



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Masses this Week

Tue 5/12 9.30 am No Mass Clergy in Armidale
Fri 8/12 10.00 am Mass Immaculate Conception

Christmas Dues/Offering

At the end of the year, excess funds in the first collection (Presbytery Account) are sent to the Priest Salary Fund to help priests in smaller parishes. This also mean that, at the beginning of each year our Presbytery Account is \$0. Please help us cover our costs for January. Envelopes for Christmas Offering are included in the Planned Giving envelope packs or you may *collect an envelope from the table in the foyer*. Please leave on the collection plate at any Mass. This contributes towards the support of our priest and presbytery upkeep. Thank you!

St Eddie's Christmas Lunch for Seniors

Wednesday 6th Dec in our church hall. Delicious ham, turkey, baked vegs followed by Christmas pudding!! 12 for 12.30— Cost \$12 each. This is our last function for the year so please support and bring a friend. Please enter your name in the book in the foyer or phone 67656 876.

O Night Divine: Carols on the Hill—This Fri 8th Dec from 6.30pm

The combined parishes of the Southern Deanery will be hosting a carols evening on the oval behind our church featuring Parish Choirs, the Filipino and Vietnamese Community Choirs and the FiAT Marching Band. Bring your blankets, chairs and aeroguard and join in the singing of Carols. Food, drinks and battery candles will be on sale. Children are encouraged to dress as angels and shepherds to join in the Nativity play.

Advent Reconciliation

Wed 13/12 6.00 pm visiting priests are available for confession

Fr Raj Appointment

A farewell morning tea for Fr Raj will be held after 9.00am Mass on Sunday 17th December. Please bring a plate to share.

Wanted Used Postage Stamps

The Sisters of St Joseph Mission in Peru would like used postage stamps. The perforation should be left around the stamp and please do not cut too close allow—3mm. Collection box located on the table in the foyer. Thank you!

Contact ADIG

From January 1 2018, you may no longer be able to have transactional accounts with ADIG. Call us to find out more.
Phone 1800 803 194 or 1800 040 903.

Mass Time and Liturgical Services

Weekends

1st Saturday 9.00 am
Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm
Sunday 9 am & 5.30 pm

Weekdays*

Monday 7.00 am
Tuesday - Friday 9.30 am

Anointing Mass

1st Wednesday of the Month 9.30 am

Confession

Saturday 4.45 - 5.15 pm
Sunday 8.15 - 8.45 am
& 4.45 - 5.15 pm
or by appointment.

Baptism

Preparation Class, 2nd Sunday of the Month 10 am

Baptism, 3rd Sunday of the Month 10 am
or by appointment.

Wedding,

Sick Call & Funeral
by appointment

Collection

Envelopes \$ 905.50
Loose \$ 31.80
Direct Deb Nov \$1605.00

*In your charity,
please pray with us for*

Our sick

Jim Hynes
Marie Gonsalves
Paul & Margaret Halloran
Helen Fife
Daniel O'Sullivan
Jack Dunn
Kylie Burgess
Fr Peter McGrath
Roslyn Smith
Rita Sutton
Bayly Turner
Liz Artis
Lorraine Parsons
Peter Dawson
Ignacio de Castro

Our deceased

Pauline Lowe
Tony Crowley
Mary Josephine Ramasamy
Marjorie Handley
Biddy Mathews
Coral Harrison

Mass Intentions

Holy Souls

Anniversaries

3/12 + Irene Whitten

Roman Martyrology

4.12 St John Damascene
5.12 St Sabas
6.12 St Nicholas
7.12 St Ambrose
8.12 Solemnity of Immaculate Conception
9.12 St Juan Diego

*Omnes sancti Mártyres,
oráte pro nobis*



**WORKING BEE
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

December 2017

10 Sat 9am Nativity Crib
14 Thu 10am Wreath & Decors

Help Christians Return Home

Many displaced Christians in Iraq do not want to emigrate abroad. They are looking forward to returning to their homes in Nineveh but help is still needed for the reconstruction.

Christmas Bauble Appeal

For just \$5 per Christmas bauble you can decorate our Christmas Trees, and bring light to someone's life. Proceeds will go toward purchasing winter blankets for those in need in Tamworth and to rebuild the Iraq Christian community after the destruction by ISIS. Bubles will be on sale before and after all weekend Masses commencing next weekend, 1st Sunday of Advent, until New Year.

Piety Stall / Columban Calendars

Calendar orders ready for collection and payment from the Piety Stall. *Only 4 weeks until Christmas.* New stock has arrived: Christmas Cards (8pk \$3): single Christmas Cards (\$1 each): Cribs, Christmas tree decorations, children Christmas colouring books, Fridge magnets with prayer and medal and much more. Come to the stall and have a browse.

Christmas Masses

As the Catholic world enters the holy season of Advent, you might notice the 4th Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve this year and Christmas is NOT moved to the Sunday! Yes, you will have to go to Mass **twice** in one weekend. Here are your options!

Option #1: Mass on Saturday evening + Mass on Sunday evening
Option #2: Mass on Saturday evening + Mass on Monday
Option #3: Mass on Sunday morning + Mass on Sunday evening
Option #4: Mass on Sunday morning + Mass on Monday

No, you cannot fulfil both your Sunday obligation and your Christmas obligation in one mass. No two-fers this year. See you at church!

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| Saturday | 23 Dec | 5.30 pm | 4th Sunday of Advent (Vigil Mass) |
| Sunday | 24 Dec | 9.00 am | 4th Sunday of Advent (Sunday Mass) |
| Sunday | 24 Dec | 6.00 pm | Christmas Eve Mass with Children* |
| | | 8.00 pm | Christmas Eve Mass (in Filipino) |
| Monday | 25 Dec | 12.00 mn | Midnight Mass |
| | | 9.00 am | Christmas Day Mass |

**children are encourage to dressed-up as angels and shepherds*

LITURGY ROSTER

2nd Sunday of Advent/B 10th December

| | Vigil-5.30pm | 9.00am | 5.30pm |
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| Acolyte | T Ball | J Mahony, B Sullivan (B) (HC) | P Manvell |
| Reader 1 | Volunteer | M Mooney | A Robinson |
| Reader 2 | J Milne | R O'Rourke | L Hearne |
| E.O. Mins | R Hobson A Whitten | D O'Sullivan B Simpson | S Cunneen |
| Piety Stall | J MacRae | D Sullivan | L Hearne |
| Counters | this week: next week: | G Tighe & A Robinson M & M Mooney | |