

*Welcome to St Nicholas'
Catholic Parish Tamworth
For the
Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Child Protection Sunday*

8th September 2019

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ENTRANCE: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord 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

Friday St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor
Saturday The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

PUT JESUS FIRST. It is somewhat shocking to hear Jesus say, 'Whoever comes to me without hating (family members) cannot be my disciple'. Jesus is using hyperbole to stress that we must give first place to following him. If that puts us in conflict with our family, we must choose Jesus. Thankfully, most of us don't face such a conflict. We can rejoice in God and in family, as Paul does in today's Second Reading.

St Nicholas' Liturgy this week:

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

Fr Christopher will be out of the Parish & on holidays from September 25th to October 31st. Anyone wishing to speak with Fr. before he leaves, please contact the Parish Office.

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

COMING EVENTS

St Nicholas Seniors gathering Tuesday September 10th at Oxley Bowling Club 1.30-4.15pm. All new members welcome.

CWC next meeting, 17th September at 5.30pm. Venue to be decided.

The next Eucharistic Adoration. Friday September 20th, 6pm to 7pm.

The next PPC Morning Tea will be held after the 9.30am Mass Sunday 22nd September.

The next Youth Mass – 28th September at 5.30pm.

Home Rosary – Mary & Bill Andren's Home, October 18th at 3.30pm. Please see address in drawer at back of Church.

Confirmation Masses 2019 – Saturday 21st September at 6pm
Sunday 22nd September at 9.30am

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

Roster for Mass & Anointing to be held in 4 Nursing Homes

* **Abbas** – 9.30am – 1st Friday of the Month
* **Kurrajong** - 11am - 1st Friday of the month.
* **Cottage Homes** – 10.30am – 2nd Monday of the Month.
* **Tamworth Gardens** - 3rd Thursday of the Month
* **Bupa** – 10.30am – 4th Thursday of the Month
* **Mass at Hospital Chapel** – 4pm, the 2nd Tuesday of the Month.

PRAYER FOR RAIN - God our Father, You created our earth to nourish us & give us life & Jesus told us to ask & it will be given to us. We ask now in Faith, Hope & Love that you look with favour on our drought stricken land, our starving animals & failing produce. Sustain, strengthen & give us your abundant rain soon. Renew the faith of your people & the face of our land. We make this prayer with many, through Jesus Christ who gives new life to all living things. Amen.

Ignite Conference is on again 26-29 September in Brisbane & for the first time in Sydney 3-6 October. The Conference whilst being aimed at young people is open to all ages, where they will experience 4 days of real-world formation, encouragement in faith, great people & powerful worship. Fr Chris is currently looking for people who may be interested in attending & also for groups or individuals who would be willing to sponsor someone to attend. For more Info. Please contact Fr Chris or Henry Buckman (0406361272).

St Brigid's Parish Quirindi will be celebrating & giving thanks to the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, Saturday 26th October 2019 for their presence in the Parish for 132years. For information please contact Pat 0267462025 or Mick 0427255643 mpperkins@bigpond.com - Denise den020@icloud.com or Jan jandaniels2343@gmail.com.

We welcome new Parishioners to St Nicholas. If you have any enquiries please contact Fr Christopher by emailing FrOnuekwusi@armidale.catholic.org.au or the Parish Office on 67662228. There are leaflets at the back of the Church that you can fill out with all your details.

There is a screening of 'Unplanned' for Tamworth on Monday 14th October at 6pm. The new movie is based on the true story of Abby Johnson's experience working in a planned parenthood clinic & the truth about Abortion. They still need to sell 62 tickets for it to go ahead so please get on board & buy your tickets & share this link with family and friends. <https://fan-force.com/screenings/unplanned-forum-6-cinema-tamworth/>

WEEKLY ROSTER –7/8 September

St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm
Commentator: P McDougall
Reader 1: Sr of Naz Reader 2: L Hansen
Ex Min: C Allen
Altar Servers: B & E Scott Music: N Greacen
Collection: D Raffaele/G Cannon/B Campbell

St Mary's Sunday 7.30am
Commentator: L Vella
Reader 1: B Thompson Reader 2: B Stewart
Ex Min: G Quinn
Altar Servers: S Downey Music: V Frost
Collection: J Conlon/P Heffernan/B Andren/J Vella/B Higgins

St Nicholas' Sunday 9.30am
Commentator: D Fitzgerald
Reader 1: L McSweeney Reader 2: A Bowden
Ex Min: A Nealon/P Prisk
Altar Servers: D Rajeev Music: St Nicholas Choir
Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

