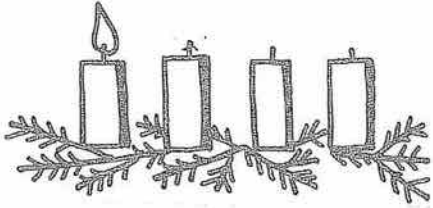


1st Sunday of ADVENT

-26-27 November 2016-



Children's Liturgy this Sunday!

-on FINANCIAL Matters- -Plate Collections-

12-13 November 2016:

-1 st Collection [Presbytery Account]	: \$	1,237.20
-2 nd Collection [Church Account]		
-Planned-Giving Envelopes	: \$	1,064.60
-Loose Collection	:	294.55
-Direct Debit	:	1,130.00
-TOTAL	: \$	2,489.15

19-20 November 2016:

-1 st Collection [Presbytery Account]	: \$	1,112.95
-2 nd Collection [Church Account]		
-Planned-Giving Envelopes	: \$	1,222.50
-Loose Collection	:	264.00
-Direct Debit	:	702.47
-TOTAL	: \$	2,188.97

CHRISTMAS Dues [like Easter Dues]

are your Christmas Gift to your priest/s;
deposited in the PRESBYTERY Account.

Together with the 1st Collection & Stole Fees [Baptisms; Marriages; Funerals], the PRESBYTERY Account pays for the monthly stipend of the priests; newspapers; meals/groceries/food/drinks. At the end of the year, the excess from the PRESBYTERY Account is submitted to the Armidale Diocesan Clerical Salary & Retirement Fund which pays for the salary of retired and sick clergy.

THANK YOU for your GENEROSITY!

Feast of Saint Nicholas

[Patron Saint of East and North Tamworth]
-6th of December/Tuesday-

The Novena Prayer in honour of Saint Nicholas will start on Monday/28 November; will end on Tuesday/6 December; will be prayed after Holy Communion during the usual daily parish masses. Copy of the Novena Prayer available at the back of the church.

NEWS and INFORMATION

1. The FAREWELL MASS for Fr. Joseph will be on the 11th of December/Sunday at the usual 9:30 am Mass. The Parish PASTORAL Council will organize a Morning Cuppa in his honour after the mass; parishioners are asked to bring a plate of cake/slice/bikkies to share. Parishioners who wish to give him a Farewell Testimonial can give it to him directly.

2. "It has been decided to allocate some funds from the Saint Nicholas Refugee Fund [\$1,630] conducted last year to assist two newly arrived families of Burmese refugees within our community. These families, which include a father, two mothers, two young women, three young men and two school-age children, have come from camps in Burma where they spent the last 14 years. An inexpensive car has been purchased for them and one young man has already gained his NSW Driver's Permit. The Saint Nicholas Fund will pay for the first year of the Green Slip insurance: \$607.51. None of these people are working yet, and provision of the car and its initial running costs will give them a substantial head start in their pursuit of work. The young men are currently doing work-experience, and all are attending English classes."

3. "Child-Safe Parish Communities" [A Simple Guide for Parishioners, Employees & Volunteers] is a simplified version of the booklet produced by the Diocese of Armidale that has the same title. It is available from the paper table at the back of the church. Please take a copy.

4. The 2017 Parish Calendar is ready to be published. Parish Groups who wish their activities published in the Parish Bulletin should submit their Calendar of Activities to JOE asap. Likewise: groups who wish to use the Parish MEETING Room regularly are asked to submit their schedules to JOE to avoid conflicts in the use of the said parish facility. Deadline is the 3/4 December weekend.

5. Every 25 November, the United Nations holds the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. Saint Nicholas Parish joins the world this weekend in raising awareness of violence against women all over the world and at all level of society.

From JOE...

AUSTRALIA DAY will be celebrated at Saint Nicholas Parish with a mass at 9:00 am on the 26th of January/Thursday followed by an "Aussie Morning Cuppa" to be organised by the Parish PASTORAL Council. Parishioners are asked to bring something "Aussie" to share [slices/lamington/cakes/scones] for the "Aussie Morning Cuppa".

