



# ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## [Mary Help of Christians Church]

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### NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Visit by Bishop Kennedy

We welcome Bishop Michael Kennedy to our parish this weekend. Bishop will celebrate 9am he will present Papal Blessings to three parishioners, Dulcie Johns, Gwen Press and Kitty Thomas for their dedication and long service to our parish. Morning tea at the hall after the Mass.

#### Faith of our Fathers

The latest booklet written by Kitty Thomas, about our Parish Priests, is on sale now for \$10 from the Piety Stall.

#### Masses

#### Ash Wednesday (Day of Fasting and Abstinence)

*No anointing Mass*

Wed 01.03	7 am	Holy Mass
	10 am	School Mass
	6 pm	Holy Mass

Age of Fasting (18 to 59 y/o) and Abstinence (14 to 60 y/o). Those who are excused from fast or abstinence Besides those outside the age limits, those of unsound mind, the sick, the frail, pregnant or nursing women according to need for meat or nourishment, manual labourers according to need, guests at a meal who cannot excuse themselves without giving great offense or causing enmity and other situations of moral or physical impossibility to observe the penitential discipline.

#### First Friday Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Mass

Friday 03.03	9.30 am	Mass
	10.00 am - 6.00 pm	Exposition & Adoration
	6.00 pm	Mass

#### First Saturday Mass (with anointing of the sick)

Saturday 04.03 9.00 am Holy Rosary followed by Mass

#### Stations of the Cross

Every Fridays of Lent 9.00 am

#### Lenten Retreat

Fr Raj will facilitate a directed Ignatian Lenten Retreat. First meeting and information day will be held on Saturday, 4th March, 10.30 - 11.30 am at the MacKillop Chapel. Use the sign-up sheet in the foyer if you are interested to join.

### 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	\$ 921.00
Loose	\$ 66.80

### Let us pray for

#### Our sick

Kylie Burgess  
Norma Ryan  
Marie Mansfield  
Josie Finlay  
Fr Peter McGrath  
Betty Mahony  
Roslyn Smith  
Bernard Smith  
Rita Sutton  
Elaine Graham  
Bayly Turner  
Liz Artis  
Lorraine Parsons  
Peter Dawson  
Ignacio de Castro

#### Our deceased

Judith Power  
John Reeves  
Aloise Graham  
Br Kevin Moss  
Paul Thomas

#### Mass Intentions

27.2 + Alva Egan  
3.3 Sr Gladys Gardiner RSM

#### Roman Martyrology

27.2 St Julian  
28.2 St Romanus  
1.3 St Antonina  
2.3 St Simplicius  
3.3 St Titian  
4.3 St Lucius

***Omnes sancti Mártyres,  
oráte pro nobis***

#### Home Visitation

If there is a parishioner in hospital, nursing home, home-bound who you know would appreciate a visit from a priest, please contact the Parish Office.

#### Free Mobile App

Discover what is happening in our parish download **myFaith** mobile app available from **Apple App Store** or **Google Play**.

#### Piety Stall

Open before and after Mass each weekend.

#### Project Compassion

Project Compassion boxes/envelopes will be available for collection from the back table. This years theme is "Love your neighbour."

#### Child Protection

Electronic copy of the Child Safe Parish Communities Policy is now available online on our Parish website under NEWS category. It is a valuable resource to keep our parish a child safe environment. All are encouraged to read the booklet.

#### CATECHESIS: SANCTUARY & ALTAR OF SACRIFICE

In the Holy Roman Catholic Church the priest offers Mass in a sacred place, a sanctuary, set apart from the rest of the church for sacrifice, as was the Holy of Holies in the Jewish Temple, to which the celebrant refers explicitly in the silent prayer *Aufer a nobis* as he ascends to the altar of sacrifice: "Take away from us our iniquities, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that with pure minds we may enter the Holy of Holies." As he recites this prayer the celebrant is filled with the thought of the holiness of God and the awesome nature of the mysteries that he is about to celebrate.

Throughout the centuries the Catholic people have spared no effort and no expense to build sanctuaries which provided a worthy setting for the awesome Sacrifice, sanctuaries which provided a foretaste of the true Holy of Holies, Heaven itself. In the Eastern Churches the faithful are not even permitted to witness the most solemn moment of the liturgy as it takes place behind the ikonostasis.

In every Catholic Church we find an altar. In a remote mission station the altar may be the only object in a simple structure. This reminds us that a church is constructed primarily to contain an Altar. The main Altar of a church should be a fixed altar. According to biblical symbolism and Western Tradition, at least the table of a fixed altar is made of natural stone. Fixed Altar are solemnly dedicated by a bishop. Movable altars are blessed by a bishop. The Altar stands at the central axis of the sanctuary. The Altar in itself is the great and holy sign of Christ. A small altar may be appropriate in a small chapel, but in a church an insignificant altar should be replaced by an ample table of sacrifice that is beautiful and worthy of the sublime action of Christ our Priest. The relics of the saints, should be placed beneath the mensa (top of the table) of the altar when it is dedicated. *Sources: Code of Canon Law 1235, 1236, 1237; General Instruction to the Roman Missal 263, 262, 265, 266; Ceremonial of Bishops 919, 923, 48, 866, 921, 151. Ceremonies of the Modern Roman Rite by Bishop Peter Elliott, pages 22-23.*

### LITURGY ROSTER

1st Sunday in Ordinary Time/A 5 March 2017

	Vigil-5.30pm	9.00am	5.30pm
<b>Acolyte</b>	T Ball	J Mahony (B)	P Manvell
<b>Reader 1</b>	D Sullivan	C Kelly	M McKenzie
<b>Reader 2</b>	G Tighe	S Cunneen	J McKenzie
<b>E.O. Mins</b>	J Davy T Tighe	J MacRae B Simpson	R Fisher —
<b>Piety Stall</b>	J Milne	R O'Rourke	L Hearne
<b>Counters</b>	this week: next week:	P Greenaway & T Hill M & M Mooney	

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