



# EDMONTON CATHOLIC PARISH

St Thérèse Church

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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.*

**Gordonvale Sunday Masses**  
Sat Vigil 6.00pm Sunday morning 8.00am

**Edmonton Sunday Masses**  
10.00am and 5.00pm

**Schools**  
St Thérèse’s - 4081 3400  
Principal: Kathy Fleming  
Mackillop Catholic College - 4081 7600  
Acting Principal: Janelle Newman

**OSHC & Kindy**  
Bentley Park and Mt Peter  
Contact details: Early Learning and Outside School Hours Care  
Diocese of Cairns  
[www.ccelc.catholic.org.au](http://www.ccelc.catholic.org.au)

**Reconciliation:** Before Mass and by appointment

**Priest for Emergency: 0409 622 392**

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 3/12</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b> 8.00am – Mass Gordonvale 10.00am – Mass Edmonton 5.00pm - Mass Edmonton	<b>Thurs 7/12</b>	8.00am Mass Edmonton with Sacrament of the Sick
<b>Mon 4/12</b>	7.00pm Rosary	<b>Fri 8/12</b>	7.00am Mass Gordonvale Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour, Benediction
<b>Tues 5/12</b>	<b>8.00am Mass – Edmonton</b> Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour, Benediction	<b>Sat 9/12</b>	6.00pm – Mass Gordonvale
<b>Wed 6/12</b>	9.30am Mass Gordonvale With Sacrament of the Sick 7.00pm Prayer and Praise	<b>Sun 10/12</b>	<b>Second 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, Bret Miinchow, Margaret Robertson, Ben Kelly, Michael Quirk, Jeanette Millgate, John Rijken, Lanu Naufahu, Thomas Salam, Br Tony Leahy, Tony Browne, Cam Hartman, John McMahon, Kath Moylan, Sebarino Bertrame, Padraic O'Rourke,

3 December 2023	10.00am	5.00pm
Commentator/Reader	P Lockington	M Gaul
Commentator/Reader	W Little	R Gaul
Minister of Communion	F Honnef	
PowerPoint	Vera	Maureen
Cleaning 10/12	Working Bee	
Flowers 10/12	Greenery	
10 December 2023	10.00am	5.00pm
Commentator/Reader	M Shay	A Halliday
Commentator/Reader	B O'Brien	B Napier
Minister of Communion	S Hussey	
PowerPoint	Vera	
Cleaning 17/12	Working Bee	
Flowers 17/12	Greenery	

**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**

**Second Rite of Reconciliation for Christmas –  
 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm  
 St Therese's Church**



**End of Year Celebration:**  
 What a beautiful and wonderful celebration last Sunday. Thank you to one and all who contributed - the flowers, the music, the food, the set up and clean up. The spirit of God is alive and well in our parish.

**Church Christmas Working Bee:** In preparation for the Christmas Season, there will be a Working Bee on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December** commencing at 8.00am. Please come for an hour and help.

**2023 Reach Trivia Night**

When: **Thursday 7th December**  
 Time: 7pm - 9pm Seville Mercy Centre - 35 Bauhinia Avenue, Cost: \$25 per person (This is a fundraiser for youth ministry) BYO: Snacks and Drinks - Lots of prizes To register go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/CMOPQ>

**Christmas Mass Times:**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent 23/12** 6.00pm Gordonvale  
 24/12 8.00am Gordonvale  
 10.00am Edmonton

**Christmas Eve Vigil 24/12** 6.00pm Edmonton  
 8.00pm Gordonvale

**Christmas Day 25/12** 8.00am Gordonvale  
 10.00am Edmonton

**Holy Family 30/12** 6.00pm Gordonvale  
 31/12 8.00am Gordonvale  
 10.00am Edmonton  
 5.00pm Edmonton

Last week **Sister Mary Garnier AD**, Handmaids of Our Lord celebrated her Diamond Jubilee. Sr Mary entered the Handmaids of Our Lord and made her Profession of Religious Vows on the 21<sup>st</sup> November 1963 in Papua New Guinea. We give thanks to God for the remarkable life of Sister Mary.



**The Season of Advent**

Both Lent and Advent are seasons of waiting, preparation, and penance. During Lent, we await Christ's return from 40 days in the desert, His loving sacrifice for us, and Resurrection.

In Advent, we prepare for His birth. The birth and resurrection of Christ are intertwined, and their connection is quite significant theologically. Yet, these seasons of waiting look different for us – Advent is a uniquely joyous and hopeful season in the Church.

We light candles amidst the darkness. We find warmth in the cold, dark winter season. And we come together as friends and family to celebrate the coming of our Savior.

Advent is also the beginning of a new liturgical year. We begin the year anew, renewed by His birth.

**First Sunday of Lent:** The first candle on the Advent wreath represents HOPE – the first Sunday of Advent not only leads us to anticipate the birth of Christ but celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical season as well. It is purple, the primary color of Advent and a color symbolizing royalty. Sometimes called the 'Prophecy Candle'. The first candle harkens us back to Isaiah's foretelling of the birth of Christ and all of the promises God gave us in the Old Testament that would be fulfilled by the birth of Jesus.