

*Welcome to St Nicholas'
Catholic Parish Tamworth
For
Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING
of the UNIVERSE
24th November 2019*

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ENTRANCE: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK: Psalter Week 2
Saturday St Andrew, apostle

BEARING WITNESS TO THE TRUTH. With a wooden cross for a throne, as a place where thieves were crucified, the king of the Jews meted out a judgement to a common thief: 'This day you will be with me in paradise'. This king can still be found among the criminals and outcasts of our society, in the worst parts of our cities and towns. Worshipping him in the least of our brothers and sisters, we too will experience his compassionate judgement.

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
	St Andrew, apostle
	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 or responsible adults accompany 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.

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 ring the parish office for approval first.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Children will be 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.

COMING EVENTS

The next Youth Mass – 24th November at 5.30pm.

Our Parish Christmas Party – You are warmly invited to join us at the Parish Christmas Party **TODAY** Sunday, 24th November 12noon at McCarthy Catholic College Hall. Lots of parking available. Bring a plate of food to share. Please feel free to spread the word to others and invite them to come along.

St Nicholas Seniors next gathering & Annual General Meeting Tuesday November 26th at Oxley Bowling Club 1.30 – 4.15pm. New members always welcome.

Catholic Women's League Christmas lunch next Wednesday November 27th in the Russell Room, Tamworth Services Club 12noon. Booking to 67663954 must be in by today.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary of Nazareth Care will be held on November 28th at 2pm, in the Wattle Room. All welcome & then join us for a beautiful Afternoon Tea.

Summer Working Bee (Church Cleaning) – Saturday 30th November 10am with Morning Tea after.

Home Rosary for December – T & C Dries' Home 6th December 5.30pm. Please see address in drawer at back of Church.

A Christmas Appreciation Dinner for members of our Parish Choir & Musicians, Finance Council, Parish Pastoral Council, Office Staff, Readers, Commentators, Sacristans, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion (including those who take Communion to those outside of Mass), Collection Wardens, Money Counters, Sacristy & Sanctuary Cleaners, Catechists, Parishioners who look after the Candelabrum & Altar linen, Marriage Preparation Instructors. To be held at 6.30pm Thursday 5th December upstairs at The Tudor Hotel. Those who wish to attend please phone the Parish Office Monday, Tuesday or Friday between 9am-5pm on 67662228. or email easttamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au

St Nicholas' Feast Day – Friday 6th December. There will be Masses at 7am, with Morning Tea after & also 9.30am at St Nicholas School. In preparation for the Feast of St Nicholas there will be a Novena Prayer sometime in November which will be said after Communion.

The next PPC Morning Tea will be held after the 9.30am Mass Sunday 15th December.

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.

Roster for Mass & Anointing to be held in 4 Nursing Homes

- * **Alblas** – 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.

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.

PRAYER FOR RAIN

Eternal God,
In wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life.
We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our drought-stricken land, on our starving animals, on our failing crops. Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them.
In your loving providence, send abundant rain and restore our parched earth. Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life: Renew your faithful people;
Renew the face of the earth.
Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Mary, help of Christians – Pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – Pray for us.

WEEKLY ROSTER – 23/24 November

St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm
Commentator: P McDougall
Reader 1: E Smyth Reader 2: volunteer
Ex Min: S Barrett
Altar Servers: volunteer Music: N Greacen
Collection: D Raffaele/G Cannon/B Campbell

St Mary's Sunday 7.30am
Commentator: J Nolan
Reader 1: B Thompson Reader 2: B Stewart
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: L Prisk
Reader 1: H Rowsell Reader 2: volunteer
Ex Min: R Kinsela/A Hamilton
Altar Servers: E Riley Music: St Nicholas Choir
Collection: M Gruer/J Cox

St Nicholas' Sunday 5.30pm – YOUTH MASS

Commentator:
Reader 1: Reader 2:
Ex Min:
Altar Servers: Music:
Collection: volunteers
Counting Team: B Thompson/P Heffernan/W Higgins/P Skewes
Sacristy Roster: M Rice/G & M Moy
Altar Linen: K Stewart

Collection: 17th November 2019

<i>1st Collection (Presbytery A/C):</i>	\$ 1073.20
<i>2nd Collection (Church A/C)</i>	
<i>- Planned Giving</i>	\$ 1366.00
<i>- Loose Collection</i>	\$ 166.25
<i>- Total</i>	\$ 1532.25

We would like to invite anyone in our Parish, who would be interested in becoming a Reader/Commentator, Extraordinary Minister of Communion or an Altar Server for 2020. We have a Clipboard on the table at the back of the Church where you can place your details.

