

*Welcome to St Nicholas'
Catholic Parish Tamworth
For the
The ASCENSION of the LORD*

13th May 2018

Sunday cycle B Weekday cycle 1

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ENTRANCE: You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; praise the Lord, who ascends above the highest heavens; his majesty and might are in the skies, alleluia.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK:
Monday St Matthias, apostle

TAKEN UP INTO HEAVEN. The feast of the Ascension assures us that the risen Jesus, who was taken up to heaven, is still very close to us. We are called to recognise the signs of his presence in the goodness, love and forgiveness of the community, in the healing of souls and bodies and in the great and small miracles of life. The ascended Jesus is not an absent Jesus.

St Nicholas' Liturgy this week:

Monday	St Nicholas' Mass 7am St Matthias, apostle
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.

Baptisms this weekend: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome into the saving mystery of Jesus Christ, **Patrick Bourke**.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY this weekend: with **Jane & Giovanna**.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mervyn Ruttley.

Anniversaries: May

Vincent Ajani; Narelle Ambrose; Dorothy (Rita) Arnold; Lawson Bettington; Michael Brooks; Ronald Brooks; Leila Bryant; Dulcie Budsworth; Anthony Campbell; Laurence Cannon; Alice Clout; John Coyle; Marie Cross; Maxwell Dewberry; Ian Dorrstein, Giuseppe Ferraro; Robin Gardiner; Shane Gregg; Robert Hall; Edward Hawkins; Rosealein Henderson; Edna Homewood; Suzanne Horan; Cyril Johnson; Norman Konz; Marlene Langenbaker; Michael Larkin; Barry Maher; Raymond Mahony; Steven Mamae; Jeanette Manconi; William Mason; Maria McCully; Ross McHugh; Norma McKenna; William McLean; Glen Merchant; Michael Vittorio; Gloria Mitchell; Carmel (Mary) Muller; Marie Nihill; Denis O'Callaghan; Nelva O'Shea; John Patterson; Mary Patterson; Natalia (Annette) Pindel; Eunice Presland; Alma Robinson; Bruce Robinson; Keith Taylor; Pauli Thorpe; Salvatore Tizzone; Marie Tolmie; Joan Townsend; Eleanor Venning; Patrick Wall; Mary Woods.

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.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: John Coyle (Anniv. 12th), Bill McLean (Anniv 8th), Maria Cavallaro (Anniv 12th).

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Fr Christopher would like to encourage all children in the Parish to take part in the Prayers of the Faithful each Sunday at Mass. They would read two prayers after the Commentator & would receive these via email 2 weeks prior, so they are prepared. If any family would like to be involved there will be a board at the back of the church for your names, phone number & email address. A roster will be made up for the children.

This Year is the YEAR OF YOUTH - OPEN NEW HORIZONS FOR SPREADING JOY: YOUNG PEOPLE, FAITH & VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT. 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

PROCLAIM 2018: National Conference on Parish Renewal & Evangelisation 12-14 July 2018 – Early Bird Registrations & Group Discounts **now available**. Notice also on the Notice Board at the back of the Church.

The Parish is looking for someone who could spend a few hours each week to tend to the Presbytery gardens. If anyone is interested, please contact the Parish Office on 67662228.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE MONTHLY MEETING Wednesday May 23rd at The Services Club – 12noon.
PLEASE notify Gwenn 67664106 if **UNABLE TO ATTEND** by **May 21st**.

WEEKLY ROSTER – 12/13 May

St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm
Commentator: E Smyth
Reader 1: J O'Connor Reader: 2 L Hawthorne
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: P McDougall
Altar Servers: R Biju/M Tyrrell
Music: K Harvey
Collection: M Hawthorne/B Morton/ G Cannon/B Campbell

St Mary's Sunday 7.30am

Commentator: G Quinn
Reader 1: J Murphy Reader 2: L Vella
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: A Hamilton
Reader 1: D Cumming Reader 2: B Cumming
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: L Hughes/R English
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: C Wheaton Reader 2: J Clery
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: P Hagley
Altar Servers: S Saji
Music: Pinoy Choir
Collection: Volunteers
Counting Team: T Heazlett/L Koch
B Stewart
Sacristy Roster: G & M Moy/M Rice
Altar Linen: D Fitzgerald

Collection: 29 April
1st Collection (Presbytery A/C): \$ 1217.25
2nd Collection (Church A/C
- Planned Giving \$ 2368.00
- Loose Collection \$ 176.90
- Total \$ 2544.90

Collection: 6 May
1st Collection (Presbytery A/C): \$ 1037.75
2nd Collection (Church A/C
- Planned Giving \$ 2152.00
- Loose Collection \$ 202.45
- Total \$ 2354.45

St Nicholas Good Shepherd Sunday Collection \$ 552.55

First Tuesday of the Month - Mass & Sacrament of Anointing at the Tamworth Hospital Chapel, June 5th, 2018 at 11:00 am Celebrant: Fr. Raj Gorantla.

2018
FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST
And Confirmation.

First Reconciliation	Wednesday 20th June 6pm
First Eucharist	Saturday 23rd June 6pm or Sunday 24th June 9.30am
Confirmation	Saturday 22nd Sept 6pm Sunday 23rd Sept 9.30am

For details please see the Parish Website.

WEEKLY ROSTER – 19/20 May

St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm
Commentator: S Barrett
Reader 1: L Hansen Reader: K Ackhurst
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: C Allen
Altar Servers: S 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 Scott Reader 2: J Nolan
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

Commentator: R Kinsela
Reader 1: L McSweeney Reader 2: A Bowden
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: A Hamilton/A Nealon
Altar Servers: S Robertson/S & C Myers
Music: St Nicholas Choir
Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

St Nicholas Sunday 5.30pm

Commentator: M Moy
Reader 1: G Moy Reader 2: T Dries
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: S Sommerlad
Altar Servers: volunteers
Music: N Greacen
Collection: Volunteers
Counting Team: B Thompson/P Heffernan
W Higgins/P Skewes
Sacristy Roster: K Bryant/L Prisk
Altar Linen: C Whitten

To maintain a joyful family requires much from both the parents and the children. Each one must show concern, not only for his or her own life, but also for the lives of the other members of the family: their needs, their hopes, their ideas. (Pope Saint John Paul II)

A Prayer for all Mothers,

Thank you Lord, that you fill a mother's heart with love, and that you have instilled in her very being the need to protect her children if at all possible, Thank you for giving her the gift of nurturing her children, of teaching them, of comforting them, feeding them & making a safe place for them. We thank you for guiding them to be all that God has created them to be. Fill every mother with love, wisdom, endurance, strength, patience & joy. Give them ability to forgive again & again. Enable her to rely on You and call upon You, because You will give her all she needs. In Your precious & all-powerful name, Amen.

We wish all Mothers in our Parish a Happy Mothers' Day.

The Parish of St Joseph's Gunnedah invites Parishioners of St Nicholas to join in the Centenary Celebrations of St Joseph's, Sunday 10th June 2018. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Kennedy DD at 9.30am. A luncheon will follow in the grounds of the Church. The Bishop will unveil a plaque commemorating this historical milestone. RSVP: 21/5/2018, 02 67420200. gunnedahparish@armidale.catholic.org.au