



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

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, Mar-
 garet Blake, Virginia Beramo, Anthony (Nguyen), Victor
 Stevens, Margaret Single, Robyn Hatton, Pat Mooney.

Anniversaries & Remembrance

Frank Fahy, Kitty Thomas

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 - \$ 1,191.00 Planned Giving - \$ 729.00 Loose - \$ 80.90

MINISTRY ROSTER

30—31 December| The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Reader	EMHC	Piety	Counters this week:
Saturday 5.30 pm			L. & E Hearne
Sunday 9.00 am	Please volunteer by signing up on the sheet in the foyer		
Sunday 5.30 pm			Counters next week: G. Tighe & F. Gooley

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUIDE TO CHRISTMAS MASSES 2023

The 4th Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve and Christmas falls on a
 Monday this year. So How do you fulfil your obligation to attend Mass?
 Go to Mass twice!
 Pick one Mass for 4th Sunday of Advent, either Saturday evening or Sunday
 morning. AND pick one Christmas Mass, either Sunday Evening or Monday
 morning.

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING

We are inviting Parishioners to help us decorate our Christmas Trees by mak-
 ing 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!



Merry Christmas

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.

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!

December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Candle of Love

"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear,
 because fear has to do with punishment. The one who
 fears is not made perfect in love."

1 JOHN 4:18

Lighting of the Advent Candle Prayer

4th Sunday of Advent

Candle of Love



(as the candles are lit, all pray)

Father, as our Advent pilgrimage draws
 to a close, we relight the candles of
 hope, peace, and joy. And we light the
 candle of love. Grant us the courage to
 share your love: love for life and all crea-
 tion, love for sinners and saints, love for
 the poor and the little ones. We thank
 you for the hope your Son gives us, for
 the peace he bestows, for the joy your
 Spirit pours into our hearts, and for your
 love that redeems us and shows us the
 way. Amen.

Schedule of Masses & Sacraments

Holy Mass

Monday	07.00am
Tuesday	09.30am
Wednesday	NO MASS
Thursday	09.30am
Friday	09.00am
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/](https://stedwardsparish.org.au/sacraments/)

Wedding, Anointing of the Sick & Funeral

by appointment