



# 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:** Before Mass and by appointment

**Gordonvale Sunday Masses** **Edmonton Sunday Masses**  
Sat Vigil 6.00pm Sunday morning 8.00am 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 9/1</b>	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b> 8.00am Mass Gordonvale 10.00am Mass Edmonton 5.00pm Mass Edmonton	<b>Thurs 13/1</b>	8.00am Mass
<b>Mon 10/1</b>	7.00pm Rosary	<b>Fri 14/1</b>	<b>7.00am Mass Gordonvale</b> Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour, Benediction
<b>Tues 11/1</b>	<b>8.00am Mass Edmonton</b> Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour, Benediction	<b>Sat 15/1</b>	6.00pm Vigil Mass - Gordonvale
<b>Wed 12/1</b>	7.00am Mass Gordonvale	<b>Sun 16/1</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</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-Richard Mullen, Ivanka Kresevic, Catherine Flanagan, Giuseppe Bombadieri, Ned Williams, Phyllis Beck, Ethel Goggin, Kenny Reys, Bridget Langford, Guiseppe Magri, Charles McLaren, Mich Reynolds, Sue Foster, Sue Harris, Christopher Smith, Ron Reichman, Cristina Goncalves, Malcolm Kingsley, Dennis Veronese, Leo Spina & John Roberts

9 January 2022	10.00am	5.00pm
Commentator/Reader	M Shay	J Caro
Commentator/Reader	B O'Brien	Q Caro
Minister of Communion	E Beck	N/A
PowerPoint	Shay Family	
Church Cleaning 16/1	Christene, Malki, Jude, Sach & Charith	
Flowers 16/1	Christene, Malki, Jude, Sach & Charith	
16 January 2022	10.00am	5.00pm
Commentator/Reader	E Tutoe	J Caro
Commentator/Reader	G O'Sullivan	Q Caro
Minister of Communion	J O'Brien	N/A
PowerPoint	Vera	M Dunstan
Church Cleaning 23/1	Tita Barclay	
Flowers 23/1	T Manoe	

**Prayer & Praise:** There will be no Prayer and Praise Group during January but will recommence in 2022 with the Healing Mass Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

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

*You are my Son, the Beloved. Lk 3:22*



Today we find ourselves silently witnessing a dramatic moment in Jesus' life. The Holy Spirit descends from above and the Father speaks words of tenderness: 'You are my Son, the Beloved.' We are invited into an intimate moment within the divine family – the Holy Trinity. The love of the Father and Son is so real that it is a third person, the Holy Spirit, here represented

by a dove. But that isn't the end of the story. We are not merely spectators; we have been invited to enter into the very life of the Trinity, beginning with the day of our Baptism in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The dynamic of love that is the Trinity, is bestowed upon us – a love that is beyond words. St John says, 'think of the love that the Father has lavished on us by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are' (1 Jn 3:1)

Notice that the Father doesn't go on to say, 'And now you have work to do.' Rather, the priority is the relationship. That is not to say that there isn't work to do. Jesus certainly had a mission, a very important mission, but it's not first.

It is the same for us. First, we are called to be sons and daughters of our loving Father, to receive His great love and to base our lives on that. Then we respond to the call of Love by loving God and His other children in return, but that love is not of our own doing. We can only love with Love, that love with which He has first loved us. Sr Anastasia Reeves op

*Thank you, Lord, for the love you lavish upon me. Help me to remain in your love in every moment. Amen.*

**Today** is the last Sunday that we will have the Crib and Nativity set in the church and sing Christmas Carols. Next Sunday we are back in '**Ordinary Time**' in the Church Seasons

### **Volunteer registration & other requirements – Diocesan Directive**

**Volunteer Application Forms and Code of Ethical Behaviour:** Unless they have already done so, ALL volunteers in our parish are required to complete and sign the above forms, copies of which can be found at the entrance to the church. Once completed please RETURN them as soon as possible by placing them in the plastic box also located at the entry to the Church.

#### ***In addition to those forms:***

The following Volunteers are required to have a Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check \*

- Aged care/Home visitation volunteers;
- Care of the Church volunteers (flowers & cleaning);
- Ministers of Communion to the Sick (at home);
- All registered holders of keys to the Church; (If you do not wish to have a Criminal History Check, would you kindly please return your church key to the Parish Office as soon as possible)

***\* Please note that relevant application forms will be distributed to the above volunteer groups. Once completed & returned to the Parish Office, they will be submitted to the Diocese – the costs of the applications will be met by the Diocese.***

These are Diocesan Directives with which all parishes have to comply and we thank you for your cooperation with these sensitive matters.