I would like to invite parishioners to be part of the 2017 AUSTRALIA DAY MASS Parish Team. If you are interested to be part of this Team, please sign-up [sheet at the paper table].

The first meeting of the said Team is on the 30th of November/Wednesday/5:30 pm at the Parish MEETING Room.

To all READERS:

Please note that from the 1st Sunday of ADVENT: a new **Lectionary for Sunday Mass** will be used at Saint Mary's Church and Saint Nicholas' Church.

Readers will no longer read from printed sheets; they will read directly from the Lectionary. Please email JOE if an advance copy of the readings is desired.

"FRANKLY"

\$ 3/copy; available at the back of the church;
honesty tin for your donation and payment.

Next Baptism Preparation Session:
3 December/Saturday/2:00 pm/Parish Meeting Room

PRAYER INTENTIONS

-for those who died in NOVEMBER [from 1980 to the present]:

Arthur Abra; Marie Abra; Bernard Alexander; Dorothy Austin; Laurence Barber; Leonard Barnes; Harry Barnett; James Barton; Joyce Barton; Ida Bendeich; Elizabeth Birchall; Clarence Booth; Peter Booth; Carol Brodbeck; Sarah Brogan; Mavis Brown; James Bryant; Mavis Burke; Pauline Burns; John Butler; Marjorie Cameron; Katherine Cantwell; Patricia Carlon; Una Casey; Benjamin Chapman; Mary Coleman; Francis Collins; Isabel Cooke; Margaret Cooper; Elaine Cott; Leslie Coulton; Flora Coyle; Eric Cracknell; Mary Cutmore; Oswald Daley; John Denton; Robyn Dietrich; Valerie Donnelly; Ronald Dunn; Gordon Eddy; Leslie Edwards; Harold Ellison; Edna Faint; James Faley; Mons Clarence Fisher; Lauris Fogarty; Glenn Ford; Paul Francisco; Bonnie Gee; Kathleen Gippel; Gloria Gleeson; Jason Goodwin; Vida Hargrave; Edith Hawkins; James Hayes; Shane Hayes; Monica Henry; Erroll Herden; Muriel Herden; Donald Hines; Rosemary Hines; Lancelot Hong; Kevin Howard; Bruce Hughes; Nancie Hull; Margaret Hunt; Francis Jackson; Susan Johnson; Reginald Johnston; Neil Kelly; James Kiem; Joan Knight; Daphne Lane; Agnes Latham; James Latham; Ivy Layton; Robert Leary; Frances Leehy; Lona Lennox; Patrick Lysaght; Ian Macpherson; Lloyd Maher; Patricia Maher; Paul Maher; Patricia Mahony; Amy Mann; Joseph McAlister; Rose McIlrick; Amy McIlveen; Hazel McKnight; James Mead; Kathleen Melville; James (Jim) Mitchell; Zillah Moloney; Geoff Mooy; John (Max) Moroney; Peter Murphy; Stephen Murphy; Kathleen Nelson; Max Nolan; Lawrence Norris; Alina Northey; Thelma O'Brien; Johanna O'Connor; Grace O'Halloran; Florence O'Neill; Eunice Paul; Raymond Peate; Marlene Peters; Michael Pilditch; Winifred Pitt; Myrtle Power; Maureen Purcell; John Quinn; Noel Quinn; Jade Rackley; Nellie Randall; Kenneth Reichel; Benjamin Roberts; Bartholomew Robertson; Janice Robinson; Allen Rolff; Alice Ross; Wayne Russ; Donald Ryan; John Ryan; Joseph Ryan; Toni Scott; Beverley Seymour; Fr Richard Shanahan; Ivy Simcoe; Francis Single; Heather Smith; Dorothy Stace; Moyra Steain; Geoffrey Stocks; Mary Stoltenberg; Harold Sullivan; Kathleen Taylor; Diane Thomas; Lawrence Thompson; Lucy Thorley; Lillian Thrift; Gwendoline Thurston; Malcolm Vial; Stephen Vigh; Brigid Wall; Robert Wall; Colleen Walsh; Eric Walsh; Harold Walsh; Brendon Webb; Leonard Welsh; Donald Whale; Arthur White; Barry Wilson; Wilhelm Winter; Lucy Zayat.

