



EDMONTON CATHOLIC PARISH

St Thérèse Church

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Safeguarding Coord: Kirby Will – 0427 798 740
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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.

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 1/12	1st Sunday of Advent 8.00am Mass Gordonvale 10.00am Mass Edmonton 5.00pm Mass Edmonton	Thurs 5/12	8.00am Mass Edmonton 9.00am St Therese's School Year 6 Farewell Liturgy
Mon 2/12	7.00pm Rosary	Fri 6/12	10.30am End of Year Mass St Michael's School Gordonvale
Tues 3/12	8.00am Mass Edmonton Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour, Benediction	Sat 7/12	6.00pm Vigil Mass Gordonvale
Wed 4/12	9.30am Mass in Gordonvale with Anointing	Sun 8/12	2nd Sunday of Advent 8.00am Mass Gordonvale 10.00am Mass Edmonton 5.00pm Mass Edmonton

PICCONE'S VILLAGE
Edmonton - Feel Good!

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 especially Anne De Loryn and those whose anniversaries occur about this time, Mary Gallagher, Alberta Pasaol, Luigia Bianco, Mary Malone, Glenda Hubbard, Fred Shang, Brett Miinchow, Margaret Robertson, Ben Kelly, Michael Quirk, Jeanet Millgate, John Rijken, Lanu Naufahu



A Message from Fr Michael –

Dear Parishioners, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for your generous gift of an Apple Watch. I love it! I am truly touched by your kindness and support during my time here.

As I leave the parish, please know that you will all remain in my prayers. I feel so blessed to have shared in your lives and your faith journey.

Wishing each of you and your families a happy and blessed Christmas filled with peace, joy, and the love of Christ. With gratitude & every blessing, Fr Michael

1 Dec 2024	10.00am	5.00pm
Commentator/Reader	S Tutoe	A Halliday
Commentator/Reader	G O’Sullivan	B Napier
Minister of Communion	B Porter	
PowerPoint	Vera	S Lluch
Church Cleaning 8/12	R & R Barnes	
Flowers 8/12	Greenery	
8 December 2024	10.00am	5.00pm
Commentator/Reader	M Shay	T Barclay
Commentator/Reader	B O’Brien	S Lluch
Minister of Communion	S Brassett	
PowerPoint	Vera	E Fitzgerald
Church Cleaning 15/12	Working Bee	
Flowers 8/12	Greenery	

Edmonton Catholic Parish Pastoral Council Meeting held Thursday 31 October 2024 Report to parishioners - summary of matters discussed

Fr Michael Szymanski leaving Edmonton - appointed Parish Priest in Torres Strait

Fr Sabu Kalapurackal appointed Parish Priest in Edmonton & Gordonvale

Farewell to Fr Michael & welcome to Fr Sabu to be held in conjunction with the parish end of year thanksgiving function to be held after 10:00am Mass Sunday 24 November 2024

RCIA candidates – 9 baptisms; 11 confirmations – to receive sacraments Sunday, 24/11/24

Sacramental Program – 33 children received sacraments of baptism & confirmation in 2024

Christmas Masses: Vigil 6:00 pm / Christmas Day 10:00 am

Men’s Group-gatherings deferred until vandalised meeting room repairs are undertaken in 2025.

Various changes in coordinators in parish ministries were required due departures from the parish

The parish financial position was considered stable but the impact of greatly increased insurance premiums (now \$40,000 p.a.) was placing a strain on resources

Discussions between parish & diocese regarding land entitlements as between parish/school/ diocese /OSHC

Emergency Management Plan tabled & copies to be held in the church & parish office.

Altar Linen: Thank you to all who have helped Fr Michael laundering the Altar Linen. If you are able to continue with this ministry assisting Fr Sabu, would you kindly let him know your intentions please.

End of Year Celebration and Farewell to Fr Michael: A heartfelt thank you to all parishioners, musicians and choir members who contributed to last Sunday’s Mass.

Your participation made our celebration truly special. Thank you also to everyone who brought beautiful dishes to share. It was a fitting farewell to Fr Michael and a warm and a joyous expression of gratitude for the blessings of the past year.

Christmas Ceremonies 2024

Edmonton –

Thurs 19th Dec. 6.00pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Tues 24th Dec 6.00pm Christmas Vigil

Wed 25th Dec Christmas Day Mass at 10.00am

Gordonvale -

Sat 21 Dec 10.30am 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Tues 24th Dec. 8.00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Wed 25th Dec. 8.00 am Christmas Day Mass

INVITATION TO TAIZÉ PRAYER 1st Saturday/month: **7 Dec**, 10.30am at St Augustine’s Church, 25 Kamerunga Road, Stratford. All welcome to this beautiful prayer liturgy which includes scripture, music and meditation. We pray for peace and reconciliation. For more information email: mary.kleczej@ Cairns.catholic.org.au (Recess: Jan & Feb. Next prayer date: 1st March 2025.)