



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.

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.

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!

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!

Piety Stall / Columban Calendars

Calendar orders ready for collection and payment from the Piety Stall. *Only 2 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.

Bible Diary

If you would like to order a 2018 Bible Diary at the cost of \$20. Sample on display in the foyer. To order, complete the sheet in the foyer.

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.

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 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 \$ 1043.00
Loose \$ 51.00

*In your charity,
please pray with us for*

Our sick

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

Jim Hynes

Pauline Lowe

Tony Crowley

Mary Josephine Ramasamy

Marjorie Handley

Biddy Mathews

Mass Intentions

Holy Souls

13.12 + Mike Moran

Roman Martyrology

11.12 St Damasus I

12.12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

13.12 St Lucy

14.12 St John of the Cross

15.12 St Maximinus

16.12 St Eusebius

*Omnes 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.



WORKING BEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

December 2017

14 Thu 10am Wreath & Decors

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.

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.

Baubles will be on sale at all weekend Masses until 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 Apr to 13 Apr 18. To request an application contact Anne at info@griefftopeace.org.au or 0407704539.

For more information visit www.griefftopeace.org

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

LITURGY ROSTER

3rd Sunday of Advent/B 17th December

	Vigil-5.30pm	9.00am	5.30pm
Acolyte	T Ball	P Manvell, B Sullivan (A) (HC)	J Mahony
Reader 1	J Doyle	M Pawsey	J Ringland
Reader 2	J Makepeace	D Pawsey	K Ringland
E.O. Mins	M O'Rourke T Tighe	Y Benning L McGrath	J Moroney
Piety Stall	J Makepeace	D Pawsey	J Milne
Counters	this week: next week:	M & M Mooney P Greenaway & T Hill	