



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*

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are ever fixed on the Lord, for he releases my feet from the snare. O look at me and be merciful, for I am wretched and alone.

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, the swallow finds a nest wherein to place her young, near to your altars, Lord of hosts, my King, my God! How happy they who dwell in your house! For ever they are praising you.

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

Lorraine Guyer, 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

Esther Sancho, Sr Therese Conroy RSJ, Keith Smith, Margaret Hough, Kevin O'Toole, Brian O'Sullivan, Kathleen Ison, Cristina Arellano, Barry Robinson, Lynette Bejeman, Teresita Ortiga, Fr Morrie Clarke.

Anniversaries

+ Msgr. Wayne Peters, + Bishop Felix Perez

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: 0421 591 046

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP - White Ants

For more information or to join the White Ants Family Group ring Sandra Ph: 0408 659 971 or Kerry Ph: 0427 367 628

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.
 Our Hope Kitchen is back on 7th February.
 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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross is a Lenten devotion that offers witness to Jesus' Passion and Death. For the remainder of Lent we will be praying the Stations of the Cross at 06.00pm on Fridays in the Church.

ST EDWARD'S PARISH CHOIR

We are looking for new members for our parish choir, no experience is required, just a love of singing. We will be starting our Easter practises soon, so if you'd like to come along please contact Liz at the office on Ph. 6765 9543 for more information.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR SR THERESE CONROY RSJ

While a group of Sisters of St Joseph are meeting in Tamworth, a Memorial Mass has been organised to celebrate the life of Sr Therese Conroy rsj at St Nicholas's Church, East Tamworth, on Thursday, 7 March at 5.00 p.m. All welcome. For further information contact St Patrick's West Tamworth, Ph: 67658122

LENT 2024 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed!
 For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent> Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

menALIVE WEEKEND FOR MEN

What are you doing on the 4th and 5th of May? Could you benefit from a weekend featuring talks, personal testimonies, opportunities for discussion and space to reflect? Since menALIVE commenced in 2003 thousands of Catholic men have been encouraged and inspired at weekends across Australia. Now, Armidale's 3rd menALIVE weekend is being hosted at Echidna Gully at Metz Gorge. Visit www.trybooking.com/CPBWS to register or contact Chris on 0433 775 429 for further enquiries.

REFLECTION DAY WITH SR MAUREEN M'DERMOTT - SATURDAY 9 MARCH

Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom: Pope Francis invites us to journey with God during this Lent. During the day there will be an opportunity to open up the Lenten Message from Pope Francis. BYO Lunch. Tea and coffee provided. Saturday 9 March from 9.30am to 2.00pm in the West Tamworth Parish Centre. For more information or to RSVP please phone 67658211.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please take home a Project Compassion box to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **for all future generations.** With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

1st Collection - \$ 746.40 Planned Giving - \$ 582.00
 Loose - \$ 64.75 PG EFT February - \$1,812.00

BAPTISM PRESENTATION

This weekend, our parish community warmly welcomes the family of Grace and Jensen Marshall, who will be presented for baptism in our parish at 10:00am this Saturday!

LENT & EASTER DATES 2024

Sunday 24 March Palm Sunday
 Thursday 28 March Holy Thursday
 Friday 29 March Good Friday
 Saturday 30 March Holy Saturday
 Sunday 31 March Easter Sunday



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

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

Monday	07.00am
Tuesday	NO MASS
Wednesday	NO MASS
Thursday	09.30am
Friday	09.30am
Friday Stations of the Cross	06.00pm

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

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.

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!

MINISTRY ROSTER

09-10 March — 4th Sunday of Lent Year B

	Reader	EMHC	Piety	Counters this week:
Saturday 5.30 pm	H. Harvey	T. Tighe	R. Stortenbeker	G. Tighe & F. Gooley
Sunday 9.00 am	School Mass	A. McEvoy	B. Bruccoleri	Counters next week:
Sunday 5.30 pm	J. McKenzie	D. Stevens	C. Frost	L. Hearne & E. Hearne