



# ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## [Mary Help of Christians Church]

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### NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Advent Reconciliation Rite 11

Tues 20th Dec 6.30pm St Nicholas'

#### Working Bee

Volunteers are needed to prepare the hall for the Christmas Eve Mass. Working bee will start after the 9.30am Mass this Friday.

#### Urgent Request

Choir members are needed urgently, especially for Midnight Mass for Christmas. PLEASE come along to practice on Sunday 18th December at 4.00pm in the church. This is a desperate plea for help and everyone most welcome.

After many years as a loyal, committed Choir Mistress, Marie Mooney has decided it is time for retirement. It takes many hours to prepare and practice the Choir and for this we sincerely thank Marie. New choir coordinators will be Mary Sidaway and Liz Hearne and Treasurer Joan Davy.

#### Armidale Pilgrimage

Certificates are ready for collection from the Piety Stall for those who attended the celebrations on 20th November in Armidale.

#### Christmas Ministry Volunteers

Extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion and readers volunteers are needed for Christmas. Please complete the sheet in the foyer.

#### Christmas Eve Nativity Play

Volunteers are needed to make Nativity play costumes. Please contact the parish office.

#### New Traffic Signs

New signs near the parking area and the church driveway have been installed for everyone's information.

#### 1917-2017 Centenary of the Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima

If you would like to volunteer to organise activities for this special Marian year, please complete the sign up sheet in the foyer.

#### Home Alone For Christmas Lunch?

Why not join others in the hall on Christmas Day for a pot luck lunch at 12 for 12.30pm. The idea is for you to bring food to share, so if you would like to be part of the lunch please write your name, how many are coming and what you would like to bring on the list in the foyer. For more information please contact Trish Tigue 67657 259 or Jeanette Frewin 67656 831. Great company is assured.

#### **Mass Time and Liturgical Services**

##### 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

##### **Collection**

Envelopes \$ 921.00

Loose \$ 89.55

#### *Let us pray for*

##### Our sick

Lyle Crough

Fr John Carey

Fr Peter McGrath

Bernie Smith

Betty Mahony

Roslyn Smith

Kevin Johns

Rita Sutton

Elaine Graham

Bayly Turner

Liz Artis

Lorraine Parsons

Peter Dawson

Ignacio de Castro

##### Our deceased

Betty Linz

Debbie Goodman

Helen Slaats

##### Mass Intention

18.12 + Val Constant

##### Roman Martyrology

19.12 St Gregory

20.12 St Thomas, Apostle

21.12 St Peter Canisius

22.12 St Flavian

23.12 St John of Kanty

24.12 Vigil of Nativity of our

Lord Jesus Christ

*Omnes sancti Mártyres,  
oráte pro nobis*

#### **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

##### **Saturday (24 Dec)**

##### **Christmas Eve**

06.00 pm Children's Mass\*

08.00 pm Filipino Mass

12.00 am Midnight Mass\*

##### **Sunday (25 Dec)**

##### **Christmas Day**

9.00 am Morning Mass

*no evening Mass*

\* Christmas Carols begins 15 minutes before Mass

#### **Christmas Decor Appeal-update**

To date \$1465.50 has been raised for this most worthwhile appeal. Thank you parishioners for your most generous support.

For just \$5 per Christmas decoration, you can decorate our Christmas Trees, share a Christmas Prayer and bring light to someone's life. After purchasing a decoration you can then choose a Christmas prayer cracker to put on the fridge or keep in your pocket in preparation for Christmas during Advent. Proceeds will go toward the purchasing of swags for the homeless in Tamworth and for our new monstrance. Decorations on sale before and after all weekend Masses until the New Year. St Edward's Parish is a generous and compassionate one and strongly upholds the credo of St Mary of the Cross:

*"Never See A Need Without Doing Something About it !"*

#### **Christmas Dues**

Every year, excess funds in the first collection (Presbytery Account) are sent to the Priest Salary Fund to help priests in the smaller parishes. This also means that, at the beginning of each year our Presbytery Account is \$0. Help us cover our costs for January. Envelopes for Christmas Offering are included in the Planned Giving envelope packs, they are also available at the foyer. Envelopes may be left on the collection plate at any Mass. This contributes towards the support of our priests and presbytery upkeep. Thank you!

#### **Piety Stall**

*1 week until Christmas!* Christmas cards, cribs, plaques, tree ornaments and for the little ones colouring books that also tell the story of Christmas. Please take time to have a browse before/after Mass. Please collect 2017 Columban calendar orders from the Piety stall. Cost \$9.

#### **Lenten Program 2017**

If you would like to lead a Lenten Group please could you complete the sheet in the foyer. Ash Wednesday is on 1 March 2017.

Give yourself a present this Christmas.

Make your Christmas one to remember by opening your own ADIG Christmas Club

You can also access your Christmas Club from December 1.

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www.adig.com.au

Join us and make a difference

Ph: 1800 040 903 or 1800 803 194



#### **LITURGY ROSTER**

The Nativity of the Lord /A 25 Dec 2016

Acolyte Volunteers

Reader 1 Volunteers

Reader 2

E.O. Mins Volunteers

Piety Stall Volunteers

Counters this week: R Gorman & G Crocker

next week: B & J Makepeace

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