-for the SICK:

Sr. Geraldine Maher, op; Fr. John Carey; Fr. Brian Cuneen; Mary Roche; David Raphael; Tony Gillies; Norma O'Brien; John Sheely; Kristy Thorne; Marycel Skannavides; Brindley Cavallaro; Frances O'Driscoll [Ireland]; Michelle Wall; Annette O'Donnell; Peter Newley; Ross Lebeck; Colleen Greer; Margaret Teong; Peter Hayes; Shane Mahoney; Rita Sutton; Sue Horan; Joan Abbott; Margaret Brogan; Peter Murphy [Bathurst]; William Graham; Ken Dewick [Coffs Harbour]; Nicole Tierney; Samantha Moss; Saulius Balsys.

-for the recently deceased:

Sr. Margaret Cameron, op; Josephine Rogers; Claude Saunders; Sr. Clare Quinn, op; Monica Coles; Colleen Herden; Greg Oliver; Rolando Bernardo [in the Philippines; brother of Ike]; Les Casey; Fr. Maurice Crittenden [Archdiocese of Sydney].

-Mass Offerings This Week:

For the repose of the souls of: John Walsh; Bernard Alexander; Mary & Kenneth Stoltenberg; deceased Cotter, Campbell, & Rodgers Families; Colin & Nell Watson; & Robin & Jeff Wood; Albert Tang Hock; Annakutty George.

ADVENT Schedule

3/2 December	: 2 nd Sunday of Advent [SVdP Annual Appeal]
10/11 December	: 3 rd Sunday of Advent [with Anointing in all masses]
17/18 December	: 4 th Sunday in Advent
20 Dec/Tuesday/6:30 pm	: Communal Reconciliation

THANKS to all who participated in the Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to ARMIDALE

[20 November/Sunday: Feast of Christ the King]

Saint Nicholas: 19
Nundle: 6
Saint Patrick's: 11
Dungowan: 5
Saint Nicholas School:
26 students; 6 teachers; and 12 parents

Parish Schedules

-1st Sunday of ADVENT-

26 November/Saturday

9:00 am : MASS-Saint Nicholas [with Prayer for Priests]
4:00 pm : Reconciliation/Rite 1
6:00 pm : MASS-Saint Nicholas

27 November/Sunday

7:30 am : MASS-Saint Mary's
9:30 am : MASS-Saint Nicholas
11:00 am : Santo Nino Mass Team Meeting
2:00 pm : Dominican Laity Meeting
5:30 pm : MASS-Saint Nicholas

28 November/Monday

7:00 am : MASS-Saint Nicholas
with: Saint Nicholas Novena/1
29 November/Tuesday

9:00 am : MASS-Saint Mary's
with: Saint Nicholas Novena/2

12:00 Noon : MCC Year 8 Mass
2:00 pm : Nemingha Public School Christmas Service
30 November/Wednesday: Saint Andrew

7:00 am : MASS-Saint Nicholas
with: Saint Nicholas Novena/3

9:30 am : SNS Reconciliation/4M & 4B
11:00 am : SNS Class Visit/2G & 2S
5:30 pm : Australia Day Mass Team Meeting
1 December/Thursday

9:00 am : MASS-Saint Mary's
with: Saint Nicholas Novena/4
11:00 am : Nazareth House Visit
3:00 pm : Home Visit
5:00 pm : SVdP: Saint Peter's Conference
7:00 pm : Legion of Mary

2 December/Friday

7:00 am : First Friday MASS-Saint Nicholas
with: Saint Nicholas Novena/5
5:30 pm : Children's Liturgy Team Meeting

