ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH
[Mary Help of Christians Church]

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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

Bp Rob (Austin) Crapp, Fr John Willis, Barry Winning, Sayde Baladia, Narelle Albans, Chris O'Sullivan, Peachy Family, Julien Ryan, Patricia Jones, Denise Robinson, Ginavis Naw Pha Day, Jo O'Sullivan, Peter Fardy, Anna Gawlik, Pia Layson, Patrick Lawler, Catherine Robinson, Ros Dewick, Kevin Frost, Joan Guyer.

our deceased

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

Anniversaries

Frank Fahy

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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

1st Collection - $ 1,038.30 Planned Giving - $ 738.00 Loose - $ 294.85 November EFT- $ 1,522

MINISTRY ROSTER

23—24 December| 4th Sunday of ADVENT- Year B

	Reader	EMHC	Piety	Counters this week:
Saturday 5.30 pm	G. Tighe	G. Smith	J. McRae	C. Norvill & H. Harvey
Sunday 9.00 am	C. Norvill	B. Simpson	H.McClaund	**Counters next week:**
Sunday 5.30 pm	M. McKenzie	D. Stevens	J. McKenzie	L. & E. Hearne

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

UKRAINE ADVENT APPEAL
A big thank you to everyone who donated so generously to our Ukraine Door Appeal last weekend. A total of $ 1,951.30 was raised ($1,245.15 from the door collection and $ 706.15 from bauble donations). Please keep praying for a Holy and peaceful Christmas for Ukraine.

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING
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 will go to Caritas for their "Empowerment of People with Disabilities" program assisting. People with disabilities living in rural parts of Asia.

PIETY STALL
Columban Art Calendars for 2024 are now available from the Piety Stall for $10 each.

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 DUES
Every year, excess funds in the first collection (Presbytery Account) are sent to Priest Salary Fund to help priests in the smaller parishes. This also means that, at the beginning of each year our Presbytery Account is $0. Help us cover our costs for January. Envelopes for Christmas Offering are included in the Planned Giving envelope packs and on the paper table in the foyer, and may be left on the collection plate at any Mass. This contributes towards the support of our priest and presbytery upkeep. Thank you!

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 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/
It is a valuable resource to keep our parish a child safe environment. All are encouraged to read the booklet.

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

3rd Sunday of Advent

Candle of Joy

(as the candles are lit, all pray)

Father, at the height of our Advent walk, we relight the candles of hope and peace, and we light a candle of joy. Grant us the courage to experience joy in the hope of the Saviour's coming: joy in the face of apathy, joy in the face of sorrow, joy in the face of uncertainty. Amen.

Schedule of Masses & Sacraments

Holy Mass

Monday	07.00am
Tuesday	09.30am
Wednesday	10.00am
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

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!