From the First Sunday in Advent we will have a Christmas Tree in both of our Parish Churches. There will be Baubles you can purchase and place on the Tree for \$2. This money will then go to buy Christmas Cards for ALL residents of the Nursing Homes.

Novena Prayer for the Feast of St Nicholas

Glorious St Nicholas, my special Patron from your throne in glory You who enjoy the presence of God, turn your eyes in pity upon me and attain for me from our Lord the graces and help that I need in my spiritual and temporal necessities and especially this favour: _____ Provided that it be profitable to my salvation.

Be mindful likewise, O Glorious and Sainly Bishop, of our Sovereign Pontiff and of all Christian people. Bring back to the right way of salvation all those who are living in sin, blinded by darkness of ignorance, error and heresy.

Comfort the afflicted; provide for the needy; strengthen the fearful; defend the oppressed; give health to the infirmed.
Cause all people to experience the effects of your powerful intercession with the supreme giver of every good and perfect gift. Amen. Our Father; Mail Mary and Glory.

The Relic of St Therese of Lisieux & her Parents will be coming to the St Nicholas Parish from 6pm, Saturday February 22nd to 12noon, Monday February 24th. There will be more details to come, but Fr Christopher would like an all-night vigil.

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

WEEKLY ROSTER – 30 November/1 December

St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm
Commentator: A Jones
Reader 1: Sr of Naz Reader 2: L Hansen
Ex Min: E Smyth
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: J Newley Reader 2: G Quinn
Ex Min: J Wallace
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: B Cumming Reader 2: D Cumming
Ex Min: volunteer/A Nealon
Altar Servers: volunteer Music: St Nicholas Choir
Collection: M Gruer/J Cox

St Nicholas' Sunday 5.30pm
Commentator: M Moy
Reader 1: C Dries Reader 2: T Dries
Ex Min: P Flynn
Altar Servers: volunteer Music: V Frost/R Richardson
Collection: volunteers
Counting Team: G Bryant/A McGuirk/T Barrett
Sacristy Roster: L & P Prisk
Altar Linen: D Fitzgerald

ANNIVERSARIES: November

Bernard Alexander, Dorothy Austin, Laurence Barber, Peter Booth, Errol Bourne, Carol Brodbeck, Mavis Burke, Pauline Burns, Marjorie Cameron, Patricia Carlon, Benjamin Chapman, Mary Cutmore, Robyn Dietrich, Ronald Dunn, Leslie Edwards, Sharon Erich, Edna Faint, Mons. Clarence Fisher, Gloria Gleeson, Jason Goodwin, Donald Hines, Nancie Hull, Margaret Hunt, Susan Johnson, Neil Kelly, Joan Knight, Patricia Maher, Amy McIlveen, Geoff Mooy, John (Max) Moroney, Peter Murphy, Alina Northey, Thelma O'Brien, Marlene Peters, Myrtle Power, Joan Pullman, Nellie Randall, William Reichel, Lina Rindo, Janice Robinson, Gladys Rogers, John Ryan, Claude Saunders, Beverley Seymour, Ivy Simcoe, Francis Single, Roy Sipple, Dorothy Stace, Harold Sullivan, Gwendoline Thurston, Patricia Wake, Robert Ward, Darryl Ward, Harold Walsh, Arthur White, Barry Wilson, Gordon Worldon, Lucy Zayat.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Darren Graham, Margaret Brogan, Bill Press, 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 Bernie Flood, Selma Best, Simone Vella, Francis Burdon.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Patricia Burnet, Annette Newsome.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Annette Newsome.

Centenary Dedication Celebrations of Sts Mary & Joseph's Cathedral Armidale will be held Thursday 12th December.
- 7am Mass at High Altar
- 9.15am Mass at High Altar: Main Celebrant Most Rev Michael Kennedy, morning tea afterwards – Torreggiani Courtyard.
- 5pm Extraordinary Form (Latin Tridentine) Mass at High Altar.
Sunday 15th December 10am Celebratory Mass in Cathedral: Main Celebrant Most Rev Michael Kennedy. Morning Tea afterwards in Cathedral forecourt. Please RSVP to your Parish Priest/Parish Office by Friday 29th November.