



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

[Mary Help of Christians Church]

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NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Masses This Week

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri Mass as usual
Thursday 13/12 End of Year School Mass 10 am

Advent Reconciliation

Wednesday 12 Dec St Nicholas' - East Tamworth 6.00 pm
Thursday 13 Dec St Thomas More's - Werris Creek 6.00 pm
Thursday 20 Dec St Patrick's - West Tamworth 6.00 pm

School News

This week it was announced that Stefan van Aanholt will be the Acting Principal at St Edward's School in 2019. Thank you to Gary McSweeney for his many years of service to the school and wish him all the best in his 12-month secondment to the Catholic Schools Office in Armidale.

Parish Christmas Party Luncheon

All parishioners are warmly invited to lunch on Sunday 16th Dec, 12n for 12.30pm in the Church Hall. Please complete the sheet in the foyer.

Christmas Day Lunch

All are welcome to our Christmas Day lunch in the Church Hall on 25th December 12n for 12.30pm. For reasons we cannot always be with family, so do not be alone, come along and share the joys of the season. Please bring something to share. To join, kindly complete the sheet in the foyer.

Make Our Christmas Liturgy a Beautiful Experience

We expect hundreds of visitors, Catholics who may be ready to return to the faith and non-Catholic seekers. Lets ensure that they have an amazing experience at St Edward's this Christmas.

Christmas Eve Nativity Play

All children who are interested in being part of the Christmas Eve Nativity Play, please register by email at southtamworthparish@armidale.org.au with child's name and age and parent's contact number. Thank you!

Greeter/Welcomer/Usher at Christmas Eve/Day Mass

Help us make our Christmas liturgies beautiful and welcoming for parishioners and guests. Please sign the Volunteer Form in the church foyer. If you've never ushered before, don't worry! We will train you.

Readers and E.O. Ministers of Holy Communion

If you are available for one of our Christmas Masses, please consider volunteering. Kindly sign your name at the foyer.

Sing at Christmas Masses

Have you thought about singing at Mass, but can't make a yearly commitment? Consider joining our choir just for Christmas Eve (9pm) and Christmas Day (9am)

Choir Practice: Thur 13/12 6.30 pm - Church & Mon 17/12 6pm - Hall

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 \$ 814.20
Envelopes PGP \$ 1011.50
Loose \$ 55.00

*In your charity,
please pray with us for*

Our sick

Gemma D'Aubonnett (nee Gregson)
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

Sharon Erich
Derek Chapman

Mass Intentions

9/12 + Martin McKeon
11/12 Sick members of the Parish Rosary Group
12/12 + Deceased members of the Parish Rosary Group

Roman Martyrology

10/12 Blessed Adolph Kolping
11/12 St Damasus I
12/12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
13/12 St Lucy
14/12 St John of the Cross
15/12 Blessed Mary Frances Schervier

*Omnes sancti Mátyres,
oráte pro nobis*



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve Monday (24 Dec.)

06.00 pm Children's Mass
09.00 pm Holy Mass

Christmas Day Tuesday (25 Dec.)

09.00 am Holy Mass

Lighting of the Advent Candle Prayer

2nd Sunday of Advent | Candle of Peace

(as the 1st & 2nd candles are lit, all pray)

Heavenly Father, as we journey on this Advent road, we relight the candle of hope, and we light a candle of peace. Grant us the courage to make peace: peace in our hearts, peace in our homes, and peace in our country. Amen.

Christmas Luncheon for Seniors

Wednesday 12th December at Oak Tree Village Community Hall, 12 for 12.30pm. \$10 each. If you wish, please bring a small gift for mothers or children at the Women's Refuge. Please RSVP by writing your name in the book in the foyer or phone Anne 67656876 by Monday 10th.

Christmas Decor Appeal

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

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.

Baptismal Preparation Classes

If you are interested in volunteering to help with Baptismal Preparation Classes, please contact Robyn O'Rourke or Denise Sullivan for further information in regard to this Ministry. Please email or phone the Parish Office on 67659 543 if you are able to help. Thank you.

Do you know that you can give your contribution by EFT?

To support the priests (1st collection):

A/C Name: St Edward's Church Presbytery Saving Account
BSB: 082 105 A/C No.: 001023592

To support the Church (Planned Giving Program, envelopes):

A/C Name: St Edward's Church Suspense Account
BSB: 082 105 A/C No.: 001002950

LITURGY ROSTER

3rd Sunday of Advent/C 16 December 2018

	Vigil-5.30pm	9.00am	5.30pm
Acolyte		P Manvell (A)	J Mahony
Reader 1	G Chapman	C Kelly	K Ringland
Reader 2	J Cronin	S Cunneen	Volunteer
E.O. Mins	M O'Rourke T Tighe	P Long G McSweeney	G Smith
Piety Stall	J MacRae	D Sullivan	J Makepeace
Counters	this week: next week:	G Tighe & A Robinson B & J Makepeace	