

*Welcome to St Nicholas'
Catholic Parish Tamworth
For the
Fourth Sunday of Advent
23rd December 2018*

Sunday cycle C Weekday cycle 1

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ENTRANCE: Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK: Psalter Week 4

Tuesday The Nativity of the Lord
Wednesday St Stephen, the first martyr
Thursday St John, apostle, evangelist
Friday The Holy Innocents, martyrs

BLESSED IS SHE WHO BELIEVED. 'From Bethlehem, the least of the clans of Judah, and from a peasant girl, Mary, one of the least of the Jewish people, God prepared a body for Jesus, the saviour of the world. As we rejoice in the saviour who has come to visit us, we also join Elizabeth in praising Mary for her faith, her love and her obedience.

St Nicholas' Liturgy this week:

Monday **St Nicholas' Mass 7am**
 Christmas Eve Children's Mass 7pm
 Christmas Eve Mass 9pm
 Christmas Midnight Mass 12am

Tuesday **St Mary's Mass 7.30am**
 The Nativity of the Lord
St Nicholas' Mass 9.30am
NO EVENING MASS

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 St John, apostle, evangelist

Friday **St Nicholas' Mass 7am**
 The Holy Innocents, martyrs

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

COMING EVENTS

The next Youth Mass will be held 30th December 2018 **NOT** 23rd December at 5.30pm

The next Eucharistic Adoration will be held December 28th, 6pm to 7pm.

Sunday January 27th at 5.30pm will be our first Youth Mass for 2019. 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.

Calling all men – menALIVE Brisbane with menALIVE Armidale will conduct 'menALIVE Parish Weekend' – Sat & Sun 16/17 Feb 2019 – St Alberts College, Armidale, Ph Cathedral – 67722218 or armidalemenalive@gmail.com

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

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULES 2018

ST NICHOLAS'



7.00pm Christmas Eve Family Mass
 9.00pm Christmas Mass
 12.00 Midnight Mass

Tuesday 25 December

St Nicholas' – Christmas Morning 9.30am
St Mary's Church – Christmas Morning 7.30am

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 2019. We have a Clipboard on the table at the back of the Church where you can place your details.

ROSTER FOR THE CHRISTMAS MASSES

Could Parishioners **PLEASE** indicate on the board at the back of the Church if you are here at Christmas and are able to be a Reader, Commentator, Extraordinary Minister of Communion, Altar Server, Money Collector or take up the Offertory.

THERE WILL BE NO ROSTER FROM CHRISTMAS TO THE BEGINNING OF FEBRUARY. COULD EVERYONE PLEASE VOLUNTEER THEIR SERVICES OF READING, COMMENTATING & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTRY OF COMMUNION DURING THIS TIME.

The Counting, Sacristy & Altar Linen Roster will continue.

We have Christmas Trees in both St Nicholas & St Mary's Church. There will be Baubles you can purchase and place on the Tree for \$2. The money will then go to buy Christmas Cards to be given out to All Residents of the Nursing Homes

CHRISTMAS DUES – are your collective gift to the priests. It is deposited in the **PRESBYTERY Account** and used for the upkeep of the Priests, their food sustenance & the salary of the housekeeper. The annual excess from this account is used to support the retired and sick clergy of our diocese. The envelopes are at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity

Weekend - December 29/30

Counting Team: B Williams/D Cumming/S vanAanholt
 Sacristy Roster: Catholic Women Connecting
 Altar Linen: D Fitzgerald

WEEKLY ROSTER – 22/23 December

St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm
 Commentator: L Hansen
 Reader 1: M Rowland Reader 2: M Rowland
 Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: E Smyth
 Altar Servers: M Shvili/M Tyrrell Music: K Harvey
 Collection: M Hawthorne/B Morton/G Cannon/B Campbell

St Mary's Sunday 7.30am

Commentator: J Wallace
 Reader 1: B Virgin Reader 2: L Vella
 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: P Belson
 Reader 1: L McSweeney Reader 2: A Bowden
 Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: L Hughes/R English
 Altar Servers: E Riley Music: St Nicholas Choir
 Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

St Nicholas' Sunday 5.30pm

Commentator: T Dries
 Reader 1: R Dunst Reader 2: M Gaffney
 Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: P Flynn
 Altar Servers: H Buckman Music: V Frost/R Richardson
 Collection: volunteers
 Counting Team: G Bryant/T Barrett /A McGuirk
 Sacristy Roster: B & J Ryan/K & B Stewart
 Altar Linen: C Whitten

