



21st Sunday in ORDINARY TIME
20/21 August 2016

In a reflection on prayer, Pope Francis said: "In Luke, 11.v13 Jesus says 'If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those whose ask him.' The Holy Spirit! We must ask that the Holy Spirit comes within us." Pope Francis then asks "But what is the use of the Holy Spirit? We need him to live well, to live with wisdom and love, doing God's will. What a beautiful prayer it would be this week if each of us were to ask the Father 'Father, give me the Holy Spirit' Our Lady demonstrated this with her life which was entirely enlivened by the Spirit of God. May she, united to Jesus, help us to pray to the Father so that we may live, not in a worldly manner, but according to the gospel, guided by the Holy Spirit"

Year of Mercy Resource Website:
www.usccb.org

Year of Mercy
[Corporal Works of Mercy]
-make sandwiches/cakes for a funeral-

Catechists' Meeting & Training
-22 August/Monday/9:30 am - 1:00 pm-
at SNS Auditorium with: Naomi Bassett
[Chancery Administrative Assistant]

**-on FINANCIAL Matters-
-Plate Collections-**

-Weekend Before Last/6/7 August 2016:

-1 st Collection [Presbytery Account]	:	\$	1,266.65
-2 nd Collection [Church Account]	:		
-Planned-Giving Envelops	:	\$	1,202.50
-Loose Collection	:		322.85
-Direct Debit	:		1,831.00
-TOTAL	:		3,356.00

-Last Weekend/13/14 August 2016:

-1 st Collection [Presbytery Account]	:		1,094.55
-2 nd Collection [Church Account]	:		
-Planned-Giving Envelops	:		1,199.50
-Loose Collection	:		265.15
-Direct Debit	:		1,101.47
-TOTAL	:		2,566.12

A Day of Reflection
for the Women of Saint Nicholas Parish
facilitated by: Anne Finlayson
[organised by: The Catholic Women Connecting]
-27 August/Saturday/10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Theme: GOD'S Gift of Mercy To Us
The Pavilion [corner Back Kootingal and Nundle Roads, Nemigha]
-cost: \$ 25.00 // please sign for catering & materials-

NEWS and INFORMATION

1. **Natural Fertility Awareness Week [15-21 August]:** Did you know a woman's health is often reflected in her fertility? Learning The Billings Ovulation Method can alert a woman's underlying fertility problems. 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 further information, ring Billings LIFE on 18008358609 or visit www.billings.life

2. **JOE** is earnestly interested in forming a Parish HISTORY Team whose main task is the compilation and documentation of history-related matters which directly concerns Saint Nicholas Parish. If you are interested to be part of this Team, please contact **JOE** directly; the initial meeting for this group of parishioners is: 17 October/Monday/5:30 pm at the Parish MEETING Room.

3. The full text of the Mass for Refugee & Migrant Sunday intended for all those involved are ready for pick-up at the paper table; please take a copy for your information and guidance. THANKS!

4. Orders for the 2017 Columban Calendars are now being accepted at the paper table: \$ 10.50/calendar.

From JOE...

On the weekend of 25/26 June 2016 [13th Sunday of Ordinary Time], I wrote in our Parish Bulletin, thus:

We continue to grow as a Eucharist-centred Parish; improving the way we celebrate our liturgies as we move on. At the moment, the First Collection is brought by one of the collectors to the sacristy [sometimes the collection bag is passed on to one of the Altar Servers] and drop it in a tube-like compartment. This goes on while the Liturgy of the Eucharist is being celebrated [sometimes while the Consecration is being said by the priest] thereby providing an unwelcome distraction at a very solemn part of the mass. This cannot go on.

My proposal: a COLLECTION STAND is placed at the foot of the lectern/ambo where one of the collectors places the collection bag [or: basket] quietly. There are other ways suggested but, to me, this is the most practical and the most convenient way of dealing with this concern at the moment. We will try this on the 1st weekend of September. Let us see if this works; and, if not, we will try the other ways being suggested.

