



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

Lynette Beijeman, Sr Iris Fittler, RSJ, Teresita Ortega,
 Fr Morrie Clarke, Anthony Davis, Margaret Blake,
 Virginia Beramo, Anthony (Nguyen), Victor Stevens,
 Margaret Single.

Roman Martyrology

Dec 11 St John Damasus I, *pope*
 Dec 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Dec 13 St Lucy
 Dec 14 St John of the Cross
 Dec 15 St Mary Di Rosa
 Dec 16 St Adelaide

All Holy Men and Women, Pray for us.

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

ST EDWARD'S SCHOOL READING SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS

When: Any week day from 9-11am

Where: Infants and Primary campus

What you need: A volunteer Working With Children Check which
 can be obtained free of charge from Service NSW.
 Ring Primary School on 67657847 or Infants on 67658569

Heart of Peace (HOPE) is a social justice ministry
 of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Armidale.

Offering free and healthy meals for everyone.
 Returning in February after Christmas break.
 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>

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). Bookings are now finalised.

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.

VOLUNTEER READERS, EMHC & PIETY FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

If you are available to assist with the liturgy over Christmas and the holiday
 season, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

Christmas Mass Times

24//12 Christmas Eve 06.00 pm
 10.00 pm

25/12 Christmas Day 09.00 am

Advent Second Rite of Reconciliation

St Patrick's West Tamworth Thursday 14th December 05.30 pm
 St Nicholas' East Tamworth Thursday 21st December 06.00 pm

There will be no Advent Second Rite of Reconciliation at St Edward's Parish
 this year.

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/



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



Lighting of the Advent Candle Prayer

2nd Sunday of Advent



Candle of Peace

(as the candle is lit, all pray)

Heavenly Father, as we journey on
 this Advent road, we relight the
 candle of hope, and we light a
 candle of peace. Grant us the
 courage to make peace: peace in
 our hearts, peace in our homes, and
 peace in our country. **Amen.**

Schedule of Masses & Sacraments

Holy Mass

Monday 07.00am
 Tuesday 09.30am
 Wednesday 09.30am
 Thursday 09.30am
 Friday 10.00am
 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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

1st Collection - \$ 1,001.15 Planned Giving - \$ 654.00 Loose - \$ 94.00 November EFT- \$ 1,522

MINISTRY ROSTER

16—17 December | 3rd Sunday of ADVENT- Year B

	Reader	EMHC	Piety	Counters this week:
Saturday 5.30 pm	C. Jackson	K. Pearson	R. Stortenbeker	R. Fisher & K. Keating
Sunday 9.00 am	F. Gooley	A. McEvoy	R. Evans	Counters next week:
Sunday 5.30 pm	A. Soehlakaw	S. Grace	E. Hearne	C. Norvill & H. Harvey

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 Account

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!