

*Welcome to St Nicholas'
Catholic Parish Tamworth
For the
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
19 August 2018*

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ENTRANCE: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK: Psalter Week 4

Monday St Bernard, abbot, doctor
Tuesday St Pius X, pope
Wednesday The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday St Bartholomew, apostle

'EAT MY FLESH, DRINK MY BLOOD.' In the Incarnation, 'the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.' The Word continues to take in the Eucharistic species and in all of us who partake of the flesh and blood of Christ in Communion: 'those who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them.' Through the Eucharistic community, Christ continues to be enfleshed and to dwell in our world.

St Nicholas' Liturgy this week:

Monday St Nicholas' Mass 7am
St Bernard, abbot, doctor
Tuesday St Mary's Mass 9am
St Pius X, pope
Wednesday St Nicholas' Mass 7am
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday St Mary's Mass 9am
Friday St Nicholas' Mass 7am
St Bartholomew, apostle
Saturday St Nicholas' Mass 9am
Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday St Nicholas' 9.30am & 5.30pm
St Mary's 7.30am Mass

TAMWORTH RECONCILIATION TIMES:
St Nicholas' Saturday 4pm – 5.30pm

USE OF THE PARISH TOILET- Could all parents accompany their children when they use the parish toilet at the back of the Church.

Home Visits: Any 'House Bound' Parishioners who would like a visit to their home from a Priest once a month, could you please contact the Parish office on 67662228.

Parish Bulletin Deadline - All materials to be in by midday Wednesday. Contact the Parish Office 67662228 easttamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au

COMING EVENTS

Catholic Women's League gathering this Wednesday Aug. 22nd. We welcome Gunnedah & Quirindi branches, & CWC members. Note the time – 10am to 3pm. Morning Tea & Lunch cost \$10. Spiritual Reflection – Fr Anthony Koppman (West Tamworth). General Discussion to follow. Venue-Services Club.

Prayers for Priests Saturday August 25th following the 9am Mass.

Sunday August 26th at 5.30pm will be our next Youth Mass. The parts of the Mass will be covered by young people in our Parish. Those who are already rostered on this day will be contacted as a courtesy.

Reconciliation for Confirmation candidates – Wednesday 19th September at 5.30pm
Confirmation – Saturday 22nd September 6pm or Sunday 23rd September at 9.30am
For details please see the Parish Website.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CELEBRATE – Share the Spirit of Youth - 7pm, **Thursday 27 Sept 2018 at TRECC.** Students from six local Catholic Schools will be performing. **Tickets** available from **Monday 13 August** online at www.entertainmentvenues.com.au or phone 67662028 or at Tamworth Capitol Theatre. **Adults \$25 Children \$18.**

Social Justice: We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 30 September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land'. The Statement challenges us to confront Australia's growing rate of homelessness & unaffordable housing. For details call (02) 8306 3499 or go to www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

AUSTRALIA NEEDS FATIMA – Public Square Rosary. Join us for a nation-wide Rosary Chai, Saturday October 13 at 9.30am. For more info call: 02 97152324 or Email info@fatima.org.au

Calling all men – Save these Dates -menALIVE Brisbane in conjunction with menALIVE Armidale will conduct two conferences for men in our diocese. 'The Importance of Fatherhood Today' – Thursday 11 October – Torreggiani Room 6pm -9.30pm, Saint Mary & Joseph's Cathedral Armidale. 'menALIVE Parish Weekend' – Saturday & Sunday 16/17 February 2019 – St Alberts College, Armidale – Times to be confirmed. Ph Cathedral – 67722218 or armidalemenalive@gmail.com

Home Rosary: September 5 – Bernadette & Peter Virgen
: October 9 – Mary & Bill Andren
: November – Joan & Peter Newley
: December – Cheryl & Bill Higgins

Fr Christopher will be out of the Parish from 15/8-15/9/2018, as he has escorted Bishop Kennedy to Africa to meet families of the African Priests in our Diocese. Fr O'Brien will be helping with our Weekend & Weekday Masses.

The New Defibrillator is on the Wall in the transept on the K-Mart side of the Church. Anyone who would like to learn how to use it, could you please put your name & details on the clip board at the back of the Church.

