

*Welcome to St Nicholas'  
Catholic Parish Tamworth  
For the  
Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
26<sup>th</sup> August 2018*

**Sunday cycle B Weekday cycle 1**

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**ENTRANCE:** Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

**SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK: Psalter Week 1**

**Monday** St Monica  
**Tuesday** St Augustine, bishop, doctor  
**Wednesday** The Passion of St John the Baptist, Martyr

**'THE HOLY ONE OF GOD.'** It was very difficult for the Jewish people to accept Jesus' teaching that they must eat his flesh and drink his blood if they are to have life. The Twelve accepted his teaching, not because they understood it but because they believed in him. Having seen his signs they believed that he was the Holy One of God. May Christ heal our unbelief that we too may accept his saving words even when we do not understand them fully.

**St Nicholas' Liturgy this week:**

**Monday** St Nicholas' Mass 7am  
St Monica  
**Tuesday** St Mary's Mass 9am  
St Augustine, bishop, doctor  
**Wednesday** St Nicholas' Mass 7am  
The Passion of St John the Baptist, Martyr  
**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.

**ROSARY AND ADORATION -** After 7am Mass on Mondays concluding at 8am.

**COMING EVENTS**

**St Nicholas Seniors Gathering, Tuesday August 28<sup>th</sup> at Oxley Bowling Club, 1.30-4.15pm.**

**Reconciliation for Confirmation candidates – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm**  
**Confirmation – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 6pm or Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)

**Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:armidalemenalive@gmail.com)**

**Home Rosary: September 5 – Bernadette & Peter Virgen : October 9 – Mary & Bill Andren : November – Joan & Peter Newley : December – Cheryl & Bill Higgins**

Fr Christopher will be out of the Parish from 15/8-15/9/2018. Fr O'Brien will be helping with our Weekend & Weekday Masses.

Natural Fertility Awareness Week 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018. If you would like to be able to manage your fertility naturally and to monitor your reproductive health, accredited Billing Teachers are available to assist you throughout Australia. For more info ring Billings LIFE on 1800 335 860 or visit [www.billings.life](http://www.billings.life)

**FLOODING IN INDIA - CARITAS APPEAL:** Anyone wishing to assist in this response are encouraged to donate to our Asia Emergency Appeal Toll Free 1800 024 413 or [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)

**At all Masses there will be a two-minute silence for personal prayer after Holy Communion.**

**WEEKLY ROSTER – 25/26 August**

**St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm**  
Commentator: C Allen  
Reader 1: K Ackhurst Reader: A Biju  
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: M Clery  
Altar Servers: H/A George Music: K Harvey  
Collection: M Hawthorne/B Morton/G Cannon/B Campbell

**St Mary's Sunday 7.30am**  
Commentator: J McGuirk  
Reader 1: J Nolan Reader 2: volunteer  
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: M Andren  
Altar Servers: A Downey Music: V Frost  
Collection: J Conlon/P Heffernan/B Andren/J Vella/B Higgins

**St Nicholas Sunday 9.30am**  
Commentator: D Cumming  
Reader 1: L Roberts Reader 2: A Davies  
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: A Bowden/P Prisk  
Altar Servers: D Rajeev Music: St Nicholas Choir  
Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

**St Nicholas Sunday 5.30pm – YOUTH MASS**  
Commentator: H Buckman  
Reader 1: Reader 2:  
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min:  
Altar Servers: volunteer Music: V Frost/R Richardson  
Collection: volunteers  
Counting Team: B Thompson/P Heffernan/W Higgins, P Skewes

Sacristy Roster: M Rice/G & M Moy Altar Linen: K Stewart  
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**Collection: 12 Aug/2018**  
1st Collection (Presbytery A/C): \$ 1008.85  
2nd Collection (Church A/C)  
- Planned Giving \$ 2149.05  
- Loose Collection \$ 167.25  
- Total \$ 2316.30

**The St Nicholas Parish Choir** are looking for new members. Anyone wishing to join, please contact the Parish Office. New members always welcome.

**We would like to thank the person who volunteered to look after the gardens at St Mary's. However, we are now looking for someone willing to oversee the flowers inside the Church.**

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

**Fr Christopher is looking for a photographer in our Parish who can take photos at our Special Masses. If anyone can fill this role could they please contact the Parish Office.**

**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](http://www.youth.catholic.org.au/year-of-youth)**

**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.

**The One Voice Hymn Books** seem to be getting a little low. If anyone has taken one home, could they return them please.

**WEEKLY ROSTER – 1/2 September**

**St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm**  
Commentator: M Rowland  
Reader 1: J O'Connor Reader: E Smyth  
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: L Hansen  
Altar Servers: M Shvili/M Tyrell Music: K Harvey  
Collection: M Hawthorne/B Morton/G Cannon/B Campbell

**St Mary's Sunday 7.30am**  
Commentator: B Virgen  
Reader 1: J Wallace Reader 2: L Vella  
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: K King  
Altar Servers: A Downey Music: V Frost  
Collection: J Conlon/P Heffernan/B Andren/J Vella/B Higgins

**St Nicholas Sunday 9.30am**  
Commentator: B Cumming  
Reader 1: L McSweeney Reader 2: G Mahony  
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: R Kinsela/J Hatfield  
Altar Servers: S Robertson/S & C Myers  
Music: St Nicholas Choir  
Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

**St Nicholas Sunday 5.30pm**  
Commentator: R Dunst  
Reader 1: G Moy Reader 2: M Moy  
Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: P Hagley  
Altar Servers: H Buckman  
Music: V Frost/R Richardson/E Best  
Collection: volunteers  
Counting Team: G Bryant/A McGuirk/T Barrett  
Sacristy Roster: K Bryant/L Prisk  
Altar Linen: D Fitzgerald  
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**ANNIVERSARIES: August**  
Gwendoline Baker, Kathleen Berthaly, Peter Belt, Sheila Booby, Wilhelma (Jean) Bower, Karen Cannon, Monica Carolan, Mary Carroll, Emma Clift, Lawrence Collier, Katherine Collins, Gloria Dutton, Eileen Fitzgerald, Nelson Fogarty, Phyllis Ford, Peggy Gaffney, Margaret Grieve, Zoe Hammond, Les Hartshorn, Daphne Hayes, Edward Hogno, Lorna Horton, Margaret Hunt, Milton Kemp, Brian Kenny, Pamela Kenny, Joseph (Bill) Keys, Peter King, Phyllis Linstedt, Dorothy Linsell, Jennifer Mackie, Hazel McCarthy, Clement McMahon, Anne McMahon, Agnes Michell, Henry Mifsud, Ada Norton, Raymond Paul, Pietro Ricconan, Antoinette Rigon, Vera Saunders, Norman Smith, Wayne Smith, Arthur Stengert, Olga Tongue, Barry Tracy, Louisa Wall, Janet Walters, Susan Wardle, Theodore Whitten, Angela Gruer.

**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.

The New Defibrillator is on the Wall in the transept on the K-Mart side of the Church. Anyone who would like to learn how to use it, could you please put your name & details on the clip board at the back of the Church.

**Parish Bulletin Deadline -** All materials to be in by midday Wednesday. Contact the Parish Office 67662228 [easttamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au](mailto:easttamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au)