The Second Collection Basket, when ready, will be put on top of the 1st Collection Basket [which is already on the Collection Stand previously mentioned. For emphasis: this will start on the 3rd/4th of September weekend.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH to all who continue supporting our parish through their financial contributions! GOD blesses generously those who give generously.

Altar Servers Ministry Calendar

23 August/Tuesday/3:30 pm:
-Session 2: The Meaning of Things in Church & in the Mass
30 August/Tuesday/3:30 pm:
-Session 3: Serving at Mass & Installation Rehearsal
INSTALLATION MASS: 4 September/Sunday/9:30 am

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults [RCIA]
is a multi-parish undertaking; please see your Parish Priest if interested to join the program.

Next Baptism Preparation Session:
3 September/Saturday/2:00 pm/Parish Meeting Room

PRAYER INTENTIONS

-for those who died in **AUGUST** [from 1980 to the present]:

Christopher Abbott; Francis Allsopp; Stephen Ambrose; Patricia Archer; Mary Assef; Gwendoline Baker; Kathleen Barnett; Michael Barry; Nicholas Bath; Alfred Beaven; Peter Belt; Kathleen Berthaly; Sheila Booby; Wilhelmina (Jean) Bower; Stanley Boyd; Emily Bradley; Gregory Bray; Eva Brown; Ida Bruyn; Alma Budden; Janet Burke-Walters; Anna Cannon; Karen Cannon; Serafina Canu; Reginald Carey; Kevin Carlon; Ruby Carmichael; Monica Carolan; Mary Carroll; Ronald Carter; Neville Chamberlain; Emma Cliff; Lawrence Collier; Rupert Collier; Katherine Collins; Patrick Collins; Walter Collins; Gertrude Corliss; Allan Daley; Lillian Davies; Emily David; Elizabeth Dennington; Ethel Dennis; Irene Diebold; Lucy Dodds; Leonard Donoghoe; Ellen Drew; Gloria Dutton; Mary Eckert; Madeline Fields-Ashford; Eileen Fitzgerald; Nelson Fogarty; Fr Michael Foley; Marlene Fontanella; Gordon Foote; Phyllis Ford; Bruce Freeman; Peggy Gaffney; Mary (Leah) Galloway; John Geddes; Rita Gett; Florence Gilbert; Alma Goodwin; Gertrude Gordon; Elethia Greer; Lady Margaret Grieve; May Groth; Angela Gruer; Bruce Hall; Daphne Hall; Zoe Hammond; John Hartley; Thomas Hartley; Les Hartshorn; Daphne Hayes; Michael Hayes; Linus Heffernan; Patrick Higgins; Isobel Hill; Edward Hogno; Thomas Hogno; Gladys Holman; Lorna Horton; Clifford Howard; Mary Hume; Margaret Hunt; Margaret Hutchinson; Una Inman; Martha Jong; Josef Kapeller; Milton Kemp; Brian Kenny; Pamela Kenny; Phillip Keyes; Joseph (Bill) Keys; Meryl King; Peter King; Louisa Kirwan; Daniel Knight; Diane Ladmore; Lily Leahy; Mary Legg; Phyllis Lindstedt; Dorothy Linsell; Jennifer Mackie; Donald Macrae; Eileen Maguire; Joseph Maguire; Blanche Maher; Pietro Manconi; Graeme Marshall; Sidney Marshall; Una Marshall; Irene McAlister; Hazel McCarthy; Eleanor McClellan; Kathleen McCormack; Peter McDonnell; Veronica McGarry; Raymond McGirr; Edward McInness; Anne McMahon; Clement McMahon; Mary McNamara; Mavis Mead; Agnes Michell; Elizabeth Michell; Laura Michell; Henry Mifsud; Francis Murphy; Maroelle Murray; Frederick Nichols; Nancy Northey; Ada Norton; Gladys O'Brien; Moira O'Brien; Raymond Paul; Elizabeth Pepperell; Kevin Plank; Cyril Pullman; Brian Quinn; Francesco Raffaele; Pietro Riccoban; Antoinetta Rigon; Catherine Roche; William Rooney; Leo Ryan; Mary Ryan; Vera Saunders; Allen Shanahan; Barbara Shanahan; Ellen Shannon; Jodie Short; Arthur Simmonds; Norman Smith; Wayne Smith; Lillian Spinks; Arthur Stengert; Mervyn Stocks; Janet Stojan; Michael Summers; Vera Swanson; Baby Taylor; Margaret Taylor; Donald Thibault; Lorna Tomlinson; Olga Tongue; Donald Townsend; Barry Tracy; Jack Vial; Louisa Wall; Marjorie Walmsley; Merle Walsh; Janet Walters; Susan Wardle; Graham Watts; Venetta Werner; Theodore Whitten; Robyn Willis.

