

*Welcome to St Nicholas'
Catholic Parish Tamworth
For the
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5th August 2018*

Sunday cycle B Weekday cycle 1

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ENTRANCE: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK: Psalter Week 2
Monday The Transfiguration of the Lord
Wednesday St MARY OF THE CROSS, virgin
Friday St Lawrence, deacon, martyr
Saturday St Clare, virgin

THE BREAD OF LIFE. The manna the Israelites discovered in the wilderness satisfied their hunger. More importantly it was a sign that God was with them in their time of trial. Likewise, the multiplication of the loaves and fishes was not intended simply to satisfy the hunger of the crowds but to be a sign to them of the presence of God in Jesus. In the symbolic actions of the Eucharistic celebration we also recognise the presence of Christ, the Bread of Life, among us.

St Nicholas' Liturgy this week:

Monday St Nicholas' Mass 7am
The Transfiguration of the Lord
Tuesday St Mary's Mass 9am
Wednesday St Nicholas' Mass 7am
St MARY OF THE CROSS, virgin
Thursday St Mary's Mass 9am
Friday St Nicholas' Mass 7am
St Lawrence, deacon, martyr
Saturday St Nicholas' Mass 9am
St Clare, virgin
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

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

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

Children's Liturgy this weekend.

COMING EVENTS

National Vocations Awareness Week 5-12 August 2018
– The Church in Armidale needs more priests and religious. Each one of us can do something about this. Firstly - pray each day. A simple prayer may be the cause of one person saying 'yes'. Secondly – talk about the possibility of a vocation to others. Lend your own voice to the call of the Lord

SEMINARIANS & RETIRED CLERGY COLLECTION - will be held the weekend of 11/12 August.

104th Migrant & Refugee Sunday – 12th August at 9.30am. All cultures are welcome to attend this Mass with their traditional dress.

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.

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'. For details call (02) 8306 3499 or go to www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

Calling all men – Save these Dates – menALIVE Brisbane in conjunction with menALIVE Armidale will conduct two conferences for the men in our diocese. 'The Importance of Fatherhood Today' – Thursday 11 October – Torreggiani Room 6pm – 9.30pm, Saints 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
: Wed/August 15 at 6pm – Marie Rice
: Wed/Sept. 5 at 4.30pm – Bernadette & Peter Virgin
: Tues/October 9 at 3pm – Mary & Bill Andren
: Thurs/November 8 at 6pm – Joan & Peter Newley
: Thurs/December 6 at 6pm – Cheryl & Bill Higgins

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: From this weekend, children, who are 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.

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

SPECIAL INTENTION: Paul Gibson Armatage (1st Anniv. of death – 7/8/18).

WEEKLY ROSTER – 4/5 August

St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm
Commentator: L Hansen
Reader 1: volunteer Reader: L Hawthorne
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: K Ackhurst
Altar Servers: M Shvili Music: K Harvey
Collection: M Hawthorne/B Morton/G Cannon/B Campbell

St Mary's Sunday 7.30am
Commentator: J Scott
Reader 1: G Quinn Reader 2: B Thompson
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: B Radebe
Reader 1: A Hamilton Reader 2: L McSweeney
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: M Hayes/D Cumming
Altar Servers: D Rajeev Music: St Nicholas Choir
Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

St Nicholas Sunday 5.30pm
Commentator: C Dries
Reader 1: T Dries Reader 2: M Cantos
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: P Flynn
Altar Servers: H Buckman
Music: V Frost/R Richardson/E Best
Collection: Volunteers
Counting Team: G Bryant/A McGuirk/T Barrett
Sacristy Roster: CWC Altar Linen: K Bryant

Collection: 8 July 2018
1st Collection (Presbytery A/C): \$ 1080.35
2nd Collection (Church A/C)
- Planned Giving \$ 2893.10
- Loose Collection \$ 258.60
- Total \$ 3151.70

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

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

Parish Bulletin Deadline - All materials to be in by midday Wednesday. Contact the Parish Office 67622286 easttamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au

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

First Tuesday of the month -Mass & Sacrament of Anointing at the Tamworth Hospital Chapel, August 7th, 2018 at 11am. Fr Raj Gorantla celebrant.

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.

We thank the two people who have come forward to tend to the garden around St Nicholas Church/Presbytery. But we now need someone who could spend a few hours each week to care for the St Mary's garden, North Tamworth. If anyone is interested, please contact the Parish Office on 67662228.

WEEKLY ROSTER 11/12/August

St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm
Commentator: K Ackhurst
Reader 1: Sr of Nazareth Reader: E Smyth
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: volunteer
Altar Servers: S & L McMullen Music: K Harvey
Collection: M Hawthorne/B Morton/G Cannon/B Campbell

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

St Nicholas Sunday 9.30am - Migrant & Refugee Sunday
Commentator: P Skewes
Reader 1 St. Faustina Reader 2: M. Rice
Offertory: Filipino Community & others Ex Min M Clery
Altar Servers: S Robertson/S & C Myers
Music: St Nicholas Choir
Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

St Nicholas Sunday 5.30pm
Commentator: P Hagley
Reader 1: R Dunst Reader 2: S Sommerlad
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: J Clery
Altar Servers: S Saji Music: Pinoy Choir
Collection: Volunteers
Counting Team: B Williams/D Cumming/S van Aanholt
Sacristy Roster: K Bryant/L Prisk Altar Linen: M Clery

ANNIVERSARIES: August.

Gwendoline Baker, Kathleen Berthaly, Peter Belt, Sheila Booby, Wilhelmna (Jean) Bower, Karen Canon, 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 Paull, Pietro Ricconan, Antoinette Rigon, Vera Saunders, Norman Smith, Wayne Smith, Arthur Stengert, Olga Tongue, Barry Tracy, Louisa Wall, Janet Walters, Susan Wardle, Theodore Whitten.

WRITE TO SENATORS TO OPPOSE EUTHANASIA: The Senate will soon vote on a Bill which would allow territories to legalise euthanasia and assisted suicide. Please contact your NSW senators TODAY and ask them to protect vulnerable people by voting against the Bill. Visit the HOPE website to send your message <http://www.no euthanasia.org.au/sign>

