



EDMONTON CATHOLIC PARISH

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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

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

Sun 19/10	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8.00am Mass Gordonvale 10.00am Mass Edmonton 5.00pm Mass Edmonton WORLD MISSION SUNDAY	Thurs 23/11	8.00am Mass, Benediction & Adoration Edmonton - with Anointing 6.00pm Vigil with Evening Prayers - for Fr John McGrath St Therese Parish to host light supper
Mon 20/10	6.00pm Rosary	Fri 24/10	No Mass at Gordonvale 10.00am Requiem Mass Fr John McGrath After Requiem Mass – 11.15am Celebration of Fr John's Life Cairns Jockey Club
Tues 21/10	8.00am Mass Edmonton	Sat 25/10	6.00pm Vigil Mass - Gordonvale
Wed 22/11	8.00am Mass Gordonvale 10.00am Mass Edmonton Gardens 7.00pm Prayer and Praise	Sun 26/10	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8.00am Mass Gordonvale 10.00am Mass Edmonton 5.00pm Mass Edmonton Morning Tea after 10.00am Mass

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 Fr John McGrath and those whose anniversaries occur about this time, Giuseppa Leotta, Jimmy Barton, Johanna Duvenvoorden, Giuseppe Bresolin, Salvatore Finocchiaro, Stefan Hermyt, Barbara Langtree, Pam Horner, Sarah Maull, Giovanni Parisi, Thelma Lansky, Vic Grey, Mary McCormick, Emma Compra, Julie Byrne, Vincenza Magri, Grace Patti, Andrew Auage, Allen Iboa, Zilia Zamboni, Jenet Warnche, Tina Garate

19 October 2025	10.00am	5.00pm
Commentator/Reader	N Fiorenza	S Lluch
Commentator/Reader	J O'Brien	T Barclay
Minister of Communion	W Wood A Obeyesekere	
PowerPoint	Vera	S Lluch
Church Cleaning 26/10	K & J Alolod	
Flowers 26/10	I Lee	
26 October 2025	10.00am	5.00pm
Commentator/Reader	Alolod Family	A Halliday
Commentator/Reader	Alolod Family	B Napier
Minister of Communion	L Beck S Brassett	
PowerPoint	Vera	A Caro
Church Cleaning 2/11	M Creswell, T Barclay, S Lilly	
Flowers 2/11	S Lluch	



World Mission Sunday – Sunday 19th October: You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, as your prayers and support are crucial in ensuring these programs can move forward.

This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely. **The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.** During **World Mission Sunday**, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world. **Freecall: 1800 257 296** catholicmission.org.au/mission
Please take an Envelope home found at the back of the Church.

Rest in Peace – Fr John McGrath

It is with deep sadness that we share the news of the passing of **Fr John McGrath**, who entered eternal life shortly after midnight on **14th October 2025**.

Fr John was ordained to the priesthood on **16 December 1966** in **St Peter's Basilica, Rome**, after completing his theological studies at the **Urban University** through the **College of Propaganda Fide**. His journey began at **Pius XII Seminary, Brisbane**, where he commenced his studies in 1961.

Returning to the **Diocese of Cairns** in 1967, Fr John served in several parishes including the **Cathedral, Atherton**, and **Tully** within his first 18 months. Over the decades, he ministered with compassion and dedication, becoming a beloved shepherd to the people of **Far North Queensland**.

Fr John's leadership extended beyond parish life. In the 1980s and early 1990s, he was appointed Director of **Catholic Education** and later served as **Director of Formation** at **Pius XII Seminary**, a role entrusted to him by the **Queensland Bishops** – where his priestly life had begun.

His final parish before retirement in 2018 was our own **St Therese**, where he continued to exemplify pastoral care & unwavering commitment to Christ.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Fr John's **brother, sister-in-law**, and extended family. Please keep them, and all who mourn his loss, in your prayers. **May Fr John rest in the peace of Christ, whom he served so faithfully.**

A Vigil will be held for Fr John on Thursday evening 23rd October at 6.00pm followed by a Requiem Mass the following day, Friday 24th October 10.00am. A Celebration of his life after the Requiem Mass – Cairns Jockey Club.

An Inurnment of Ashes Ceremony will take place on Tuesday 28 October at 10.00am at Babinda Monumental Cemetery. Please gather at the Graveside.

Our Parish of St Therese is honoured to host a light supper after the **Thursday evening Vigil**. **We ask if you could please bring a plate of food to share and remain after the Service to remember Fr John.**

✦ Parish Notices

Mission Sunday TODAY (October 19)

Thursday 23 Oct – **6.00pm Vigil for Fr McGrath**

Friday 24th Oct – No Morning Mass Gordonvale

Friday 24th Oct – **Requiem Mass Fr John McGrath**

Friday 31st Oct – No Morning Mass Gordonvale

5.30 Mass Gordonvale Cemetery