

*Welcome to St Nicholas'
Catholic Parish Tamworth*
**For the
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time**
*Commencing National Vocations
Awareness Week ~ 4-11 August
4th August 2019*

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ENTRANCE: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK: Psalter Week 2

Tuesday The Transfiguration of the Lord
Thursday St MARY OF THE CROSS, virgin
Saturday St Lawrence, deacon, martyr

BECOME RICH IN THE SIGHT OF GOD. Today we reflect on the call we all have to love God by sharing what we have with others. The rich man in today's Gospel chose foolishly to hoard his possessions. If we are prepared to risk putting what we have at the service of others, we may find ourselves poor in material terms but rich in the eyes of God. A treasure awaits us in heaven, along with many blessings in this life.

St Nicholas' Liturgy this week:

Monday St Nicholas' Mass 7am
Tuesday St Mary's Mass 9am
The Transfiguration of the Lord
Wednesday St Nicholas' Mass 7am
Thursday St Mary's Mass 9am
St MARY OF THE CROSS, virgin
Friday St Nicholas' Mass 7am
Saturday St Nicholas' Mass 9am
St Lawrence, deacon, martyr
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.

The **Parish Mission** is now available on DVD or USB. If anyone is interested in getting a copy please contact the Parish Office.

COMING EVENTS

The next Eucharistic Adoration. Friday August 9th 6pm to 7pm.

Home Rosary – Marie Rice's Home, August 15th at 5pm. Please see address in drawer at back of Church.

The next PPC Morning Tea will be held after the 9.30am Mass Sunday 18th August.

CWC next meeting, 20th August at 5.30pm in the Parish meeting Room.

Migrant & Refugee Sunday ~ 9.30am Mass 25th August at St Nicholas Church.

The next Youth Mass – 25th August at 5.30pm.

Home Rosary – Peter & Bernadette Virgen's Home, September 4th at 4.30pm. Please see address in drawer at back of Church.

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

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.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Children are taking part in reading two of the Prayers of the Faithful each weekend at Mass. If any other child would like to participate, please contact the Parish Office.

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

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.

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).

WEEKLY ROSTER –3/4 August

St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm
Commentator: L Hansen
Reader 1: S Barrett Reader 2: P Skewes
Ex Min: M Clery
Altar Servers: S & L McMullen Music: N Greacen
Collection: D Raffaele/G Cannon/B Campbell

St Mary's Sunday 7.30am
Commentator: B Thompson
Reader 1: B Stewart Reader 2: J Newley
Ex Min: M Andren
Altar Servers: S 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: R Kinsela
Ex Min: R English/P Prisk
Altar Servers: volunteer Music: St Nicholas Choir
Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

St Nicholas' Sunday 5.30pm
Commentator: H Buckman
Reader 1: C Dries Reader 2: T Dries
Ex Min: J Clery
Altar Servers: S Saji Music: V Frost/R Richardson
Collection: volunteers
Counting Team: P & G McDougall
Sacristy Roster: C Whitten/G Quinn/K Trinh
Altar Linen: R Kinsela

Collection: 28th July 2019
1st Collection (Presbytery A/C): \$ 1201.35
2nd Collection (Church A/C)
- *Planned Giving* \$ 2163.00
- *Loose Collection* \$ 277.90
- *Total* \$ 2440.90

Migrant & Refugee Sunday will be celebrated August 25 at the 9.30am Mass. All cultures to come dressed in their Traditional Dress & also bring a plate of traditional food to share if you can.

Are you over 18 & interested in working for justice? Caritas Australia will be holding a 2 day Global Justice workshop for young adults over the age of 18. You will develop a sense of the global Church as you learn about the work of Caritas, our approach to development & how you can work for justice in the diocese. August 27-28, 2019 at Caritas Aust. National Office Sydney. Contact Naomi D'Arcy, Caritas Diocesan Director – naomi@armidale.catholic.org.au; 67718700

Parish Bulletin Deadline - All materials to be in by midday Wednesday. Contact the Parish Office 67662228 easttamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au

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

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.

