



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Mass in the Church Tuesday 4 April 09.30 am

Base Hospital Mass Tuesday 4 April 11.00 am

Liturgy Meeting Tuesday 4 April 5.30 pm

Anointing Mass Wednesday 5 April 9.30 am

Lenten Reconciliation: Rite II

Wednesday 5 April 6.00pm Visiting priests available

First Friday Whole Day Eucharistic Adoration 07 April 2017

09.00 am Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Mass

10.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration

05.45 pm Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent 9.00 am followed by Mass

Mass of Holy Oils — Armidale

Bishop Kennedy has invited and encourages parishioners from across the diocese to attend the Mass of Holy Oils at Armidale Cathedral on Holy Tuesday 11 April at 11am followed by lunch in the Torreggiani Room. *RSVP's are required* for catering purposes. Please use sign-up sheet at the foyer.

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.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday 09 April Blessing and Procession 9.00 am

Holy Thursday 13 April Mass of the Last Supper 7.00 pm

Good Friday 14 April Stations of the Cross 9.00 am

The Passion of the Lord 3.00 pm

Holy Saturday 15 April Easter Vigil Mass 6.00 pm

Special Collection

On Good Friday, 14th April a collection will be taken up for the upkeep of the sacred sites in the Holy Land.

Easter

• After the 9am Mass on Easter Sunday, 16 April there will be an Easter Egg hunt for the children. We invite parents to bring along Easter eggs so that all children may enjoy in this fun time.

• Envelopes for the collection of Easter dues are in the PGP packs. Dues may also be deposited direct to the Presbytery

A/C - BSB: 082105 A/C: 001023592 Ref: ED+PGP number + last name

Extra envelopes are available in the foyer.

Volunteers are needed for the Easter Ceremonies as Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion. Please 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

Collection

Envelopes \$ 1321.70

Loose \$ 78.55

Let us pray for

Our sick

Jack Dunn

Kylie Burgess

Norma Ryan

Josie Finlay

Fr Peter McGrath

Roslyn Smith

Bernard Smith

Rita Sutton

Elaine Graham

Bayly Turner

Liz Artis

Lorraine Parsons

Peter Dawson

Ignacio de Castro

Our deceased

Shirley Hoban

Dudley Chandler

Marie Mansfield

Betty Mahony

Mass Intentions

5.4 Thomas Gorman

Roman Martyrology

3.4 St Benedict

4.4 St Isidore

5.4 St Vincent Ferrer

6.4 St Crescentia

7.4 St John Baptist de la Salle

8.4 St Julie

Omnes sancti Mátyres,
oráte pro nobis

Marian Exhibit

As part of the centenary celebration of the apparition at Fatima our parish is organising a Marian exhibition of statues, paintings and icons of the different Church-approved titles and apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary from 13-24 May. Various images of Our Lady are required. If you have an item to display please contact Joan Davy ph 6762 2488.

Seniors Lunch

Wednesday 12th April, 12 for 12.30pm at North Tamworth Bowling Club. Meals from \$10. For catering numbers, please sign the book in the foyer or contact Anne 67656876.

Divine Mercy

All parishioners are invited to attend the Divine Mercy celebrations in our church on Sunday 23rd April. Program: 9am Mass followed by a Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction, confession, prayers for plenary indulgence, and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Novena starts Good Friday 14th April. Please take a Novena leaflet from foyer.

CATECHESIS | PASSIONTIDE: Veiling of Cross & Statues

It has been the custom of the Roman Church, the 17th Century forward, to veil the crosses and the images of the saints from the 5th Sunday of Lent until Easter. This has been, and ought to continue to be, one of the defining characteristics of the season of Passiontide – a season which, if after the post-conciliar liturgical reforms lost in name, need not be lost in spirit. Still in many churches throughout the West, crosses and statues are veiled now and will remain veiled for two full weeks. The Catholic Encyclopaedia describes this custom as follows: “Before Vespers of Saturday preceding Passion Sunday the crosses, statues, and pictures of our Lord and of the saints on the altar and throughout the church, with the sole exception of the crosses and pictures of the Way of the Cross, are to be covered with a violet veil, not translucent, nor in any way ornamented. The crosses remain covered until after the solemn denudation of the principal crucifix on Good Friday. The statues and pictures retain their covering, no matter what feast may occur, until the Gloria in Excelsis of Holy Saturday.”

“The presentiment of that awful hour [of our Saviour's passion] leads the afflicted mother [the Church] to veil the image of her Jesus: the cross is hidden from the eyes of the faithful. The statues of the saints, too, are covered; for it is but just that, if the glory of the Master be eclipsed, the servant should not appear. The interpreters of the liturgy tell us that this ceremony of veiling the crucifix during Passiontide, expresses the humiliation to which our Saviour subjected Himself, of hiding Himself when the Jews threatened to stone Him, as is related in the Gospel of Passion Sunday [John 8:46-59, *They took up stones therefore to cast at him. But Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple* (John 8:59)].

LITURGY ROSTER

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord / A 9 April 2017

| | Vigil-5.30pm | 9.00am | 5.30pm |
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| Acolyte | T Ball | B Sullivan (A) | P Manvell |
| Reader 1 | D Sullivan | E Smith | M McKenzie |
| Reader 2 | G Tighe | A Sartori | J McKenzie |
| E.O. Mins | T Tighe | J MacRae | J Moroney |
| | M O'Rourke | B Simpson | — |
| Piety Stall | J Davy | D Pawsey | J Milne |
| Counters | this week: | R Gorman & G Crocker | |
| | next week: | J & J Murrie | |