-2nd Sunday of ADVENT-

3 December/Saturday: Saint Francis Xavier

9:00 am : MASS-Saint Nicholas
with: Saint Nicholas Novena/6
with Prayer for Priests]
2:00 pm : Baptism Preparation Session
4:00 pm : Formation: Readers & Commentators
6:00 pm : Reconciliation/Rite 1
with: Commissioning Rite for Readers & Commentators
and: Saint Vincent de Paul annual Appeal
4 December/Sunday

7:30 am : MASS-Saint Mary's
with: Saint Vincent de Paul annual Appeal

9:30 am : SNS FAMILY MASS-Saint Nicholas
with: Saint Nicholas Novena/7
with: Saint Vincent de Paul annual Appeal

5:30 pm : MASS-Saint Nicholas
with: Saint Vincent de Paul annual Appeal

Rite 1 RECONCILIATION: Saturdays/4:00 pm

-Parish Schedules in advance-

5 December/Monday/7:00 am	: Saint Nicholas Novena/8
5:00 pm	: Brainstorming: YOUTH Ministry
6 December/Tuesday/7:00 am	: Saint Nicholas Novena/9
8:00 am	: JOE to Armidale for Meetings
9:30 am	: SNS "End-of-the-Year" Mass
11:00 am	: Tamworth Base Hospital Mass
7 December/Wednesday/11:30 am	: MCC "End-of-the-Year" Mass
8 December/Thursday/8:00 am	: JOE & Fr. Joseph to ARMIDALE: Ordination of Rev. Kingsley Etoh
6:30 pm	: SNS Presentation Night
9 December/Friday/12:30 pm	: SN Seniors Christmas Party
10-11 December: all masses with	Sacrament of Anointing
10 December/Saturday/10:00 am	: Santo Nino Mass Team Meeting
2:00 pm	: Formation Session: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
11 December/Sunday/9:30 am	: FAREWELL MASS of Fr. Joseph then: Morning Cuppa

General Parish Roster

26 Nov/Sat/6:00 pm
[Saint Nicholas Church]
A Bijt
Sisters of Nazareth
M Rowland
volunteer
M Clerly
M Tyrrell/M Shvili
K Harvey
K Curtis/M Hawthorne/B Morton
G Cannon/B Campbell

Advent Candle
1st Reading/2nd Reading
Commentator/P of the F
Bread & Wine Offerors
Extraordinary Ministers of HC
Altar Servers
Music Ministry
Collection

27 Nov/Sun/7:30 am
[Saint Mary's Church]
G Vella
C Wheaton/G Vella
J Scott
Lastra Family
M Andren
C & A Downey & R Boschma
V Frost
J Conlan/P Heffernan
B Andren/J Vella/B Higgins

Advent Candle
1st Reading/2nd Reading
Commentator/P of the F
Bread & Wine Offerors
Extraordinary Ministers of HC
Altar Servers
Music Ministry
Collection

27 Nov/Sun/9:30 am
[Saint Nicholas Church]
J Wong
B Lincoln/M Larkin
B Cumming
Children's Liturgy
R Kinsela/L Hughes
J Wong/D Rajeev
Saint Nicholas Parish Choir
T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox
J Gardiner/J Wong

Advent Candle
1st Reading/2nd Reading
Commentator/P of the F
Bread & Wine Offerors
Extraordinary Ministers of HC
Altar Servers
Music Ministry
Collection
Children's Liturgy
Sunday Morning Cuppa

27 Nov/Sun/5:30 pm
[Saint Nicholas Church]
M Lioyd
G Galloway/S Sommerlad
A Hagley
Harnecillo Family
M van Aanholt
C Michell/E Byrne
V Frost/R Richardson
J Maputi Jr./M Lalu
CM Harnecillo
B & M Lincoln/ P McDougall
K Bryant
P Wake/C Whitten

Advent Candle
1st Reading/2nd Reading
Commentator/P of the F
Bread & Wine Offerors
Extraordinary Ministers of HC
Altar Servers
Music Ministry
Collection
Money Counters
Altar Linens
Sacristy Cleaners

