



# 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*

### Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### 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, Ros Dewick, Kevin Frost.

### our deceased

Raphael Smith, Evita Smith, Philomena Smith, Peter Nally,  
Sr Iris Fittler, RSJ, Teresita Ortiga, Fr Morrie Clarke,  
Anthony Davis, Margaret Blake, Virginia Beramo, Anthony  
(Nguyen), Victor Stevens, Margaret Single

### Roman Martyrology

Dec 04 St John Damascene  
Dec 05 St John Almond  
Dec 06 St Nicholas  
Dec 07 St Ambrose  
Dec 08 Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary  
Dec 09 St Juan Diego

*Omnes sancti mártýres, oráte pro nobis.*

### 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>

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

1st Collection - \$ 849.70      Planned Giving - \$ 685.00      Loose - \$ 76.75

### MINISTRY ROSTER

9—10 December | 2nd Sunday of ADVENT- Year B

	<b>Reader</b>	<b>EMHC</b>	<b>Piety</b>	<b>Counters this week:</b>
Saturday 5.30pm	J. Milne	T Tighe	D Sullivan	S. Cunneen & T Hill
Sunday 9.00am	B. Bruccoleri	Y. Benning	B. Bruccoleri	<b>Counters next week:</b>
Sunday 5.30pm	L. Hearne	D. Stevens	C. Frost	R. Fisher & K. Keating

### NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### UKRAINE ADVENT APPEAL

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference are encouraging Catholics to respond to the call from the head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia, Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, to provide financial support again to people in Ukraine as winter arrives. All donations raised during the Advent appeal will support the work of Mudra Sprava (Wise Action), a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine, for evacuation of people from frontline territories; food packages for people in need; shelters for internally displaced persons. The Australian Advent Appeal for Ukraine in 2022 raised \$430,000. These funds were used to deliver 10,750 food packages to parishes and communities in Ukraine, many in hard-to-reach areas which have been constantly under fire. A bucket collection will be taken outside after Mass next weekend on the 2nd Sunday of Advent. Please keep the people of Ukraine and Russia in your prayers.

#### CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING

Following on from our Ukraine Door Appeal we are inviting Parishioners to help us decorate our Christmas Trees by making a \$5 donation and hanging a bauble on the tree as a symbol of Christian generosity. Funds raised will be split between the Appeal for Ukraine and Caritas.

#### PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thank you to all the parishioners that signed up for the Parish Christmas lunch at Centillion on Sunday 10th December at 12.00pm, \$23 per head (buy your own drinks). We are nearly at our maximum capacity for the venue, so if you are interested in coming and you haven't yet signed up please contact the office.

#### ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Advent Second Rite of Reconciliation dates for Tamworth.  
St Patrick's West Tamworth      Thursday 14th December      05.30pm  
St Nicholas' East Tamworth      Thursday 21st December      06.00pm  
There will be no Advent Second Rite of Reconciliation at St Edward's Parish this year.

#### 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

#### 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.

#### Child Safe Parish

Electronic copy of the Child Safe Parish Communities Policy is now available online on our Parish website: [www.stedwardsparish.org.au/safeguarding/](http://www.stedwardsparish.org.au/safeguarding/)



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

### 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

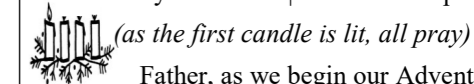
**To support the Church (Planned Giving Program - PGP):**  
**A/C Name:** St Edwards Church Suspense Acct  
**BSB:** 082 105    **A/C No.:** 001002950  
**Reference:** Envelope Number + last name

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!



### Lighting of the Advent Candle Prayer

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent | Candle of Hope



*(as the first candle is lit, all pray)*  
Father, as we begin our Advent pilgrimage, we light a candle of hope. Grant us the courage to hope: hope for your presence, hope for your peace, hope for your promise.  
Amen.

### Christmas Mass Times

<b>24/12 Christmas Eve</b>	<b>06.00pm</b>
	<b>10.00pm</b>
<b>25/12 Christmas Day</b>	<b>09.00am</b>

### Schedule of Masses & Sacraments

#### Holy Mass

Monday	07.00am
Tuesday	09.30am
Wednesday	09.30am
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 booking:

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

#### Wedding, Anointing of the Sick & Funeral

by appointment