

*Welcome to St Nicholas'
Catholic Parish Tamworth
For the
Twenty - Eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
13th October 2019*

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ENTRANCE: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK: Psalter Week 4

Tuesday St Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor
Thursday St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr
Friday St Luke, evangelist

WE COME TO GIVE THANKS. After being cured by Jesus, nine lepers went immediately to show themselves to the temple priests in fulfilment of the law. Their primary concern was to satisfy legal requirements. Only one, a foreigner, thought first of thanking Jesus. Hopefully our primary purpose in coming to Sunday Mass is not to meet some legal requirement but to give thanks to God for the many blessings we have received in Christ and in the community.

St Nicholas' Liturgy this week:

Monday St Nicholas' Mass 7am
Tuesday St Mary's Mass 9am
St Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor
Wednesday St Nicholas' Mass 7am
Thursday St Mary's Mass 9am
St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr
Friday St Nicholas' Mass 7am
St Luke, evangelist
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 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 easttamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au Or 67662228.

Fr Christopher will be out of the Parish & on holidays from September 25th to October 31st.

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

COMING EVENTS

CWC next meeting, 15th October at 6pm. This meeting will be preceded by the **Home Rosary for October** & held in the Parish Meeting Room. All parishioners welcome to attend.

Home Rosary for OCTOBER will be held in the Parish Meeting Room by the CWC, on **Tuesday 15th October** at 5.30pm.

The next Eucharistic Adoration Friday **October 18th** 6pm-7pm

The next PPC Morning Tea will be held after the 9.30am Mass Sunday **20th October**.

Family Connect Group monthly meeting for October will be held at Scully Park Swimming Pool, 12noon Sunday **20th October**. Please bring a plate to share.

The next Youth Mass – **27th October** at 5.30pm.

All Saints Day – **Friday 1st November**: Mass at St Nicholas' 7am & 5.30pm (concluding with Benediction).

All Souls' Day – **Saturday 2nd November**: There will be **NO** 9am Mass at St Nicholas. There will be Mass at the Lincoln Grove Chapel 1040 Gunnedah Road Tamworth at 9am.

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

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.

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.

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.

We welcome new Parishioners to St Nicholas. If you have any enquiries 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.

Parishioners of all ages are invited to a **Rosary Procession by candlelight** to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The event by the Frassati Society will be held Friday 18th October at 7.30pm at Nazareth House Chapel. Please see leaflet at back of Church. For more info. Phone Tammy 0459784171.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN) is hosting a prayer campaign on 18th October titled: "One Million Children Praying the Rosary." The prayer initiative invites teachers, priests, parents & grandparents to pray the rosary together with children for peace & unity around the world. For more info. & prayer resources visit www.millionkidspraying.org.

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.

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.

Billings Ovulation Method – Teacher Training Course: 9th & 10th November 2019 at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, 26 Swanston St, St Mary's NSW 2760. Email: manager@thebillingsovulationmethod.org.

WEEKLY ROSTER – 12/13 October

St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm

Commentator: L Hansen
Reader 1: E Smyth Reader 2: P .Skewes
Ex Min: S Barrett
Altar Servers: A George Music: K Harvey
Collection: D Raffaele/G Cannon/B Campbell

St Mary's Sunday 7.30am

Commentator: J Scott
Reader 1: J Murphy Reader 2: B Thompson
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: P Prisk
Reader 1: M Larkin Reader 2: L Prisk
Ex Min: A Hamilton/R Kinsela
Altar Servers: E Riley Music: St Nicholas Choir
Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

St Nicholas' Sunday 5.30pm

Commentator: R Dunst
Reader 1: A Tijo Reader 2: E Cushan
Ex Min: T Dries
Altar Servers: volunteer Music: Pinoy Choir
Collection: volunteers

Counting Team: P & G McDougall
Sacristy Roster: C Whitten/G Quinn/K Trinh
Altar Linen: D Fitzgerald

Collection: 6th October 2019

1st Collection (Presbytery A/C): \$ 1080.65
2nd Collection (Church A/C)
- Planned Giving \$ 3554.00
- Loose Collection \$ 140.90
- Total \$ 3694.90

St Brigid's Parish Quirindi will be celebrating & giving thanks to the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, Saturday 26th October 2019 for their presence in the Parish for 132 years. For Information please contact Pat 0267462025 or Mick 0427255643 mpperk@bigpond.com - Denise den020@icloud.com or Jan jandaniels2343@gmail.com.

Missionary Month – In this second week of the Extraordinary Missionary Month, we are invited to pray with three of the great saints of the Catholic tradition: St Teresa of Jesus (Tuesday), St Ignatius of Antioch (Thursday) & St Luke the Evangelist (Friday). Robert Ellsberg writes that each saint 'is a living Gospel. They have all, in some partial way, embodied-literally incarnated-the challenge of faith in their time and place, and opened a path that others might follow' (Robert Ellsberg, 'Meeting the Famous Franciscan Saints', St Anthony Messenger, 25 September 2017). May we, too, rise to the challenge of our time and place, and continue to invite people into the mission of Jesus.

