



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 encourage to read the booklet.

Meeting

Meeting of all coordinators or representatives of different Parish organisations/groups on Thursday 23 February 5.30 pm at the Presbytery.

Ash Wednesday (Day of Fasting and Abstinence)

1st March Masses 7am 10am 6pm

Choir Practice

Every Sunday 4.00 pm

Visit by Bishop Kennedy

On Sunday 26th Feb Bishop Kennedy will celebrate the 9am Mass. He will present Papal Blessings to three parishioners for their dedication and long service to our parish. Congratulations to Dulcie Johns, Gwen Press and Kitty Thomas. Morning tea at the hall after the Mass. Please bring a plate to share.

Happy Birthday

Wishing Kitty Thomas a very happy 90th birthday and do have a wonderful day with family and friends. May you only know the joy, peace and health that comes with a life well lived.

Faith of our Fathers

The latest booklet written by Kitty Thomas, about our Parish Priests, will be available next weekend for \$10 from the Piety Stall.

First Friday Whole Day Eucharist Adoration

On Friday 3rd March we need volunteers to pray and guard the Blessed Sacrament hourly. We need at least 3 people per hour. To volunteer please complete the sign up sheet in the foyer.

Lenten Retreat

First day of the Retreat in preparation for Lent will be held on Saturday 4th March, 10.30 am in the Chapel. Use the sign-up sheet in the foyer if you are interested to join.

Reconciliation

Preparation classes for state school students or schools other than St Edward's commenced last Wed 15th Feb, 4pm in the Church. Please contact 67620 569 after hours immediately to enrol your child.

Nazareth Care Auxiliary

Meeting Thurs 23rd Feb, 2pm Nazareth House. All welcome.

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 \$ 1094.00
Loose \$ 37.90

Let us pray for

Our sick

Norma Ryan
Marie Mansfield
Alva Egan
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
Jenny Makepeace
John Reeves
Aloise Graham
Br Kevin Moss
Paul Thomas

Roman Martyrology

20.2 St Leo, Bishop
21.2 St Peter Damian, Bishop
22.2 The Chair of St Peter
the Apostle
23.2 St Polycarp, Bishop
24.2 St Primitiva, Martyr
25.2 St Tharadius, Bishop

*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.

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TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN,

MAY WE SUGGEST...

1. Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's House. All are welcome!
 2. Sit toward the front where it is easier for the little ones to see and hear what's going on at the Altar. They tire of seeing the backs of other's head.
 3. Quietly explains the parts of the Mass and actions of the priest, altar servers, choirs, other ministers, etc.
 4. Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical actions/behaviour by copying you.
 5. If you have to leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."
 6. Remember that the way we welcome children in Church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, God and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.
- More often than not you [parents] don't notice the smiles. You notice the rolled eyes and raised eyebrows and dirty looks and you think that at best you're not making anyone angry. But that's not true – at best, you're making the people around you saints. You're pulling them out of their self-obsession and reminding them that being at Church is about emptying ourselves for God and each other.
 - I see you parents, struggling to control young kids with armbar hugs and steely glares, with ziplocked bikkies and colouring books. I can't imagine the amount of coordinating and patience it takes to suit your little ones up and get them to Mass. I don't mind their stomping, kicking or pew lounging, really. **Please don't apologise.**

Children, please feel free to do your art work or puzzle.
Children's liturgy sheet is available at the church foyer.

TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

1. The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our parish is growing.
2. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.
3. Unless it is urgent or in emergency, try not to leave Mass before the Final Blessing. Remember, Judas Iscariot was the first person to leave Mass early.

LITURGY ROSTER

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time/A 26 February 2017

	Vigil-5.30pm	9.00am	5.30pm
Acolyte	T Ball	B Sullivan (A)	P Manvell
Reader 1	K Dewsbury	Family Mass	A Robinson
Reader 2	J Moriarty		H Harvey
E.O. Mins	J Littlejohn A Whitton	A McEvoy L McGrath	G Smith —
Piety Stall	J MacRae	D Sullivan	J Milne
Counters	this week: next week:	B Burgess & M McKenzie P Greenaway & T Hill	