



# EDMONTON CATHOLIC PARISH

St Thérèse Church

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**Safeguarding Coord:** Kirby Will – 0427 798 740  
**Safeguarding Rep:** Eddy Tutoe – 0478 904 600  
*Kirby & Eddy are happy to receive ideas about how we keep our parishioners safe, and listen to your concerns about safeguarding. They will deal with all matters sensitively and confidentially.*

**Reconciliation:** By appointment

**Gordonvale Sunday Masses** Sat Vigil 6.00pm Sunday morning 8.00am  
**Edmonton Sunday Masses** 9.30am and 5.30pm

For Service times across the Diocese: 40511990 or [www.cairns.catholic.org.au](http://www.cairns.catholic.org.au)

*A Welcoming Parish: Under the patronage of St Thérèse of Lisieux*

<b>Sun 29/11</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b> 9.30 Mass - live streamed 5.30pm Mass	<b>Thurs 3/12</b>	8.00am Mass
<b>Mon 30/11</b>	7.00pm Rosary – in Church 6.00pm Pastoral Council Meeting	<b>Fri 4/12</b>	Last day of the school year
<b>Tues 1/12</b>	8.00am Mass 8.30am Private Adoration – Church	<b>Sat 5/12</b>	
<b>Wed 2/12</b>	7.00pm Prayer and Praise	<b>Sun 6/12</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> 9.30 Mass - live streamed 5.30pm Mass <b>Parish Thanksgiving Sunday</b>

Cleaning 6/12/2020 Patsy Lockington - Carpet



**R.I.P.** Lord of Life raise up in glory all those who have died recently, especially Donie O’Sullivan, those for whom we are asked to pray and those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Carrie Roden,

Mary White, Pat Youngman, Mary Gallagher, Alberta Pasaol, Luigia Bianco, Mary Malone, Glenda Hubbard, Brett Miinchow, Margaret Robertson, Ben Kelly, Michael Quirk and Jenette Millgate

**We acknowledge the Yidinji (Yidiny) people, our land’s traditional stewards and custodians.**

Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it. **The Talmud**

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## ALERT – COVID-19 – Christmas Mass Times 2020

Please plan ahead for Christmas amid changed COVID-19 restrictions!

Allowing for time to clean and disinfect the church between Masses, Christmas Mass times will be:

- Christmas Eve 5.15 pm and 7.15 pm
- Christmas Day 8.00 am.

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## Queensland COVIDSafe Future – Easing of Restrictions for PLACES OF WORSHIP

As at 17 November 2020, *Places of Worship* may gather people at 2square metres (increased from 4square metres). For us, this means we are able to host in excess of 200 people in the church (up from 130 people) and 100 or so people outside if required ... while still complying with social distancing requirements. Funerals and Weddings may gather 200 people (both indoors or outdoors) at 2sq metres.

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**2020 Reach Christmas Carols:** Reach Youth Ministries will be hosting a **Christmas Carols** evening on **Wednesday 16 December at 7pm – 9pm in St Therese's Church, 135 Robert Road Bentley Park.** Places are limited, so please **register** via our website <https://reachyouth.org.au/christmas-carols>. All are welcome. Any enquiries please contact Priscilla O'Brien on 0429 475 825 or email [admin@reachyouth.org.au](mailto:admin@reachyouth.org.au)

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## ADVENT – Week 1

We need to be reminded that the call of Jesus for the Season of Advent is not a call to anxiety and fear, but to attentiveness, peace, and faith in the nearness of God and God's action in the world.

“Lord, keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words “division, “hatred” and “war” be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be “brother/sister”, and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam!” **Pope Francis**, *Prayer for Peace*, 2014

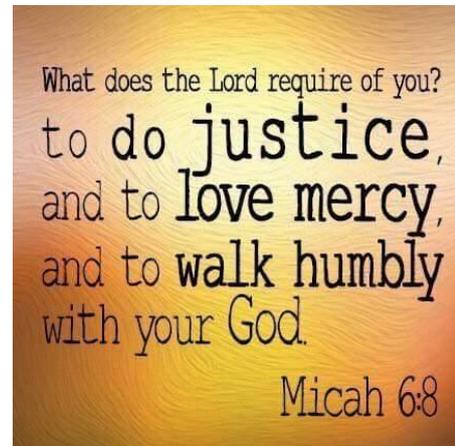
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## CARITAS – Annual Christmas Card Campaign

... purchase a card for family and friends, and the proceeds are directed towards Caritas Australia's work for the world's most vulnerable.

**Global Gift Christmas Cards** can be ordered:

by calling **1800 024 413** OR online at [www.globalgifts.org.au](http://www.globalgifts.org.au)



If we were transformed, the world would be transformed.

**The Wisdom of the Enneagram**, 383

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Cooperating with grace means that we seek divine guidance, we open ourselves to answers from the spirit realm, from wise elders, and from the study of scripture and spiritual texts. We maintain a posture of openness and humility, listening for the tender, quiet, and often shy voice guiding us from within – to follow the will of God and not one's own will – to listen deeply and obey the wisdom learned by asking the divine within.

**Beverly Lanzetta**, *A New Silence: Spiritual Practices and Formation for the Monk Within*, Forthcoming, Late fall 2020.

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## The Transforming Power of Love – Richard Rohr OFM

“Whoever loves is born of God and knows God” (1 John 4:7). Unfortunately, many Christians think, “If I read the Bible, I’m born of God; or if I go to church, I know God; or if I obey the commandments, I know God.” Yet the writer of 1 John says it’s simply about loving. Note that the converse is true also: “Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love” (1 John 4:8).

The beginning and end of everything is love. Only inside of this mystery of the exchange of love can we know God. If we stay outside of that mystery, we cannot know God.

Love is who you are. When you don't live according to love, you are outside of being. You're not being real. When you love, you are acting according to your deepest being, your deepest truth. You are operating according to your dignity.

We must all overcome the illusion of separateness. It is the primary task of religion to communicate not



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worthiness but union, to reconnect people to their original identity “hidden with Christ in God” (Colossians 3:3). God’s job description is to draw us back into primal and intimate relationship.

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