"John Pridmore Author of From Gland to Promised Land is coming to the **Armidale Cathedral Parish to conduct a Parish Mission** Monday 14th to Wednesday 16th October – 7.30pm each evening in the Cathedral. John is a former gangster who had a remarkable conversion to Christ. His stories are engaging, down to earth, his message is of a merciful & forgiving God. Bring a friend to hear his amazing testimony. Please save the dates – a parish mission is a time of wonderful Grace & renewal for all the people of a parish whether young or old, strong in Faith or Struggling."

Invitation for All - World Community Day (WCD). St Edward's Parish South Tamworth is hosting the World Community Day (WCD) Friday 25 October at 10.30am. This is the first time after a long time that a Catholic Church in Tamworth will host such an event. Organised by the Australian Church Women Inc., WCD is a combined Church Service, the theme this year is "Women Serving Open Heartedly – Open Hearts, Serving Hearts". The service will be featuring – Fellowship of the Lost Coin in gathering, & offerings for Asian Church Women's Conference & The Special Project: Hope Street Women's Centre, Darlinghurst Sydney. Following the service is morning tea in the church hall.

WEEKLY ROSTER – 19/20 October

St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm

Commentator: A Jones
Reader 1: Sr of Naz Reader 2: L Hansen
Ex Min: M Clery
Altar Servers: M Shvili/M Tyrrell Music: K Harvey
Collection: D Raffaele/G Cannon/B Campbell

St Mary's Sunday 7.30am

Commentator: B Virgen
Reader 1: B Stewart Reader 2: J Newley
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 Roberts
Reader 1: D Fitzgerald Reader 2: P Mahony
Ex Min: J Hatfield/A Nealon
Altar Servers: volunteer Music: St Nicholas Choir
Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

St Nicholas' Sunday 5.30pm

Commentator: J Campbell
Reader 1: S van Aanholt Reader 2: M Gaffney
Ex Min: M van Aanholt
Altar Servers: H Buckman Music: N Greacen
Collection: volunteers

Counting Team: B Thompson/P Heffernan/W Higgins/P Skewes
Sacristy Roster: M Rice/G & M Moy Altar Linen: C Whitten

ANNIVERSARIES: October

Valma Allsopp, Daniel Bailey, Margaret Bradbery, Christina Bridges, Patricia Burr, Royce Byrnes, George Camilleri, Barbara Carr, Geoffrey Carr, Leslie Casey, Josephine Cathcart, Renato Chiari, Christine Chisholm, Sheila Clark, Monica Coles, Eric Connolly, Gloria Cooper, Muriel Cooper, Ian (Jack) Cutmore, Daphne Davis, Kenneth Delforce, Warren Doherty, Maude Drysdale, Thomas Ferris, Edna Fittler, Dorothy (Babe) Foran, Romano Gabutto, Norma Girard, Collin Gleeson, Helen Gowing, Marjorie Handley, Iris Hardaker, Ruby Hartley, John Hawkins, Barry Heiler, Andrew Henshaw, Colleen Herden, Leo Herden, Bernard Higgins, Selina Honess, Shirley Hughes, Nellie Johnston, Joyce Jones, Kathleen Kirwin, Sandor Kovach, Frederick (Paddy) Leis, Giovanni Loi, Henry McCarthy, Arthur McKenna, Peter Maher, Reginald Manvell, Margaret (Maggie) Meads, Shirley Merchant, Hamish Michell, Noreen Murphy, Harry O'Halloran, Maria Pomponio, Bessie Quinn, Tom Roche, Jean Scott, John Sharp, Sister Teresa OP., Doreen Sneddon, Keith Steward, Raymond St Leon, Peter Thomas, Robert Thompson, Mary Thores, Ronald Tidyman, Cecil Turner, James Vaux, Joan Weaver, Phillip White, Harold Williams, Mary Williams, Edna (Joan) Woolaston.

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, Dearn Law, Robyn Plunkett, Kevin Frost, Sarah Sommerlad, Vic & Colleen Hamilton, Trisha Aquino, Fr Bernie Flood, Selma Best.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Suzie Jow.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Peter Maher (Anniv.12/10), - Amy Alex & Ashlyn Alex - "Bless Amy with her future & Ashlyn's safe delivery of blessed twins". Rani, Alex, Ashlyn & Josh. Amy Rani's Parents "Heavenly Blessings & fill all of us with the Holy Spirit."

Cancer Council Pink Ribbon Morning Tea will be held Sunday 27th October following 9.30am Mass. This year we decided to have a Devonshire Tea themed morning tea - with some appropriate 'goodies' for the children. We are **not** asking for donations of cakes/slices etc as in other years but ask that you support the fundraiser by coming along, perhaps you might bring a friend! Morning Tea will be \$5. There will be a RAFFLE & are asking for donations of suitable prizes OR vouchers OR money so we can buy prizes. Please contact Carol 0413585266 if you can help.

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