

Columban Art Calendars for 2024 are now available from the Piety Stall for \$10 each. We also have packets of 8 Christmas Cards for \$3.50.

ST EDWARD'S SCHOOL

Is seeking volunteers who would like to support students from Kindergarten to Year 6 to consolidate reading skills.

When: Any week day from 9-11am

Where: Infants and Primary campus

What you need: A volunteer Working With Child Check which can be obtained free of charge from Services NSW.

Ring the Primary School on 67657847 or Infants Campus on 67658569

VINNIES NEED YOUR HELP

Vinnies' Shop on Duri Rd would love to open their doors for longer trading hours but they need more volunteers. Give back to your local community, make friends, and gain new skills as a Vinnies volunteer. No prior experience needed, there is a role for anyone and everyone! For more information ring Julie: 0490 257 563

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. There are two different programs, Youth & adults (14 years & up): 1-6 Jan. 2024 Married couples & families (specifically designed for married couples. Includes children and teens program): 7-10 Jan 2024. Guest speakers: Dan & Stephanie Burke from the USA (co-founders of the Avila Institute, presenters on EWTN, plus Fr Francesco Gavazzi (from the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal). Where: New England Girls' School, Armidale NSW. For information and to REGISTER visit: <http://www.immaculata.org.au/ims>

Psalm 122. 6-9

*Ask for peace for Jerusalem:
may those who love you live in safety;
let there be peace in your walls,
safety in your palaces.*

*For my brothers and my friends, I will say:
Upon you be peace!
By the house of the Lord our God,
I will ask good for you.*



Please ensure that your children are accompanied when leaving the Church during the Mass to go to the toilet or for any other reason.

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 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.

Schedule of Masses & Sacraments

Holy Mass

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| Monday | 07.00am |
| Tuesday | 09.30am |
| Wednesday | 09.30am |
| Thursday | 09.30am |
| Friday | 09.30am |
| Saturday | 05.30pm |
| Sunday | 09.00am 05.30pm |

Confessions

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| 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

by appointment

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

1st Collection - \$ 918.25 Planned Giving - \$ 777.00 Loose - \$ 67.50

MINISTRY ROSTER

2—3 December | 1st Sunday of ADVENT- Year B

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| | Reader | EMHC | Piety | Counters this week: |
| Saturday 5.30pm | G. Smith | G. Smith | J. Milne | J. McRae & J. Milne |
| Sunday 9.00am | C. Kelly | P. Long | F. Moloney | Counters next week: |
| Sunday 5.30pm | J. Manalastas | R. Fisher | J. McKenzie | S. Cunneen & T. Hill |

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!