



# EDMONTON CATHOLIC PARISH

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<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 24/12</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> 8.00am – Mass Gordonvale 10.00am – Mass Edmonton <b>6.00pm Christmas Eve – Edmonton</b> <b>8.00pm Christmas Eve - Gordonvale</b>	<b>Thurs 28/12</b>	8.00am Mass Edmonton
<b>Mon 25/12</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b> 8.00am Gordonvale 10.00am Edmonton No evening Mass	<b>Fri 29/12</b>	7.00am Mass Gordonvale Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour, Benediction
<b>Tues 26/12</b>	<b>Boxing Day</b>	<b>Sat 30/12</b>	6.00pm – Mass Gordonvale
<b>Wed 27/12</b>	7.00am Mass Gordonvale 10.00 Mass Edmonton Gardens	<b>Sun 31/12</b>	Holy Family 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, Andy Poletti, Eileen Thomas, Tina Slavic, Nathan Murphy, Keith Russell, Miriam Pedofsky, George Strange, Evelyn Wallwork, Josip Markotich, Barry Conlan, Arianna Anderson, Neville Cowan, Frank Thorton, Doreen Maunder, John Wall, Mark Guazzo,



## The Fourth Candle of Advent

represents Love, the ultimate love of God that He might send His only Son for us. Called the 'Angel's Candle', the fourth candle of Advent is lit the Sunday before Christmas, and it is the color purple, leading us to eagerly await the new kingdom of God on earth.



24 December 2023	10.00am	5.00pm
Commentator/Reader		
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Minister of Communion		
PowerPoint		
Cleaning 24/12		
Flowers 24/12		
31 December 2023	10.00am	5.00pm
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Minister of Communion		
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Cleaning 31/1		
Flowers 31/1		

**Planned Giving Envelopes:** If you would like to become a 'Giver' please call the Parish Office 40554315. Alternatively, you can set up your own automatic transfer to the parish Bank Account:  
**Edmonton Parish bank details for direct depositing:**  
**BSB: 084 352 A/c No: 000000373**  
**Ref: Planned Giving number and/or surname**

### Christmas Mass Times:

<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent 23/12</b>	<b>6.00pm Gordonvale</b>
<b>24/12</b>	<b>8.00am Gordonvale</b>
	<b>10.00am Edmonton</b>
<b>Christmas Eve Vigil 24/12</b>	6.00pm Edmonton
	8.00pm Gordonvale
<b>Christmas Day 25/12</b>	8.00am Gordonvale
	<b>10.00am Edmonton</b>
<b>Holy Family 30/12</b>	6.00pm Gordonvale
<b>31/12</b>	8.00am Gordonvale
	<b>10.00am Edmonton</b>
	<b>5.00pm Edmonton</b>

**The Christmas Appeal Charity Collection** is happening again this year. This yearly collection will take place at all Christmas Masses throughout the Diocese. Alternatively, you may choose to transfer your donation electronically to our bank account NAB, BSB: 084 352, A/C: 0000 14275.

### A Prayer for Christmas Eve

**"May you be filled with the wonder of Mary,  
the obedience of Joseph,  
the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the determination of the magi,  
and the peace of the Christ child.**

**Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever." — [Ray Pritchard](#)**

### PRAYER AND PRAISE GROUP

Unfortunately, last week's prayer meeting had to be cancelled due to the inclement weather.

This was to be the last meeting for 2023. The group will resume on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 commencing at 7pm.

We would like to wish you and your families a safe and holy Christmas and pray that we all receive the blessings of this festive season.

**Thank you to our Catechists:** As the 2023 year draws to a close, we acknowledge the **Catechists** for their wonderful work in bringing meaning to the 'Getting to Know Jesus' book. The children of the 18 State schools in the Cairns area have been fortunate to have this dedicated and committed band of 10 parishioners visiting the schools each week. Some of these parishioners have served in this Ministry for 31 years. An outstanding contribution – Thank you.