There is a petition at the back of the Church for people wanting to sign, for the Senate to pass a Religious Freedom Act that contains protection against religious discrimination.

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

WEEKLY ROSTER –10/11 August

St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm
Commentator: E Smyth
Reader 1: volunteer Reader 2: P McDougall
Ex Min: K Ackhurst
Altar Servers: B & E Scott Music: K Harvey
Collection: D Raffaele/G Cannon/B Campbell

St Mary's Sunday 7.30am
Commentator: J Murphy
Reader 1: G Quinn Reader 2: J Nolan
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: A Bowden
Reader 1: D Cumming Reader 2: L Prisk
Ex Min: C Whitten/L Hughes
Altar Servers: E Riley Music: St Nicholas Choir
Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

St Nicholas' Sunday 5.30pm
Commentator: S van Aanholt
Reader 1: E Cushan Reader 2: M Gaffney
Ex Min: J Clery
Altar Servers: volunteer Music: Pinoy Choir
Collection: volunteers
Counting Team: B Thompson/P Heffernan/W Higgins/P Skewes
Sacristy Roster: M Rice/G & M Moy Altar Linen: V Mundy

ANNIVERSARIES: August

Stephen Ambrose, Francis Anderson, John Anderson, Patricia Archer, Gwendoline Baker, Kathleen Berthaly, Peter Belt, Ray Blissett, Sheila Booby, Wilhelmina (Jean) Bower, Gregory Bray, Karen Cannon, Monica Carolan, Mary Carroll, Emma Clift, Lawrence Collier, Katherine Collins, Clarence Davies, Irene Diebold, Ellen Drew, Gloria Dutton, Eileen Fitzgerald, Nelson Fogarty, Phyllis Ford, Bruce Freeman, Peggy Gaffney, Michael Gatty, Rita Gatt, Margaret Grieve, Bernice Gris, Zoe Hammond, Les Hartshorn, Daphne Hayes, Edward Hogno, Lorna Horton, Margaret Hunt, Margaret Hutchinson, Una Inman, Betty Johnson, Milton Kemp, Brian Kenny, Pamela Kenny, Joseph (Bill) Keys, Peter King, Mervyn Legge, Phyllis Linstedt, Dorothy Linsell, Jennifer Mackie, Hazel McCarthy, James McDonnell, Daphne McLennan, Clement McMahon, Anne McMahon, Laura McMahon, Agnes Michell, Elizabeth Michell, Henry Mifsud, Monica Muller, Ada Norton, Moira O'Brien, Raymond Paull, Robert Peno, Joyce Pollock, Pietro Ricconan, Antoinette Rigon, Clyde McMaster Roberts, Vera Saunders, Pauline Sipple, Eileen Smith, Norman Smith, Wayne Smith, Arthur Stengert, Olga Tongue, Barry Tracy, John Twomey, Louisa Wall, Janet Walters, Susan Wardle, Theodore Whitten.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Darren Graham; Margaret Brogan, Bill Press, Betty Garrett, Brindley Cavallaro (Sydney), Nicole Tierney, Pat Mooney, Fr Bernie Melville, Ken Michell, Dalton Lewis, Brian Mercovich, Deanne Law, Robyn Plunkett, Kevin Frost, Sarah Sommerlad, Vic & Colleen Hamilton, Trisha Aquino, Fr. B Flood.

RECENTLY DECEASED: John O'Connor, Robyn Iuso, Helen Evans, John Donaldson, Margaret Fairhall.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Theo & Michael Whitten (Anniversaries), Mary & P.O Thomas (Anniversaries.)

The new Planned Giving Boxes are now available in the transept Marius St side of the Church for you to collect.

Abortion Bill – Contact your MP... A bill to make abortion legal in NSW up until birth, for any reason, has been tabled in NSW Parliament and is due to be voted in the near future. Bishop Michael Kennedy has asked all Catholics to urgently contact their state Member of Parliament and ask them to vote against this bill. Contact details for your local MP are on the back of Bishop Kennedy's Statement which is available in the Church.