

Welcome to St Nicholas' Catholic Parish Tamworth
For the Sixth Sunday of Easter

6th May 2018

Sunday cycle B Weekday cycle 1

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ENTRANCE: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK: NIL

Psalter 2

'I CALL YOU FRIENDS.' We often refer to Jesus by honorific titles, such as Lord, but do we also think of him, as he thinks of us, as a friend? The Talmud suggests that we should do two things: acquire a teacher and choose a friend. In Jesus we have both the best teacher and the best friend we could ever hope to have.

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

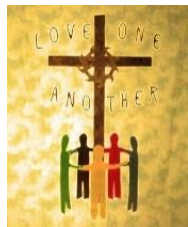
TAMWORTH RECONCILIATION TIMES:
St Nicholas' Saturday 4pm – 5.30pm

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.

Baptisms this weekend: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome into the saving mystery of Jesus Christ, Fletcher Thompson.

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 Dorstein; 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: Albert Tang Hock (In Memory), Bee Chin Lim (Anniv. 14/5), Vera O'Dwyer (Anniv. 4/5), Phyllis Paul (Anniv. 4/5), Lillian McGrath (Anniv. 5/5), John Scott (Anniv. 4/5), Olive Moore (Anniv. 8/5), Josh Paul (Anniv. 14/5).

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

WEEKLY ROSTER – 5/6 May
St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm
Commentator: G McDougall
Reader 1: P McDougall Reader: 2 Sr of Nazareth
Offertory: Volunteers Ex Min: K Ackhurst
Altar Servers: E & B Scott
Music: K Harvey
Collection: M Hawthorne/B Morton/ G Cannon/B Campbell

St Mary's Sunday 7.30am
Commentator: G.Quinn
Reader 1: J Newley Reader 2: B Stewart
Offertory: Volunteers Ex Min: M Andren
Altar Servers: A Downey & R Boschma
Music: V Frost
Collection: J Conlon/P Heffernan/B Andren/ J Vella/B Higgins

St Nicholas Sunday 9.30am
Commentator: M Gruer
Reader 1: M Larkin Reader 2: H Rowsell
Offertory: Volunteers Ex Min: A Bowden/M Keys
Altar Servers: T Schutt/J Smith/E Riley
Music: St Nicholas Choir
Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

St Nicholas Sunday 5.30pm
Commentator: R Dunst
Reader 1: M Gaffney Reader 2: S Sommerlad
Offertory: Volunteers Ex Min: T Dries
Altar Servers: H Buckman
Music: V Frost/R Richardson/E Best
Collection: Volunteers
Counting Team: P & G McDougall
Sacristy Roster: C Whitten/G Quinn
Altar Linen: K Stewart

Collection: 22April
1st Collection (Presbytery A/C): \$ 1173.70
2nd Collection (Church A/C)
- Planned Giving \$ 1638.00
- Loose Collection \$ 213.20
- Total \$ 1851.20

Collection: 29 April
1st Collection (Presbytery A/C): \$ 1217.25
2nd Collection (Church A/C)
- Planned Giving \$ 1089.00
- Loose Collection \$ 176.90
- Total \$ 1265.90

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.

PROCLAIM 2018: National Conference on Parish Renewal & Evangelisation 12-14 July 2018 – Early Bird Registrations & Group Discounts **now available.** This year the Archdiocese of Brisbane will host **PROCLAIM 2018.** This national conference will engage parishes and faith communities in a conversation focusing on five key areas: Leadership, Culture Change, Young People, Belonging & Evangelisation. To find out more visit www.proclaimconference.com.au & register at our early bird rate. Notice also on the Notice Board at the back of the Church.

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.

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 & R Boschma
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/A & C Uy
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: H Buckman
Music: Pinoy Choir
Collection: Volunteers
Counting Team: T Heazlett/L Koch B Stewart
Sacristy Roster: G & M Moy/M Rice
Altar Linen: D Fitzgerald

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST 2018
First Reconciliation Wednesday 20th June 6p.m.
First Eucharist Saturday 23rd June 6p.m.
Or Sunday 24th June 9.30a.m.

ST NICHOLAS SENIORS GATHERING TUESDAY MAY 8th, at Oxley Bowling Club at 1.30pm. New members are always welcome.

Praying the rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength! And also praying for one another! The husband for his wife, the wife for her husband, both together for their children, the children for their grandparents.....praying for each other. This is what it means to pray in the family and it is what makes the family strong. Prayer. (Pope Francis)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – We have counted the votes and the following are the results.
First: 73 votes – Peter Prisk
Second: 40 votes – John Wallace
Third: 33 votes – Patrick Mahony
The 2 places on the Parish Pastoral Council are Peter Prisk & John Wallace. Congratulations.

STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS
There is a box at the back of the church for used stamps. Thank you for all your donations.