-for the **SICK**:

John Sheely; Kristy Thorne; Marycel Skannavides; Brindley Cavallaro; Frances O'Driscoll [Ireland]; Michelle Wall; Annette O'Donnell; Peter Newley; Ross Lebeck; Colleen Greer; Margaret Teong; Peter Hayes; Shane Mahoney; Rita Sutton; Sue Horan; Sr. Clare Quinn, op; Joan Abbott; Margaret Brogan; Peter Murphy [Bathurst]; Des Potts; William Graham; Ken Dewick [Coffs Harbour]; Nicole Tierney; Samantha Moss; Saullus Balsys.

-for the recently deceased:

Mervyn Legge; "John" Higgins (Victoria) Bill Higgins father Godofredo Lastra Jr; Laura McMahon; Ray Blissett; Lia Maher; Robyn Radmore; Marie Gaffney (Mudgee); Fr Michael James Cantwell; Robert Burke; Bill Fitch [Christchurch]; Mark Andrew Cummins; Sr. Maria Goretti McCormack, rsm; Pat Wratten; Michael Turner; Graham Porter; Stella Spalding; Norman Francis Konz; Lorna Bishop; Narelle Ambrose; Anthony Campbell; Maria Catherine McCully; Betty Burke; Robert Burke.

-Mass Offerings This Week:

Godofredo Lastra; Lia Maher; Albert Tang Hock; Annakutty George; For the repose of the soul of Cyril & Grace Cahill; Andrew & Winifred Ceglowski; Flo Hayes Gwen Allsopp.

2016 CONFIRMATION Calendar

-Confirmation PREPARATION Classes for State School Candidates-

[Wednesdays/5:30 pm/Parish MEETING Room]

-Session-5 : 24 August

-Session-6 : 31 August

Parish Schedules

20 August/Saturday: Saint Bernard

9:00 am : MASS-Saint Nicholas
11:00 am : Baptism
-Brodie James Crompton of Alex & Jehanne Lee
2:00 pm : Formation Session:
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
4:00 pm : Reconciliation/Rite 1
6:00 pm : MASS-Saint Nicholas
21 August/Sunday
7:30 am : MASS-Saint Mary's
9:30 am : MASS-Saint Nicholas
5:30 pm : MASS-Saint Nicholas

22 August/Monday: Queenship of the BVM

7:00 am : MASS-Saint Nicholas
9:30 am : Catechists' Training & Meeting
3:00 pm : Base Hospital Visit

23 August/Tuesday

9:00 am : MASS-Saint Mary's
12:00 Noon : MCC Year Mass/Year 10
1:30 pm : Saint Nicholas Seniors
2:00 pm : Nazareth House Ministry Meeting
3:00 pm : Base Hospital Visit
3:30 pm : Altar Servers Session/2

24 August/Wednesday: Saint Bartholomew

7:00 am : MASS-Saint Nicholas
9:30 am : SNS Reconciliation
10:30 am : SNS Class Visit
12:00 Noon : CWL Meeting
3:00 pm : Tamara Hospital Visit
5:30 pm : Confirmation Session/5

25 August/Thursday

9:00 am : MASS-Saint Mary's
10:00 am : Nazareth House Visit
3:00 pm : Home Visit
5:00 pm : SVdP: Saint Peter's Conference
6:45 pm : Legion of Mary

