



# ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## [Mary Help of Christians Church]

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### NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Christmas Eve Nativity Play

All children who are interested in being part of the Christmas Eve Nativity Play please register on the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

#### Fr Raj Appointment

Please come together for farewell morning tea for Fr Raj in the Hall after 9.00am this weekend.

#### Home Alone for Christmas Lunch?

Why not join us in the hall on Christmas Day for a very enjoyable lunch. Please complete the details on the sheet in the foyer **this weekend**.

#### 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!

#### Sausage Sizzle

Thank you to everyone who helped with this fundraiser on 2nd December. \$300 was raised. \$550 was raised last year.

#### 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!

#### Bible Diary

If you would like to order a 2018 Bible Diary please complete the sheet in the foyer. Cost \$20. Sample on display in the foyer.

#### Piety Stall

*Only 1 week until Christmas.* Items suitable for gifts available.

Come to the stall and have a browse.

#### 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.

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

### **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 \$ 973.00

Loose \$ 69.70

*In your charity,  
please pray with us for*

#### Our sick

Marie Gonsalves

Paul & Margaret Halloran

Helen Fife

Jack Dunn

Kylie Burgess

Fr Peter McGrath

Roslyn Smith

Rita Sutton

Bayly Turner

Liz Artis

Lorraine Parsons

Peter Dawson

Ignacio de Castro

#### Our deceased

Daniel O'Sullivan

Neville Galvin

Jim Hynes

Pauline Lowe

Tony Crowley

Mary Josephine Ramasamy

Marjorie Handley

Biddy Mathews

#### Anniversaries

+ Fred White

+ Nida Cadag

#### Roman Martyrology

18.12 Blessed Anthony Grassi

19.12 St Gregory

20.12 St Thomas, Apostle

21.12 St Peter Canisius

22.12 St Flavian

23.12 St John of Kanty

*Omnnes sancti Mátyres,  
oráte pro nobis*

#### **Sick List**

If you would like to add someone to the sick list please use the "sick list prayer request form" placed on the table in the foyer.



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### Christmas Bauble Appeal

St Edward's parishioners are very charitable when asked to help those in need and for this we thank you. \$400 donated to date. \$1931 was raised in 2016.

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 at all weekend Masses until the New Year.

Grief to Grace—Healing the Wounds of Abuse – is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held from 8 April to 13 April 2018. For an application contact Anne at [info@griefftograceaus.org.au](mailto:info@griefftograceaus.org.au) or 0407704539.

#### 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!

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**

4th Sunday of Advent/B 24th December

	Vigil-5.30pm	9.00am	6.00pm Christmas Eve
<b>Acolyte</b>	T Ball	J Mahony, B Sullivan (B) (HC)	P Manvell
<b>Reader 1</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer	As arranged
<b>Reader 2</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer	As arranged
<b>E.O. Mins</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer	As arranged
<b>Piety Stall</b>	J MacRae	R O'Rourke	L Hearne
<b>Counters</b>	this week:	P Greenaway & T Hill	
	next week:	R Gorman & G Crocker	