



# EDMONTON CATHOLIC PARISH

St Thérèse Church

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**OSHC & Kindy** **Bentley Park and Mt Peter**  
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[www.ccelc.catholic.org.au](http://www.ccelc.catholic.org.au)

**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** **Edmonton Sunday Masses**  
Sat Vigil 6.00pm Sunday morning 8.00am 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 21/2</b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> 9.30 Mass - live streamed 5.30pm Mass <b>Reach Youth Group – 3-5pm</b>	<b>Thurs 25/2</b>	8.00am Mass
<b>Mon 22/2</b>	7.00pm Rosary	<b>Fri 26/2</b>	<b>8.00am Mass</b> <b>6.00pm Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Tues 23/2</b>	8.00am Mass 8.30am Private Adoration	<b>Sat 27/2</b>	
<b>Wed 24/2</b>	10.00am – Mass at Edmonton Gardens 7.00pm Prayer & Praise-Lenten Pro	<b>Sun 28/2</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> 9.30 Mass - live streamed 5.30pm Mass

**Minister of Communion – 9.30 Mass – Lyn Pecotich**  
**Cleaning for 28/2** Barnes Family - Carpet

**Minister of Communion 28/2/2021- Belinda Porter**



**R.I.P.** Lord of Life raise up in glory all those who have died recently, those for whom we are asked to pray and those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Negimias Lumukso, James Lennon, Joan Sowter, Mary Andrews, Tania Craig, Brian Hopkins, Kay Sawyer,

Philippe Savy De St Maurice, Kathy Pontin, Pat Williams, Diana Amadio, Francisco Goncalves, Mary Gascoigne, Lyla Hare, Luigi Piccone Snr, Benito Dazzan, Elizabeth Batiyaka, Gladys Valinoti & Peter Connolly

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

## 2021 Parish Sacramental Program

Expressions of interest are now being taken for the 2021 Parish Sacramental Program which includes the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist. The program will commence on **Monday 10th of May**. If you are interested in your child/children participating in this program please complete the '2021 Sacramental Program - Expression of Interest' form located on the side table at the Church entrance or email the Form to the Parish Office - [edmonton.parish.cairns.catholic.org.au](mailto:edmonton.parish.cairns.catholic.org.au)

**Confirmation and First Eucharist** will be celebrated at an additional Sunday Mass on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August and Sunday 22 August at 11.30am. On both of these Sundays the normal 9.30am Sunday Mass will still be celebrated. We will need to have these extra Masses because due to COVID restrictions we are limited to the number of people in the church



First Sunday of Lent  
21<sup>st</sup> February 2021

Jamila is a Rohingya refugee living in a camp in Bangladesh with her elderly mother and baby daughter. With the support of Caritas Australia, and through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila has been able to access to emergency food, shelter, counselling, and vocational training that will help to support her family.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila be more for her family and her community.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

### 'Look to Jesus – 52 Daily Reflections for Lent and

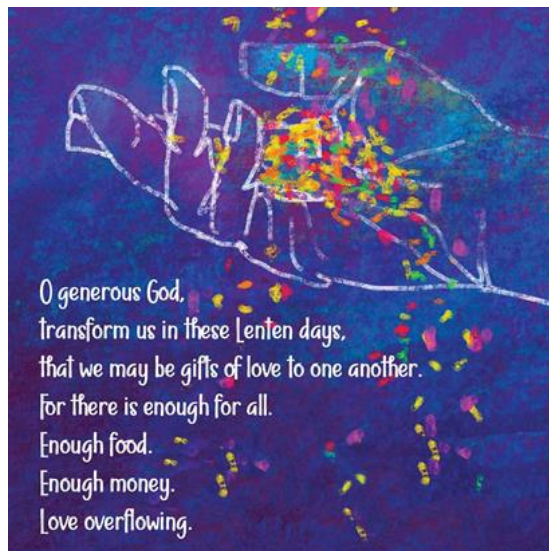
**Easter:** A new Lent and Easter resource for individuals and groups. Look to Jesus will nourish and nurture prayer each day during Lent and into the first week of Easter. The daily reflections will invite the reader to contemplate a verse from Scripture reading of the day. This Lenten practice will lead the reader into a deeper reflection on their daily life.

The Wednesday evening **Prayer and Praise group** will be using this resource for their weekly prayer meetings during lent - all are welcome.

'Look to Jesus' booklets are available at the back of the church – please take one and we ask you leave a \$5 donation – thank you

**Reach Youth group** - Our next meeting is **today Sunday 21 February** 3-5pm at Seville Mercy Conference Centre. For more information please visit our website [reachyouth.org.au](http://reachyouth.org.au) or contact Priscilla O'Brien on 0429 475 825

**PRAYER AND PRAISE:** The Prayer and Praise Group will be held at 7pm each week on Wednesday as normal. Prayer and Praise will be conducting The Lenten Program for 2021



O generous God,  
transform us in these Lenten days,  
that we may be gifts of love to one another.  
For there is enough for all.  
Enough food.  
Enough money.  
Love overflowing.

**Inspiration from Pope Francis:** The desert is the place where the voice of God and the voice of the tempter can be heard. In the noise, in the confusion, this cannot be done; only superficial voices can be heard. Instead we can go deeper in the desert, where our destiny is truly played out, life or death...The Lenten desert helps us to say 'no' to worldliness, to the 'idols', it helps us to make courageous choices in accordance with the Gospel...now let us enter into the desert without fear, because we are not alone; we are with Jesus, with the Father and with the Holy Spirit. In fact, as it was for Jesus, it is the Holy Spirit who guides us on the Lenten journey; that same Spirit that descended upon Jesus and that has been given to us in Baptism (*Angelus address, 22/2/2015*)

### Parish Financial Statements 1/1/20 – 31/12/20

available at the back of the church – please take one home.

**COVID-19 Check-In QR Code:** To assist to meet check-in requirements at Sunday Masses, the parish has arranged a dedicated QR code for our use. The code will be prominently displayed on a separate outside table. Parishioners with 'smart' phones and familiar with the technology are encouraged to use the code to register & produce confirmation to the ushers in order to enter the church.

The usual manual registration tables will continue to be available for those more comfortable with that process. Please remember to maintain social distancing at all tables and to use hand sanitiser at entry.