EDMONTON CATHOLIC PARISH

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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.

Schools

St Thérèse's - 4081 3400
Principal: Kathy Fleming
MacKillop Catholic College - 4081 7600
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

Reconciliation: Before Mass and by appointment

Priest for Emergency: 0409 622 392

Gordonvale Sunday Masses
Sat Vigil 6.00pm Sunday morning 8.00am

Edmonton Sunday Masses
10.00am and 5.00pm

For Service times across the Diocese: 4051 1990 or www.cairns.catholic.org.au

A Welcoming Parish: Under the patronage of St Thérèse of Lisieux

Sun 3/3	**Third Sunday of Lent** 8.00am Mass Gordonvale 10.00am Mass Edmonton 5.00pm Mass Edmonton **Shared Morning Tea after 10.00 Mass**	**Thurs 7/3**	8.00am Mass Edmonton-Mass with Anointing
Mon 4/3	**7.00pm Rosary**	**Fri 8/3**	**7.00am Mass Gordonvale** Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour, Benediction 5.00 Stations of the Cross G'vale 6.00 Stations of the Cross Edmon
Tues 5/3	8.00am Mass Edmonton Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour, Benediction	**Sat 9/3**	6.00pm – Mass Gordonvale
Wed 6/3	9.30am Mass Gordonvale-Mass with Anointing 7.00pm Prayer and Praise	**Sun 10/3**	**4th Sunday of Lent** 8.00am Mass Gordonvale 10.00am Mass Edmonton 5.00pm Mass Edmonton

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How the locals like it.

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 all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, Czeslaw Belczacki, Clinton King, Harold Sedgman, Elizabeth Crouch, Hector Maull, Tony Calanna, Eddie Pezzutti, Frank & Maria Campaner, Monica Bradley, Josie Hermyt, Tony Monte, Tony Melchiori, Alfio Caltabiano, Maria Cavallaro, John Kenny, Di Bolam, Max Fuhrer, Jack Maull, Iris & Eric La'Brooy, Benito Dazan, John Battiato, Merv AhKee, Patricia White,

3 March 2024	10.00am	5.00pm
Commentator/Reader	Goonewardena Family	R Gaul
Commentator/Reader	L Pecotich	M Gaul
Minister of Communion	Franz Honnef	
PowerPoint	Vera	Maureen
Church Cleaning 10/3	Wood Family	
Flowers 10/3	No Flowers	
10 March 2024	10.00am	5.00pm
Commentator/Reader	P Lockington	Caro Family
Commentator/Reader	W Little	Caro Family
Minister of Communion	Sandra Hussey	
PowerPoint	Vera	Annabelle
Church Cleaning 17/3	Nicole O'Rourke	
Flowers 17/3	No Flowers	

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

3rd Sunday of Lent: Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. With the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed, improving their health and living conditions. Please donate to Project Compassion. We can help vulnerable communities face their challenges and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Eager to learn about theology from the comfort of home? The University of Notre Dame Aust presents *God the Beautiful: An Introduction to Theology*, a thought-provoking three-part program designed to make theology enjoyable and accessible. **6:30pm – 7:45pm (Qld time), Mondays 4, 11 and 18 March 2024.** Online via Zoom. $35 per person. Register at gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/

Safeguarding Training: Thank you to all who were able to stay and complete the Safeguarding Training over the past two weeks. Thank you, Kirby - your time was much appreciated.

As this training is mandatory for all our volunteers, we have printed out the presentation for those who were unable to attend, and this will be available in an envelope with your name on it next Sunday.

Please collect your envelope from the back of the church and once you have and read through the presentation, please sign the enclosed acknowledgement of having done so and kindly return to Fr Michael or return to the parish office.

An Audit is being undertaken throughout the Diocese; all Volunteers are required to do an update of the Safeguarding Induction. Our parish has been earmarked for auditing in the coming months.

Once again, if you are a new volunteer, please complete a Volunteer Application Form and return to Fr Michael or the parish office.

Chrism Mass: This year the Chrism Mass will be held on Wednesday 20th March at 7pm at Cairns Cathedral, and the main celebrant is Archbishop Mark Coleridge of Brisbane. You are all invited to attend.

Pope Francis' Lenten message for 2024, *Through the Desert God Leads Us to Freedom* echoes the theme of freedom and liberation found in the Exodus story. He reminds believers that God's message is always one of freedom, as seen in the words given to Moses on Mount Sinai. The call to freedom, however, is not an immediate answer but a journey of maturation. Like the Israelites in the desert longing for their past in Egypt, today's people can also cling to oppressive forces that hinder true freedom. Lent is a season of grace where the desert of our lives becomes a place of encountering God's love and experiencing a Passover from death to life.

The Pope emphasizes the importance of opening our eyes to reality, much like God did when He heard the cries of His people in Egypt. Today, the cries of oppressed brothers and sisters rise to heaven, challenging us to ask if we hear.

Pope Francis calls for actions of prayer, almsgiving, and fasting not as isolated acts but as a unified movement of openness and self-emptying. This Lenten season invites a pause in our busy lives to encounter God in prayer and our neighbour in love.

Thank you to you all who contributed to our shared morning tea last Sunday and to all who helped with the set up and clean up. Our next monthly morning tea is on **March 24th (Palm Sunday)** as the last Sunday of March is Easter Sunday.