



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

[Mary Help of Christians Church]

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Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year to all!

A huge thank you to all of our parishioners.

I sincerely appreciate your support. Wishing you and your families all the best in 2018.

-Fr Paul, Fr Raj and Deacon Paul

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Masses

24.12 Sunday 6.00 pm Christmas Eve Mass (with Children)
8.00 pm Christmas Eve Mass (Filipino)
25.12 Monday 12.00 am Midnight Mass
9.00 am Christmas Day

Weekday Masses (26.12.2017—01.01.2018)

26.12 Tuesday 9.00 am St Stephen, *feast*
27-29.12 Wed-Fri No Masses
01.12 Monday 9.00 am Mary, Mother of God, *solemnity*
St Patrick's (West) Wednesday-Saturday 9.00 am
Nazareth House Wednesday-Friday 9.30 am

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

St Edward's parishioners are very charitable when asked to help those in need and for this we thank you. \$775 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.

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.

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

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.

*In your charity,
please pray with us for*

Our sick

Noel Lane
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

Gloria Lillcrap
Marlene Lockwood
Daniel O'Sullivan
Neville Galvin
Jim Hynes

Mass Intentions

+ Erin & Paul Thomas
+ Ossie & Irene Whitten,
deceased family, relatives
and friends
+Val Constant & deceased
family members
+ Julianne O'Connor

*In paradisum deducant
te Angeli; in tuo adventu
suscipiant te martyres, et
perducant te in civitatem
sanctam Jerusalem.*

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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Christmas Dinner Prayer

God of all gifts, we thank you for the many ways you have blessed us this day. We are grateful each of those who are gathered around this table. We ask you to bless us and our food and to bless those we love who are not with us today. In our gratitude and love, we remember your humble birth into our lives and pray for those who are without enough to eat. We remember the stable in which you were born and pray for those who have no place to live. We remember your challenging message of caring and giving and we pray for peace in families and nations throughout the world. We bless you and give you thanks in your Spirit who brings our hearts to life the Christmas Day and forever. Amen.

Candlemas: Special Mass for Consecrated Men & Women

Friday, 2 Feb 2018 is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord & the Purification of the Virgin Mary. During this Mass, candles are blessed. It is a day of hope and light. A time to honour the Lord as the Light of the World and to remind us that we too have that light within us. Please bring your own candles for the blessing. Mass at 11.30am. Priests of the diocese, religious priests and sisters will be in attendance to celebrate this special day. Parishioners are invited to join in the Mass.

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!

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 or 0407704539.



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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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph/B 31st December			
	Vigil-5.30pm	9.00am	5.30pm
Acolyte	T Ball	P Manvell (A)	J Mahony
Piety Stall	J Makepeace	D Sullivan	J Milne
Counters	this week:	R Gorman & G Crocker	
	next week:	G Smith & J Makepeace	