



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Roman Lectionary

Sunday Readings Cycle C

Weekday Readings Year 1

2019 Easter Calendar

Ash Wednesday 06 March 2019

Palm Sunday 14 April 2019

Holy Thursday 18 April 2019

Good Friday 19 April 2019

Easter Sunday 21 April 2019

Christmas Decor Appeal

For just \$5 a decor you can adorn our Christmas Trees, and bring light to someone's life. Proceeds to Vinnies Drought Appeal and providing materials for our Parish English Lesson classes. Decors will be on sale at all weekend Masses until the New Year.

Planned Giving Program (PGP)

Parishioners who wish to join the Planned Giving Program please contact the office so that envelopes can be organised. If you prefer to organise a direct debit or internet transfer please contact the office for further details.

St Vincent de Paul—St Edward's Conference

If you would like someone to visit you at home or you know of someone who like a visit in their home or Nursing Home, please speak to a conference member at the paper table before or after Mass.

2019 First Confession Sacramental Preparation Classes

Parent Info. Evening - Tuesday, 12 February, 6.30pm

Enrolment Mass - All Weekend Masses, 16 & 17 February

Confession - Wednesday, 27 March, 4.00pm

For students other than those attending St Edward's Catholic School please contact the Sacramental Preparation Team, Kerry and Paul Manvell ph: 02 6762 0569.

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Information for the bulletin to be emailed to southtamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au or please drop a note to the Parish Office no later than Thursday afternoon.

Mass Time and Sacraments

Weekends

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

Plate Collections

1st Collection \$ 577.10

Envelopes PGP \$ 897.50

Loose \$ 120.75

Direct Deb (Dec) \$

*In your charity,
please pray with us for*

Our sick

Eduardo Dimatulac

Julien Ryan

Mark Smith

Pat Wade

Jay Peachy

Fin Perdito

Ignacio de Castro

Kylie Burgess

Johanna Turner

Michael Mulligan

Ricky Lee Peachy

Bayly Turner

Our Deceased

Fr Tom Shanahan

Andy Ocampo

Mass Intentions

07/1 + Julianne O'Connor

Roman Martyrology

07/1 St Raymond of Penyafort

08/1 St Angela of Foligno

09/1 St Adrian of Canterbury

10/1 St Gregory of Nyssa

11/1 Blessed William Carter

12/1 St Marguerite Bourgeoise

*Omnes sancti Mátyres,
oráte pro nobis*

WORKING BEE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Mon 14 Jan. 7.30 am

Low Gluten Hosts

are available for people with coeliac disease, please advise priest before Mass.

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Gluten-free hosts are invalid matter and therefore cannot be consecrated at Mass.



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Invitation | Parish Morning Tea



today Sunday 6th January after 9.00am Mass

Please stay for a cuppa



Catholic Devotion: Blessing of Homes and Chalking of Door

January 6 | Epiphany of the Lord

Epiphany (also known as Twelfth Night, *Theophany*, or Three Kings Day) marks the occasion of a time-honoured Christian tradition of "chalking the doors." The formula for the ritual — adapted for 2019 — is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home: **20 + C+M + B + 19**. The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar — who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "19" at the end mark the year. The chalking of the doors is a centuries-old practice throughout the world, though it appears to be someone less well-known in Australia. It is, however, an easy tradition to adopt, and a great practice whereby we dedicate our year to God from its very outset, asking His blessing on our homes and on all who live, work or visit them there. The timing for the chalking of the doors varies somewhat in practice. In some places, it is done on New Year's Day. More commonly, it is performed January 6 — the traditional Feast of the Epiphany — the Twelfth Day of Christmas. Traditionally the blessing is done by either a priest or the head of the family. This blessing can be performed simply by just writing the inscription and offering a short prayer. The chalking of the doors of a home encourages Christians to dedicate their life at home to God and to others. Seeing the symbols over our doors can help to remind us, while passing in and out on our daily routines, that our homes and all those who dwell there belong to Christ. It also serves as a reminder of welcoming the Magi gave to Jesus. With time the chalk will fade. As it does we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions the Latin words, *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." We should strive to be as welcoming to all who come to our homes to visit us!

Instructions for Blessing the Home

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows: **20 + C + M + B + 19** while saying: *The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and eighteen years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.* Then offer the following prayer: *Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen*

LITURGY ROSTER

Baptism of the Lord/C 13 January 2019

Vigil-5.30pm	9.00am	5.30pm
Readers/E.O. Ministers	Volunteers please	
Piety Stall	J MacRae	D Sullivan J Milne
Counters	this week:	B Gordon & G Smith
	next week:	P Greenaway & T Hill