St Nicholas' Sunday 5.30pm
Commentator: P Hagley
Reader 1: A Tijo Reader 2: A Hagley
Ex Min: H Barril
Altar Servers: volunteer Music: Pinoy Choir
Collection: volunteers
Counting Team: P & G McDougall
Sacristy Roster: C Whitten/G Quinn/K Trinh
Altar Linen: L Prisk

Collection: 1st September 2019	
1st Collection (Presbytery A/C):	\$ 1191.45
2nd Collection (Church A/C)	
- Planned Giving	\$ 1819.00
- Loose Collection	\$ 174.25
- Total	\$ 1993.25



Catholic Mission invites all interested donors and supporters to a special morning tea in support of the work of the Church in Ghana. Guest speaker, Felix Frederick Amenga-Etego, Project Manager of the Centre for Child Development in the Diocese of Navrongo-Bolgatanga. **Thursday 19th September 10.30am, Monty's at the Powerhouse Hotel.** RSVP: armidale.director@catholicmission.org.au or phone 67718703.

"NSW Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill - An online petition has been organised by Barnaby Joyce MP on this issue. This is a different petition to the hard copy petition you may have signed in the past few weeks. That petition was organised by the Right to Life Group and it will be presented to the NSW Upper House. This Petition is urging the New South Wales Parliament to establish a Parliamentary Inquiry into the proposed abortion legislation - including consideration of adoption processes in New South Wales to reflect the realities of families and their individual circumstances - before putting it to a vote. The legislation put forward in the NSW Parliament is among the most extreme in the world. This debate cannot be rushed. This debate cannot be stifled. To show your support for life by signing this petition go to www.supportlife.com.au"

Our Parish Christmas Party this year will be held 12pm, 24th November at McCarthy College Hall. Parishioners please keep this date free.

Anyone wishing to put Posters on the Notice Board or leave pamphlets at the back of the Church could you please seek Fr Christopher's approval first.

WEEKLY ROSTER –14/15 September

St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm
Commentator: A Jones
Reader 1: S Barrett Reader 2: P Skewes
Ex Min: K Ackhurst
Altar Servers: A George Music: K Harvey
Collection: D Raffaele/G Cannon/B Campbell

St Mary's Sunday 7.30am
Commentator: J McGuirk
Reader 1: J Newley Reader 2: G Quinn
Ex Min: K King
Altar Servers: S Downey Music: V Frost
Collection: J Conlon/P Heffernan/B Andren/J Vella/B Higgins

St Nicholas' Sunday 9.30am
Commentator: P Mahony
Reader 1: G Mahony Reader 2: A Hamilton
Ex Min: R English/J Hatfield
Altar Servers: volunteer Music: St Nicholas Choir
Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

St Nicholas' Sunday 5.30pm
Commentator: G Galloway
Reader 1: C Dries Reader 2: T Dries
Ex Min: T Roberts
Altar Servers: volunteer Music: N Greacen
Collection: volunteers
Counting Team: B Thompson/P Heffernan/W Higgins/P Skewes
Sacristy Roster: M Rice/G & M Moy
Altar Linen: M Clery

ANNIVERSARIES: September

Joan Abbott, John Anderson, Fay Betts, Morris Blomquist, John Booby, Adrian Brazier, Anthony Brown, Lorraine Burgmann, Deborah Byrnes, Sidney Canu, Nanette Carroll, Norman Caslick, Francis Caulfield, Geoffrey Cluff, Marie Cooper, Chloe Coss, 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, Benjamin Jackson, 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 Ramsay, 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, Brindley Cavallaro (Sydney), Nicole Tierney, Pat Mooney, Fr Bernie Melville, Ken Michell, Dalton Lewis, Brian Mercovich, Dearn Law, Robyn Plunkett, Kevin Frost, Sarah Sommerlad, Vic & Colleen Hamilton, Trisha Aquino, Fr Bernie Flood, Selma Best.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Betty Garrett, Bro. Moy Hitchen.

Fr Chris is asking if Parishioners would like to volunteer to be **Greeters in the Church before Mass.** If any Parishioner is willing to do this, could you please leave your name on the sheet at the back of the Church.

The Relic of St Therese of Lisieux & her Parents will be coming to the St Nicholas Parish from 6pm, Saturday February 22nd to 12noon, Monday February 24th. There will be more details to come, but Fr Christopher would like an all-night vigil.

The Parish of St Nicholas & the Diocese of Armidale are committed to the care, wellbeing & protection of children, young people & vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection & the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. For more information: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention