



# EDMONTON CATHOLIC PARISH

St Thérèse Church

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**Safeguarding Coord:** Kirby Will – 0427 798 740  
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*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 6/12</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> 9.30 Mass - live streamed 5.30pm Mass <b>Parish Thanksgiving Sunday</b>	<b>Thurs 10/12</b>	8.00am Mass
<b>Mon 7/12</b>	7.00pm Rosary – in Church	<b>Fri 11/12</b>	
<b>Tues 8/12</b>	8.00am Mass 8.30am Private Adoration – Church	<b>Sat 12/12</b>	
<b>Wed 9/12</b>	7.00pm Mass of Healing	<b>Sun 13/12</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> 9.30 Mass - live streamed 5.30pm Mass <b>Church Cleaning for Christmas</b>

**Cleaning 13/12** Church Cleaning for Christmas



**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: Brett Miinchow,

Thomas Salam, Br Tony Leahy, Tony Browne, Cam Hartman, John Joe McMahon, Kath Moylan, Sebarino Bertrame, Padraic O’Rourke, Tom Guilfoyle, Josef Jankowski, Ada Cantamessa, Margaret Agnus Wolff,

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

Pastora Mier, Kerry Williams, Bostora Mier and Bishop John Gerry.

## Second Rite of Reconciliation

Monday 14 at 7.00 pm

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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 2

Our country – and our world – is in the midst of a deep reckoning with the injustice caused by the sin of racism. The pervasiveness of racism and all ways in which our society values some lives more than others are great impediments to peace. We have seen the ways in which they result directly in the unjust, violent deaths of people of from diverse backgrounds.

Advent calls us to be open to God's diversity, to reckon ourselves, and to stand in solidarity with our suffering brothers and sisters who live in fear due to systemic racist violence, and with all those expressing grief and outrage, who feel their voices are not heard.

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## Mandatory SAFEGUARD INDUCTION for

**Volunteers:** Many thanks for the so many people who attended the Induction after both masses on 22 November. Your signed forms and Code of Ethical Behaviour have now been endorsed and will soon be entered into a new data base. In time, you will be contacted to finalise any Blue Card or Police Check requirements (at no cost to yourselves).

Remaining parish Volunteers who did not attend the Mandatory Induction will be offered an alternative time in the coming weeks.

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## COVID-19 – Christmas Mass Times 2020

*Please plan ahead for Christmas during 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.

**Reconciliation** will be available in the church on Christmas Eve 4.00 to 4.45 pm

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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**

*Ever tried. Ever failed. No matter. Try again. Fail again. Fail better.*

**Samuel Beckett** (1906-1989) Irish playwright, novelist, poet; Nobel Prize winner.

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War is when the government tells you who the bad guy is. Revolution is when you decide that for yourself. **Author unknown**

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## One God of the Earth – of All Nations – of All Creation (Richard Rohr OFM)

One way that our growth in love becomes stuck is when we identify so much with our group or country that it replaces our faith in the One God of all. As we see in the politics of some countries (even in Australia), most people only know how to love people who are like themselves with regard to their race, their nationality, their religion, or their political party. Thomas Merton OCSO especially warned about the phenomenon we know in our day as "Christian nationalism." When belief in country and religion merge as one, the alternative way of Jesus takes a back seat. As Merton's challenging words teach us:

A "Christian nationalist" is one whose Christianity takes second place, and serves to justify a patriotism in whose eyes the nation can do no wrong. In such a case, it becomes "Christian faith" and "Christian heroism" to renounce even one's Christian protest and to obey the dictates of the (unchristian) Nation without question. Instead of that Christian independence which realises that the Nation itself may come under the higher judgment of God, there arises the notion of a "Christian" obedience in which the faithful are urged to accept the national purpose on the justification of any and every means. They renounce all judgement and choice in order to follow secular authority blindly since "the Government knows best." ...

We can no longer afford to equate faith with the acceptance of myths about our nation, our society, or our technology; to equate hope with a naive confidence in our image of ourselves as the good guys against whom all the villains in the world are leagued in conspiracy; to equate love with a mindlessly compliant togetherness, a dimly lived and semi-radiant compulsiveness in work and play.



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