



# 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

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

Sr Therese Conroy RSJ, Keith Smith, Margaret Hough, Kevin O'Toole, Brian O'Sullivan, Kathleen Ison, Cristina Arellano, Barry Robinson, Lynette Beijeman, Teresita Ortega, Fr Morrie Clarke, Anthony Davis.

### 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](mailto:hopekitchen2340@gmail.com)

Follow us on Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/hopekitchen>

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

1st Collection - \$ 819.85 Planned Giving - \$ 678.00 Loose - \$ 57.20 EFT January - \$ 1,437

### MINISTRY ROSTER

02-03 March — 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

|                  | <b>Reader</b> | <b>EMHC</b> | <b>Piety</b> | <b>Counters this week:</b> |
|------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Saturday 5.30 pm | R. Reyes      | G. Smith    | D. Sullivan  | C. Norvill & H. Harvey     |
| Sunday 9.00 am   | C. Kelly      | Y. Benning  | F. Moloney   | <b>Counters next week:</b> |
| Sunday 5.30 pm   | P. Frost      | S. Grace    | J. McKenzie  | G. Tighe & F. Gooley       |

### 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.

#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER — FRIDAY 1 MARCH, 10.30AM

This year Australian Church Women's World Day of Prayer will be hosted by our Parish, on Friday 01 March at 10.30am in the church. The theme for this year is "I beg you... bear with one another". All parishioners but particularly women are invited to attend the Prayer Service and join us for morning tea. If you are able to volunteer to help with morning tea, greeting, etc please contact Liz Hearne in the Parish Office.

#### 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 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> menALIVE weekend is being hosted at Echidna Gully at Metz Gorge. Visit [www.trybooking.com/CPBWS](http://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.

#### BAPTISM PRESENTATION

This weekend, our parish community warmly welcomes the family of Octavia Pearce, who will be presented for baptism in our parish at 10:30am this Saturday!

#### LENT & EASTER DATES 2024

|                   |                 |
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| Sunday 24 March   | Palm Sunday     |
| Thursday 28 March | Maundy 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

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| Monday                       | 07.00am |
| Tuesday                      | 09.30am |
| Wednesday                    | 09.30am |
| Thursday                     | 09.30am |
| Friday                       | 09.30am |
| Friday Stations of the Cross | 06.00pm |

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| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>05.30pm</b> |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>09.00am</b> |
|                 | <b>05.30pm</b> |

#### Confessions

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| 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!*