

*Welcome to St Nicholas'
Catholic Parish Tamworth
For the
Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9th September 2018*

Sunday cycle B Weekday cycle 1

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ENTRANCE: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accordance with your merciful love.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK: Psalter Week 3
Thursday St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor
Friday The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Saturday Our Lady of Sorrows

'HE MAKES THE DEAF HEAR!' Imagine the great joy of someone who has been cured of a hearing disability. What a thrill it must be to hear clearly, perhaps for the first time, the sounds of birds, of the ocean breaking, of music, of a friend's voice. Many of us enjoy good hearing but we can still turn a deaf ear to the cries of the poor, to the pleas of someone for forgiveness, even to the teachings of Jesus. What joy we too will know if we allow Jesus to touch us and heal our spiritual deafness.

St Nicholas' Liturgy this week:

Monday St Nicholas' Mass 7am
Tuesday St Mary's Mass 9am
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St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor
Friday St Nicholas' Mass 7am
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Saturday St Nicholas' Mass 9am
Our Lady of Sorrows
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.

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.

COMING EVENTS

St Nicholas Seniors Gathering, Tuesday 11th September at Oxley Bowling Club 1.30pm. All Senior Parishioners Welcome.

Dominican Laity Monthly Meeting, Sunday September 16th at 59 King Street 2pm.

Prayers for Priests Saturday September 22nd, following 9am Mass.

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

Sunday September 30th 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.

SAVE THE DATE: The Parish of St Thomas More, Werris Creek are celebrating 100 years in 2018. The celebrations will be on Sunday 7th October, with Mass & lunch starting at 11am. Everyone is welcome to come & join in the celebrations. More details to come

NAZARETH HOUSE FETE: 6TH October.

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. Poster on Notice Board.

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: October 9 – Mary & Bill Andren – 3pm
November – Joan & Peter Newley – 6pm
December – Cheryl & Bill Higgins – 6pm

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

WEEKLY ROSTER – 8/9 September

St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm
Commentator: B Virgen
Reader 1: M Rowland Reader: 2 L Hawthorne
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: K Ackhurst
Altar Servers: S & L McMullen Music: K Harvey
Collection: M Hawthorne/B Morton/G Cannon/B Campbell

St Mary's Sunday 7.30am
Commentator: B Thompson
Reader 1: J Murphy Reader 2: J Scott
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: F Higgins
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: P Prisk Reader 2: L 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: M Cantos
Reader 1: C Dries Reader 2: T Dries
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: A Hagley
Altar Servers: S Saji
Music: Pinoy Choir
Collection: volunteers
Counting Team: B Williams/D Cumming/S van Aanholt
Sacristy Roster: Catholic Women Connecting
Altar Linen: C Whitten

Collection: 2 September/2018	
1st Collection (Presbytery A/C):	\$ 1041.75
2nd Collection (Church A/C	
- Planned Giving	\$ 1978.00
- Loose Collection	\$ 193.20
- Total	\$ 2171.20

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

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

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

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

Volunteer with Palms Australia: East Timor needs Teachers – Ready to take your skills to new heights in the mountains of Timor? Contact Christine on 02 9560 5333. For more opportunities visit palms.org.au/volunteer

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

BAPTISMS: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome, **George Toyer.**

WEEKLY ROSTER – 15/16 September

St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm
Commentator: J O'Connor
Reader 1: L Hansen Reader: 2 K Ackhurst
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: C Allen
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: J Newley
Reader 1: J Nolan Reader 2: B Stewart
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: G Quinn
Altar Servers: A Downey Music: V Frost
Collection: J Conlon/P Heffernan/B Andren/J Vella/B Higgins

St Nicholas' Sunday 9.30am
Commentator: H Rowsell
Reader 1: A Bowden Reader 2: A Davies
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: A Nealon/A Hamilton
Altar Servers: D Rajeev
Music: St Nicholas Choir
Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

St Nicholas' Sunday 5.30pm
Commentator: P Flynn
Reader 1: S Sommerlad Reader 2: J Campbell
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: C Dries
Altar Servers: volunteers
Music: N Greacen
Collection: volunteers
Counting Team: T Heazlett/L Koch/B Stewart
Sacristy Roster: B & J Ryan/K & B Stewart
Altar Linen: L Prisk

ANNIVERSARIES: September

John Anderson, Fay Betts, Morris Blomquist, John Booby, Adrian Brazier, Anthony Brown, Lorraine Burgmann, Deborah Byrnes, Sidney Canu, Norman Caslick, Francis Caulfield, Geoffrey Cluff, Marie Cooper, Richard Cox, Cecil Coyle, Alan Cracknell, Thomas Daley, Mark Davies, Mary Doyle, Lorna Epps, Allan Giles, Arthur Graham, Anthony Graham, Catherine Griffiths, Wendy Gunn, Shirley Hawkins, Michael Hill, Henry Hyson, Phyllis Jackson, Agnes Jamieson, Vincent Jankowski, Martha Johnson, Leslie Kennedy, Dorothy Layton, Ethel Luckett, Carmel Lynch, Antonio Manconi, Colin McCarter, John McDonald, Kenneth McNamara, Nancy Meehan, John (Jack) Mullins, Phillip Nolan, Patrick Norman, Pieter Oeljee, Wayne Pullman, Myra Ransay, Melanie Rapley, Giorgio Rindo, Bruce Rogers, Pierre Sobbel, Harold (Harry) Tolman, Zola Wainwright, Colin Watson.

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, Ken Michell.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Joan Abbott.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Lydia Marquet & Jackie Bastick (Pray for repose of souls), Ron Hill (Woy Woy) Rec Dec, Colin & Jeff Watson (Anniv).

Rosary & Adoration - After 7am Mass on Mondays till 8am.

