



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

[Mary Help of Christians Church]

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NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr Raj Appointment

A farewell morning tea for Fr Raj will be held after 9.00am Mass on Sunday 17th December. Please bring a plate to share. We thank Fr Raj for his time in South Tamworth and wish him all the very best in his new appointment as Assistant Priest at St Nicholas'.

Further Clergy Appointments

Bishop Michael Kennedy has announced the following appointments:

1. Tamworth: from 7th Feb 18, Fr Christopher Onuekwusi has been appointed Administrator of St Nicholas' Parish, Tamworth.
2. Moree: from 4th Feb 18, Fr Kingsley Etoh has been appointed Assistant Priest of St Francis Xavier's Parish, Moree.
3. Guyra: from 1st Jan 18, Fr Stephen O'Shea has been appointed Administrator of St Mary of the Angels Parish, Guyra.

Retirements

1. Glen Innes: Fr John Carey, Parish Priest St Patrick's, effective 22nd Dec. Fr Carey continues to reside at Glenwood Gardens, Glen Innes
2. Manilla: Fr Bernard Melville, Parish Priest of St Michael's, effective 31st Dec.

These two priests have served the Diocese and the People of God faithfully for a combined total of 124 years.

Parish Pastoral Council

Thank you to the 15 nominees who accepted nomination for the Parish Council. Congratulations to Geraldine Chapman, Eric Elsley, Frank Gooley, Janice Jackson, Janet MacRae, Matt Pawsey, Kizzy Pearson, Karl Short and Grahame Tighe on their selection to the Council.

Thank you to the current members for their service to the Parish. Their term will end on 31st Jan 18. Day one of the new council will be 1st Feb.

Sausage Sizzle

Next Sat 2nd Dec the by-election will be held in the church hall. The parish will hold a 'sausage sizzle' and the proceeds will go towards purchasing blankets for those in need in Tamworth and to rebuild the Iraq Christian community after the destruction by ISIS.

To make this day a success **Volunteers** are needed for 2 hr shifts starting 10am—5pm to cook and sell. The last shift 4-5pm is for 1 hr only. Please complete the helper's sheet in the foyer. Many hands make light work.

St Eddie's Christmas Lunch for Seniors

Wed 6th Dec in our church hall. Delicious ham, turkey, baked vegs and Christmas pudding!! 12 for 12.30— Cost \$12 each. This is our last function for the year so please support and bring a friend. Please enter your name in the book in the foyer or phone 67656 876.

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 \$ 923.50
Loose \$ 40.80

*In your charity,
please pray with us for*

Our sick

Marie Gonsalves
Paul & Margaret Halloran
Helen Fife
Daniel O'Sullivan
Jack Dunn
Kylie Burgess
Fr Peter McGrath
Roslyn Smith
Rita Sutton
Bayly Turner
Liz Artis
Lorraine Parsons
Peter Dawson
Ignacio de Castro

Our deceased

Pauline Lowe
Tony Crowley
Mary Josephine Ramasamy
Marjorie Handley
Biddy Mathews
Coral Harrison

Mass Intentions

Holy Souls

Roman Martyrology

- 27.11 St Francesco Antonio Fasani
- 28.11 St James of the Marche
- 29.11 St Clement
- 30.11 St Andrew
- 01.12 Blessed Charles de Foucauld
- 02.12 Blessed Rafal Chylinski

*Omnes sancti Mátyres,
oráte pro nobis*



**WORKING BEE
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

December 2017

- 01 Fri 2pm Christmas Trees
5pm Christmas Lights
- 10 Sat 9am Nativity Crib
- 14 Thu 10am Wreath & Decors

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

For just \$5 per Christmas bauble you can decorate our Christmas Trees, and bring light to someone's life. Proceeds will go toward purchasing blankets for those in need in Tamworth and to rebuild the Iraq Christian community after the destruction by ISIS.

Baubles will be on sale before and after all weekend Masses commencing next weekend, 1st Sunday of Advent, until New Year. St Edward's Parish is a charitable and warm-hearted one and proudly upholds the credo of St Mary of the Cross:

**“Help one another and bear with one another as God does
with each of us”**

O Night Divine: Carols on the Hill—Fri 8th Dec from 6.30pm

The combined parishes of the Southern Deanery will be hosting a carols evening on the oval behind our church featuring Parish Choirs, the Filipino and Vietnamese Community Choirs and the FiAT Marching Band. Bring your blankets, chairs and aeroguard and join in the singing of Carols. Food, drinks and battery candles will be on sale. Children are encouraged to dress as angels and shepherds to join in the Nativity play.

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.

NSW Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill

The Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2017 is currently before the Legislative Council. Tamworth State MP Kevin Anderson is seeking feedback from voters in his electorate and will use this feedback to guide his own vote in parliament. Please make an appointment to see him, phone him on 6766 1422 or write to him at his electoral office 13 Fitzroy Street Tamworth or email tamworth@parliament.nsw.gov.au and vote in his online poll at <http://www.foragainst.com.au/>

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 Apr to 13 Apr 18. To request an application contact Anne at info@griefftograceaus.org.au or 0407704539. For more information visit www.griefftograce.org

LITURGY ROSTER

1st Sunday of Advent/A 3rd December

	Vigil-5.30pm	9.00am	5.30pm
Acolyte	T Ball	P Manvell, B Sullivan (A) (HC)	J Mahony
Reader 1	J Fittler	A Millman	K Bricknell
Reader 2	A Fittler	B Bruccoleri	H Harvey
E.O. Mins	B Gordon K Pearson	G McSweeney A McEvoy	G Smith —
Piety Stall	J Davy	R O'Rourke	J Milne
Counters	this week: next week:	M McKenzie & B Burgess G Tighe & A Robinson	