WEEKLY ROSTER – 18/19 August

St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm
Commentator: S Barrett
Reader 1: M Rowland Reader: M Rowland
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: E Smyth
Altar Servers: R Biju/B & E Scott Music: K Harvey
Collection: M Hawthorne/B Morton/G Cannon/B Campbell

St Mary's Sunday 7.30am
Commentator: B Stewart
Reader 1: L Vella Reader 2: J Murphy
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: volunteer
Altar Servers: A Downey Music: V Frost
Collection: J Conlon/P Heffernan/B Andren/J Vella/B Higgins

St Nicholas Sunday 9.30am
Commentator: M Larkin
Reader 1: L Prisk Reader 2: P Prisk
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: C Whitten/G Mahony
Altar Servers: E Riley Music: St Nicholas Choir
Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

St Nicholas Sunday 5.30pm
Commentator: A Hagley
Reader 1: J Campbell Reader 2: G Moy
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: H Miles
Altar Servers: volunteer Music: V Frost/R Richardson
Collection: volunteers
Counting Team: T Heazlett/L Koch/B Stewart
Sacristy Roster: C Whitten/G Quinn Altar Linen: V Mundy

Collection: 12 Aug 2018
1st Collection (Presbytery A/C): \$ 1097.75
2nd Collection (Church A/C
- Planned Giving \$ 2222.00
- Loose Collection \$ 184.80
- Total \$ 2406.80

ROSARY AND ADORATION - After 7am Mass on Mondays concluding at 8am.

The St Nicholas Parish Choir are looking for new members. Anyone wishing to join, please contact the Parish Office. New members always welcome.

We would like to thank the person who volunteered to look after the gardens at St Mary's. However, we are now looking for someone willing to oversee the flowers inside the Church.

Home Rosary Ministry - If anyone would like to host a Home Rosary, please contact the Parish Office on 67662228 or Eileen 0429667910.

The One Voice Hymn Books seem to be getting a little low. If anyone has accidentally taken one home, could they return them please.

Fr Christopher is looking for a photographer in our Parish who can take photos at our Special Masses. If anyone can fill this role could they please contact the Parish Office.

This Year is the **YEAR OF YOUTH** - The Parish will be organising its own celebrations for Youth in the coming months. For more information on the Year of Youth visit: www.youth.catholic.org.au/year-of-youth

At all Masses there will be a two-minute silence for personal prayer after Holy Communion.

WEEKLY ROSTER – 25/26 August

St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm
Commentator: C Allen
Reader 1: K Ackhurst Reader: A Biju
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: M Clery
Altar Servers: H/A George Music: K Harvey
Collection: M Hawthorne/B Morton/G Cannon/B Campbell

St Mary's Sunday 7.30am
Commentator: J McGuirk
Reader 1: J Nolan Reader 2: J Scott
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: M Andren
Altar Servers: A Downey Music: V Frost
Collection: J Conlon/P Heffernan/B Andren/J Vella/B Higgins

St Nicholas Sunday 9.30am
Commentator: D Cumming
Reader 1: L Roberts Reader 2: A Davies
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: A Bowden/P Prisk
Altar Servers: D Rajeev Music: St Nicholas Choir
Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

St Nicholas Sunday 5.30pm
Commentator: H Buckman
Reader 1: M Gaffney Reader 2: S vanAanholt
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: S Sommerlad
Altar Servers: volunteer Music: V Frost/R Richardson
Collection: volunteers
Counting Team: B Thompson/P Heffernan/W Higgins, P Skewes
Sacristy Roster: M Rice/G & M Moy Altar Linen: K Stewart

ANNIVERSARIES: August
Gwendoline Baker, Kathleen Berthaly, Peter Belt, Sheila Booby, Wilhelmena (Jean) Bower, Karen anon, Monica Carolan, Mary Carroll, Emma Clift, Lawrence Collier, Katherine Collins, Gloria Dutton, Eileen Fitzgerald, Nelson Fogarty, Phyllis Ford, Peggy Gaffney, Margaret Grieve, Zoe Hammond, Les Hartshorn, Daphne Hayes, Edward Hogno, Lorna Horton, Margaret Hunt, Milton Kemp, Brian Kenny, Pamela Kenny, Joseph (Bill) Keys, Peter King, Phyllis Linstedt, Dorothy Linsell, Jennifer Mackie, Hazel McCarthy, Clement McMahon, Anne McMahon, Agnes Michell, Henry Mifsud, Ada Norton, Raymond Paul, Pietro Ricconan, Antoinette Rigon, Vera Saunders, Norman Smith, Wayne Smith, Arthur Stengert, Olga Tongue, Barry Tracy, Louisa Wall, Janet Walters, Susan Wardle, Theodore Whitten, Angela Gruer.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Darren Graham; Margaret Brogan, Bill Press, Rita Sutton, Betty Garrett, Brindley Cavallaro (Sydney), Robert Sweeney, Nicole Tierney, Pat Mooney, Fr Tom Shanahan, Fr Bernie Melville, Nanette Collins.

Natural Fertility Awareness Week 20th – 26th August 2018. Did you know a woman's health is often reflected in her fertility? Learning The Billings Ovulation Method can alert a woman to underlying health problems. If you would like to be able to manage your fertility naturally and to monitor your reproductive health, accredited Billing Teachers are available to assist you throughout Australia. For more info ring Billings LIFE on 1800 335 860 or visit www.billings.life

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Children, who will be rostered, will be taking part in reading two of the Prayers of the Faithful each weekend at Mass. If any other children would like to participate, please contact the Parish Office.