



# EDMONTON CATHOLIC PARISH

St Thérèse Church

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<b>Parish Admin:</b>	Vera Skinner	<b>OSHC &amp; Kindy</b>	<b>Bentley Park and Mt Peter</b> Contact details: Early Learning and Outside School Hours Care Diocese of Cairns <a href="http://www.ccelc.catholic.org.au">www.ccelc.catholic.org.au</a>
<b>Property Manager:</b>	Terry Webb <a href="mailto:denise-terry@hotmail.com">denise-terry@hotmail.com</a>	<b>Reconciliation:</b>	Before Mass and by appointment
<b>Safeguarding Coord:</b>	Kirby Will – 0427 798 740		
<b>Safeguarding Rep:</b>	Eddy Tutoe – 0478 904 600 <i>Kirby &amp; 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.</i>		
<b>Gordonvale Sunday Masses</b>	Sat Vigil 6.00pm Sunday morning 8.00am	<b>Edmonton Sunday Masses</b>	10.00am and 5.00pm

For Service times across the Diocese: 4051 1990 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 5/12</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> 8.00am Mass Gordonvale 10.00am Mass Edmonton 5.00pm Mass Edmonton	<b>Thurs 9/12</b>	8.00am Mass Edmonton
<b>Mon 6/12</b>	7.00pm Rosary	<b>Fri 10/12</b>	<b>7.00am Mass Gordonvale</b> Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour, Benediction
<b>Tues 7/12</b>	<b>8.00am Mass Edmonton</b> Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour, Benediction <b>6.00pm Second Rite of Reconciliation - Edmonton</b>	<b>Sat 11/12</b>	6.00pm Vigil Mass - Gordonvale 8.00am Christmas Working Bee
<b>Wed 8/12</b>	<b>Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 7.00am Mass Gordonvale 6.00pm Mass Edmonton	<b>Sun 12/12</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> 8.00am Mass Gordonvale 10.00am Mass Edmonton 5.00pm Mass Edmonton



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

**R.I.P.** Lord of Life raise up in glory all those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur about this time-Margaret Robertson, Ben Kelly, Michael Quirk, Jeanette Millgate, John Rijken, Lanu Naufahu, Brett Minchow, Thomas Salam, Br Tony Leahy, Tony Browne, Cam Hartman, John McMahon, Kath Moylan, Sebarino Bertrame & Padraic O'Rourke

5 December 2021	10.00am	5.00pm
Commentator/Reader	B Porter	J Caro
Commentator/Reader	L Pecotich	Q Caro
Minister of Communion	A Obeyesekere	N/A
PowerPoint	Isabella	Marina Dunstan
Church Cleaning 12/12	Christmas Working Bee	
Flowers 12/12	Greenery	
12 December 2021	10.00am	5.00pm
Commentator/Reader	J O'Brien	A Chellingworth
Commentator/Reader	H Prasad	S Lluch
Minister of Communion	M Robertson	N/A
PowerPoint	Vera	A Chellingworth
Church Cleaning 19/12	Christmas Working Bee	
Flowers 19/12	Greenery	

**Prayer and Praise Group** – each Wednesday evening commencing at 6.30pm. December Healing Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 1st December commencing at 5.45pm with Praise and Worship followed by Mass commencing at 6pm. There will be no Prayer and Praise Group during December and January but will recommence in 2022 with the Healing Mass Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

#### Reach recruiting volunteer Youth ministers in 2022

Reach Youth Ministries is looking for committed Catholic young adults (18-25years) who are up for a challenge, passionate about ministering to young people and willing to bring ideas and input to the ministry as well as open to personal and spiritual growth. Please contact Priscilla O'Brien on 0429 475 825 or email [admin@reachyouth.org.au](mailto:admin@reachyouth.org.au)

Reach Youth Ministries is hosting a Christmas Carols event at **Seville Mercy Conference Centre on Tuesday 14 December (7pm-9pm)**. It is proudly supported by Seville and will feature musicians from the Diocese. Please come along for a relaxing and joyful evening as we prepare for the coming of Jesus. This event will be on the back-lawn area. Places are limited and registration is essential via <https://www.trybooking.com/BVUVH>. This is a fundraiser to support youth ministry activities. Cost is \$12 and includes supper (BYO drinks and picnic chair). For enquiries please contact Priscilla O'Brien on 0429475825

**Edmonton Parish bank details for direct depositing:**  
**BSB: 084 352; A/c No: 000000373**  
**Ref: Planned Giving number and/or surname.**

### Christmas Mass Times:

**Christmas Eve (Friday)** 6.00pm Edmonton  
8.00pm Gordonvale

**Christmas Day (Saturday)** 8.00am Gordonvale  
10.00am Edmonton  
6.00pm Gordonvale  
(Vigil: Holy Family)

**Holy Family (Sunday)** 8.00am Gordonvale  
10.00am Edmonton  
5.00pm Edmonton

7/12 – 6.00pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation
11/12–8.00am	Church Working Bee for Christmas



Thank you to the many parishioners who attended, helped with the set-up, helped with the clean-up, cooked/supplied food, donned a red suit, played music, sang and any other job that was required for our Thanksgiving Celebration last Sunday evening. To say that it was a wonderful evening would be an understatement. We are very blessed to belong to a wonderful community led by Fr Michael.



The Advent season is a time of preparation for our hearts and minds for the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas.

The use of the wreath and candles during Advent are a longstanding Catholic tradition that was originally adopted by Christians in the Middle Ages as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas.

The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The wreath itself, which is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ.

The candles also have their own special significance. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday.

The candles on the Advent wreath symbolize **hope, love, joy and peace.**