Collection: 16 December/2018

1st Collection (Presbytery A/C): \$ 1053.65
 2nd Collection (Church A/C)
 - Planned Giving \$ 1695.00
 - Loose Collection \$ 154.50
 - Total \$ 1849.50

Plenary Council 2020 – What is God asking of us in Australia at this time

The Plenary Council for the Church in Australia is going to take place over two sessions: The first in 2020 and the second in 2021. A Plenary Council is a forum for Church leaders to consider contemporary issues in light of the Gospel and to respond in terms of faith, morals, governance, discipline and worship. Some Questions to think about:
 Going forward, what are our aspirations for family, parish and school. How to support them.
 How do we keep our gaze fixed upon Jesus Christ to ensure the Church inspires & serves the world? Passing on the faith. How do we continue this tradition? The present-day Church in Australia has been humiliated & persecuted in some ways. How do we build resilience and hope in the hearts of the faithful & rebuild the Church's credibility? A box will be placed at the back of the Church in the coming weeks for Parishioners to place their submissions, or it can be submitted online to the Parish website easttamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au which will be compiled and sent as a submission coming from the Parish of St Nicholas. "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

BAPTISMS: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome, Kohan Ford, Claire Rafferty, Charlie Bartlett, Christopher & Thomas Chinowutthichai.

ROSTER FOR CHRISTMAS

7pm Mass - Christmas Eve
 Commentator:
 Reader 1: **E Barnes** Reader 2: **Volunteer**
 Offertory: **Volunteers** Ex Min: **M Clery**
 Altar Servers: **A & George**
 Music: **St Nicholas Choir**
 Collection: **B George & volunteers**

9pm Mass – Christmas Eve
 Commentator: **K. Ackhurst.**
 Reader 1: **E Smyth** Reader 2: **S Barrett**
 Offertory: **Volunteer** Ex Min: **Volunteer**
 Altar Servers: **Volunteers**
 Music:
 Collection: **Volunteers**

Midnight Mass – 12am

Commentator: **M Moy**
 Reader 1: **G Moy** Reader 2: **Volunteer**
 Offertory: **P Skewes/M Camden** Ex Min: **Volunteer**
 Altar Servers: **Volunteers**
 Music: **St Nicholas Choir**
 Collection: **M Gruer/J Cox**

7.30am – Christmas Day

Commentator: **Volunteer**
 Reader 1: **J. Newley** Reader 2: **J. Scott**
 Offertory: **Volunteers** Ex Min: **Volunteers**
 Altar Servers: **Volunteers**
 Music: **V Frost**
 Collection: **Volunteers**

9.30am – Christmas Day

Commentator: **Volunteers**
 Reader 1: **Volunteer** Reader 2: **Volunteer**
 Offertory: **Volunteers** Ex Min: **Volunteer**
 Altar Servers: **Volunteers**
 Music: **St Nicholas Choir**
 Collection: **T Kilroy & Volunteers**

ANNIVERSARIES: December

Tracey Attard, John (Jack) Baker, Patricia Berman, Allan Berthaly, Katherine (Kitty) Blanch, Colin Boulus, Bridgette Brasier, Mario Campese, Newton Cannon, Bertha (Digger) Carey, Clare Chapman, Joan Coleman, Leila (Jean) Collier, George Collins, Marie Davies, Russell Evans, Adam Fahey, Terrence Farrell, Paul Francisco, Neville Galvin, Helen Galvin, Leo Gleeson, Christopher Halpin, Maureen Hartigan, Leonard Hill, Elizabeth (Dawn) Hoban, Ambrose (Ted) Hobbins, Marie Hynes, Ellanor Ives, Ellen (Ellie) Jones, Leonard Kerrison, Jolyon Laffogues, Helena Lane, Billie McCroary, John McIlveen, Mavis Middleton, Eileen Morris, Therese (Julianne) O'Connor, Alan O'Keefe, Cindy Olden, Peter Quigley, Eric Shanahan, Joyce Shanahan, Myra Simpson, Michael Smith, Rowan Smith, Gordon Sneddon, Lenore Steel, Donna Stewart, Mary Thompson, Lynette Thrift, Jean Tidyman, Leswell Wainwright, Mona Warden, Una Weatherstone, Rita Welman.

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, Ken Mitchell, Dalton Lewis, Brian Mercovich, Deanne Law, John O'Connor,

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Paul Gibson Armatage (Aug. 2017), Bernard Alexander, Kenneth & Mary Stoltenberg.