

*Welcome to St Nicholas'
Catholic Parish Tamworth
For the*

*Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
16th September 2018*

Sunday cycle B Weekday cycle 1

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ENTRANCE: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK: Psalter Week 4
Thursday Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest martyr
Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions, martyr
Friday St Matthew, apostle, evangelist

'WHO DO PEOPLE SAY I AM?' In modern parlance, we could say that Jesus was seeking some feedback from his disciples about himself, especially how he was perceived, when he asked this question. If we were to ask Jesus, 'How would you describe today's Christians?', what feedback do you think he might give? How do you think a non-believer might describe the Christian community?

St Nicholas' Liturgy this week:

Monday St Nicholas' Mass 7am
Tuesday St Mary's Mass 9am
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Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest martyr
Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions, martyr
Friday St Nicholas' Mass 7am
St Matthew, apostle, evangelist
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.

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.

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

COMING EVENTS

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 is celebrating 100 years in 2018. The celebrations will be Sunday 7th October. Proceedings start 11am with the Blessing of the new Parish Office, followed immediately by Mass & then a celebratory lunch at 12.30 for 1 at the Werris Creek Golf Club. Tickets for lunch are available for \$25 per head. RSVP by Wednesday 3 October. Enquiries at werriscreekparish@armidale.catholic.org.au. Everyone is welcome to come & join in the celebrations.

NAZARETH CARE FETE will be held October 6th at Nazareth Care, Manilla Road. All the usual stalls, cakes, fresh produce, handicrafts, plants, trash & treasure, books, tombola. Also, morning tea & sausage sizzle. Please deliver all donated items to Nazareth Care. If unable to deliver please phone 67666221 to arrange collection.

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 8 – Joan & Peter Newley – 6pm
December 6 – Cheryl & Bill Higgins – 6pm

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

Collection: 9 September 2018
1st Collection (Presbytery A/C): \$ 1291.60
2nd Collection (Church A/C
- Planned Giving \$ 2017.00
- Loose Collection \$ 185.00
- Total \$ 2202.00

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.

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.

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse – is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held May 26th to May 31st, 2019. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griefftopeaceaus.org.au or phone 0478599241. For more information visit www.griefftopeace.org.

WEEKLY ROSTER – 22/23 September

St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm
Commentator: M Rowland
Reader 1: Sr of Nazareth Reader:2 A Biju
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: S Barrett
Altar Servers: H/A George Music: K Harvey
Collection: M Hawthorne/B Morton/G Cannon/B Campbell

St Mary's Sunday 7.30am
Commentator: G Quinn
Reader 1: B Virgin Reader 2: B Thompson
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: L Prisk
Reader 1: M Gruer Reader 2: A Hamilton
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: R English/L Hughes
Altar Servers: S Robertson/S& C Myers
Music: St Nicholas Choir
Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

St Nicholas' Sunday 5.30pm
Commentator: G Galloway
Reader 1: M Cantos Reader 2: M Gaffney
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: T Dries
Altar Servers: volunteers
Music: V Frost/R Richardson
Collection: volunteers
Counting Team: B Thompson/P Heffernan/W Higgins/P Skewes
Sacristy Roster: C Whitten/G Quinn
Altar Linen: M Clery

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: Gladys Wright (Brisbane), Joy Hill, Nanette Carroll, Joan Abbott.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: John O'Hare (Anniv.), Joseph (Anniv.).

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.