3 Dec/Sat/6:00 pm
[Saint Nicholas Church]
L & M Hawthorne
L Hansen/volunteer
J O'Connor
P Skewes/L Hawthorne
C Allen
W/H George
K Harvey
K Curtis/M Hawthorne/B Morton
G Cannon/B Campbell

4 Dec/Sun/7:30 am
[Saint Mary's Church]
M & B Andren
J Wallace/J Murphy
J Nolan
volunteer/C Coggan
A Connolly
C & A Downey & R Boschma
V Frost
J Conlan/P Heffernan
B Andren/J Vella/B Higgins

4 Dec/Sun/9:30 am
[Saint Nicholas Church]
C & P Belson
SNS Family Mass
SNS Family Mass
SNS Family Mass
SNS Family Mass
J Wong/C Traill/S Robertson
Saint Nicholas Parish Choir
T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox
NO Children's Liturgy
Saint Nicholas School

4 Dec/Sun/5:30 pm
[Saint Nicholas Church]
R & M Gaffney
M Hernandez/M Gaffney
T Dries
volunteer
T Roberts
S Hagley/M Lioyd
V Frost/R Richardson
J Maputi Jr./M Lalu
CM Harnecillo
T Heazlett/L Koch/ B Stewart
R Kinsela
K Stewart/C Petty/B Ryan

10 Dec/Sat/6:00 pm
[Saint Nicholas Church]
A & A Amalakumar
C Allen/L Hawthorne
L Hansen
M & J Clerly
C Whitten
E/S/G Shepherd
K Harvey
K Curtis/M Hawthorne/B Morton
G Cannon/B Campbell

11 Dec/Sun/7:30 am
[Saint Mary's Church]
B & L Lastra
C Higgins/J Scott
B Stewart
Boschma Family
P McMahon
C & A Downey & R Boschma
V Frost
J Conlan/P Heffernan
B Andren/J Vella/B Higgins

11 Dec/Sun/9:30 am
[Saint Nicholas Church]
J & A Sebastian
R Kinsela/B Cumming
M Cantos
Children's Liturgy
M Hayes/volunteer
J Wong/L McMullen/A Kelly
Saint Nicholas Parish Choir
T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox
A Hamilton/S Hetherington

11 Dec/Sun/5:30 pm
[Saint Nicholas Church]
M & M Macapagal
H Buckman/P Flynn
A Jones
volunteer
C Wheaton
C Michell/E Byrne
Pinoy Choir
J Maputi Jr./M Lalu
CM Harnecillo
B & M Lincoln/ P McDougall
V Mundy
Moy Family/M Rice

17 Dec/Sat/6:00 pm
[Saint Nicholas Church]
S & T Barrett
G McDougall/volunteer
K Ackhurst
volunteers
P Wake
M Shvili/
K Harvey
K Curtis/M Hawthorne/B Morton
G Cannon/B Campbell

18 Dec/Sun/7:30 am
[Saint Mary's Church]
R & B Burke
L Vella/J Nolan
J McGuirk
C & N Leehy
K McMahon
C & A Downey & R Boschma
V Frost
J Conlan/P Heffernan
B Andren/J Vella/B Higgins

18 Dec/Sun/9:30 am
[Saint Nicholas Church]
M Keys & Family
M Lincoln/L McSweeney
A Bowden
Children's Liturgy
A Nealon/D Cumming
J Wong/T Schutt/D Rajeev
Saint Nicholas Parish Choir
T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox
H Rowsell/J Gardiner

18 Dec/Sun/5:30 pm
[Saint Nicholas Church]
T & C Dries
S van Aanholt/R Dunst
G Galloway
volunteers
H Miles
S Hagley/M Lioyd
N Greacen
J Maputi Jr./M Lalu
CM Harnecillo
B Thompson/P Heffernan
W Higgins/P Skewes
K Stewart
D Haire/K Bryant/L Prisk