

*Welcome to St Nicholas'
Catholic Parish Tamworth
For the
The Epiphany of the Lord*

6th January 2019

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ENTRANCE: Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK: NIL

Psalter Week 2

THEY OFFERED HIM GIFTS. For some Christians the feast of Epiphany is the day on which gifts are exchanged. As we observe the wise men opening their treasures in today's Gospel and offering gifts to Jesus, we can ask: what precious gifts can we offer to Jesus today? We may not have gold, frankincense and myrrh but we have our love, our fidelity, our time. We can give these to Jesus by giving them to those in need.

St Nicholas' Liturgy this week:

Monday St Nicholas' Mass 7am
Tuesday St Mary's Mass 9am
Wednesday St Nicholas' Mass 7am
Thursday St Mary's Mass 9am
Friday St Nicholas' Mass 7am
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

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

The next Eucharistic Adoration will be held January 11th, 6pm to 7pm.

Sunday January 27th at 5.30pm will be our first Youth Mass for 2019. 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.

AUSTRALIA DAY MASS - 28th January 2019 at 9am at St Nicholas' Church.

Calling all men – menALIVE Brisbane with menALIVE Armidale will conduct 'menALIVE Parish Weekend' – Sat & Sun 16/17 Feb 2019 – St Alberts College, Armidale, Ph Cathedral – 67722218 or armidalemenalive@gmail.com

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

Plenary Council 2020 – What is God asking of us in Australia at this time

The Plenary Council for the Church in Australia is going to take place over two sessions: The first in 2020 and the second in 2021. A Plenary Council is a forum for Church leaders to consider contemporary issues in light of the Gospel and to respond in terms of faith, morals, governance, discipline and worship. Some Questions to think about:

Going forward, what are our aspirations for family, parish and school. How to support them.

How do we keep our gaze fixed upon Jesus Christ to ensure the Church inspires & serves the world? Passing on the faith. How do we continue this tradition? The present-day Church in Australia has been humiliated & persecuted in some ways. How do we build resilience and hope in the hearts of the faithful & rebuild the Church's credibility?

A box will be placed at the back of the Church in the coming weeks for Parishioners to place their submissions, or it can be submitted online to the Parish website easttamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au which will be compiled and sent as a submission coming from the Parish of St Nicholas. **"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"**



5/6 January 2019

Counting Team: T Heazlett/L Koch/B Stewart
Sacristy Roster: C Whitten/G Quinn
Altar Linen: L Prisk

12/13 January 2019

Counting Team: B Thompson/P Heffernan/W Higgins/P Skewes
Sacristy Roster: M Rice/M & G Moy
Altar Linen: M Clery

THERE WILL BE NO ROSTER FROM CHRISTMAS TO THE BEGINNING OF FEBRUARY. COULD EVERYONE PLEASE VOLUNTEER THEIR SERVICES OF READING, COMMENTATING AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTRY OF COMMUNION DURING THIS TIME.

The Counting, Sacristy & Altar Linen Roster will continue

The next formation program for Readers, Commentators & Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held on 12th January at 2pm in the Church.

Collection: 30 December/2018

1st Collection (Presbytery A/C):	\$ 855.55
2nd Collection (Church A/C)	
- Planned Giving	\$ 875.00
- Loose Collection	\$ 207.90
- Total	\$ 1082.90

Collection: Christmas Mass \$ 3211.95

We would like to invite anyone in our Parish, who would be interested in becoming a Reader/Commentator Extraordinary Minister of Communion or an Altar Server for 2019. We have a Clipboard on the table at the back of the Church where you can place your details.

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

CHRISTMAS DUES – are your collective gift to the priests. It is deposited in the **PRESBYTERY Account** and used for the upkeep of the Priests, their food sustenance & the salary of the housekeeper. The annual excess from this account is used to support the retired and sick clergy of our diocese. Thank you.

The Bishop has made some changes in the Diocese to take effect in February. Fr Jayaraj Gorantla will be leaving us to go to Inverell. Fr Francis Afu will be coming to St Nicholas as Assistant Priest. Fr Christopher has been appointed Parish Priest here at St Nicholas for the next 6 years.

There will be a Farewell to Fr Raj on Sunday 10 February at the 9.30am Mass, with Morning Tea after. There will be envelopes available the weekend before, for Fr Raj's Testimonial.

ANNIVERSARIES: January

Sibille Anthony, Clifford Barber, Marie Barrett, Arnold Betts, Lucca Borzgellega, Voltaire (Vic) Bower, Nancy Bussell, Kathleen Carey, Patricia Cassin, George Collins, Denis Costigan, Sidney (Ken) Coulton, Michael Cuddigan, Kevin Evans, Hammond Faddy, Troy Frazer, Garry Gifford, Nathan Hall, Dawn Henderson, Lola Hughes, Leo Hunt, Marie Hynes, Gwendoline Lehnert, Mary Lodge, Hilton Lynch, Kathleen Lynch, Whyatt Mangan, Bede Matthews, Edith Mitchell, James (Jamie) Mitchell, Eileen Morris, Therese (Julianne) O'Connor, Neil (Noel) O'Rourke, Gwendoline Parkes, Nellie Prisk, Bernard Redden, Jane Redden, Audrey Renehan, Julian Rice, Peter Ryan, Joseph Shanahan, Daphne Speare, Pauline Taylor, Catherine Temperley, Fran Thier, Mary Thompson, Sr Patricia Thompson, John Tufrey, John Wall, Anthony Walmsley, Margaret Watson, Alan Welsh, Damien Wetherall, George Wilson, Lenore Steel, Patricia Berman, Kenneth Kellahan, Josephine O'Neill, Yvonne Henshaw, Jean Hutt, Elsie Frost.

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 Bernie Melville, Ken Michell, Dalton Lewis, Brian Mercovich, Dearne Law, John O'Connor.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Tom Shanahan, Owen Crowe.

BAPTISM: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome, **Charlotte Barker.**