26 August/Friday

7:00 am : MASS-Saint Nicholas
3:00 pm : Base Hospital Visit

27 August/Saturday: Saint Monica

9:00 am : MASS-Saint Nicholas
10:00 am : Parish Women's Retreat
4:00 pm : Reconciliation/Rite 1
6:00 pm : MASS-Saint Nicholas
28 August/Sunday
7:30 am : MASS-Saint Mary's
9:30 am : MASS-Saint Nicholas
[focus: World Day of Migrants and Refugees]
followed by: Multi-Cultural Morning Tea
5:30 pm : MASS-Saint Nicholas

Rite 1 RECONCILIATION: Saturdays/4:00 pm

-Parish Schedules in advance-

29 August/Monday/5:30 am : Liturgical DECORATION Team
30 August/Tuesday/12:00 Noon : MCC Year Mass/Year 11
3:30 pm : Altar Servers Session/3
31 August/Wednesday/9:30 am : SNS Reconciliation
10:30 am : SNS Class Visit
4:00 pm : Reconciliation-South Tamworth
5:30 pm : Confirmation Session/6
1 September/Thursday/10:00 am : Southern Deanery Meeting/Quirindi
5:30 pm : Parish LITURGY Group
2 September/First Friday/7:00 am : First Friday Mass followed by:
Breakfast BBQ for the Youth
9:00 am : SNS Fathers Day Liturgy
5:30 pm : Children's Mass Team Meeting
3 September/Saturday/9:30 am : Migrant & Refugee Mass Team Debriefing
2:00 pm : Baptism Preparation Session
4 September/Sunday/9:30 am : SNS Family Mass/ Installation of Altar Servers

4-10 September: Child Protection Week

General Parish Roster

<p>1st Reading/2nd Reading Commentator/P of the F Bread & Wine Offerors Extraordinary Ministers of HC Altar Servers Music Ministry Collection</p>	<p>20 Aug/Sat/6:00 pm [Saint Nicholas Church] G McDougall/P McDougall J O'Connor C Whitten E/S/G Shepherd K Harvey K Curtis/M Hawthorn G Cannon/D Raffaele</p>	<p>27 Aug/Sat/6:00 pm [Saint Nicholas Church] C Allen/L Hawthorne L Hansen volunteer/s P Wake volunteer/s K Harvey K Curtis/M Hawthorn G Cannon/D Raffaele</p>	<p>3 Sep/Sat/6:00 pm [Saint Nicholas Church] volunteers volunteers volunteer/s L Hansen W/H George K Harvey K Curtis/M Hawthorn G Cannon/D Raffaele</p>	<p>10 Sep/Sat/6:00 pm [Saint Nicholas Church] Confirmation Mass Confirmation Mass Confirmation Mass M Clery/volunteer C Michell/E Byrne K Harvey K Curtis/M Hawthorn G Cannon/D Raffaele</p>
<p>1st Reading/2nd Reading Commentator/P of the F Bread & Wine Offerors Extraordinary Ministers of HC Altar Servers Music Ministry Collection</p>	<p>21 Aug/Sun/7:30 am [Saint Mary's Church] B Murphy J Murphy C & N Lechy A Connolly C & A Downey & R Boschma V Frost J Conlan/P Heffernan B Andren/J Vella/B Higgins</p>	<p>28 Aug/Sun/7:30 am [Saint Mary's Church] J Newley/L Vella J Scott volunteer/s F Higgins C & A Downey & R Boschma V Frost J Conlan/P Heffernan B Andren/J Vella/B Higgins</p>	<p>4 Sep/Sun/7:30 am [Saint Mary's Church] C Wheaton/G Vella volunteer volunteer/C Coggan K McMahon C & A Downey & R Boschma V Frost J Conlan/P Heffernan B Andren/J Vella/B Higgins</p>	<p>11 Sep/Sun/7:30 am [Saint Mary's Church] L Vella/J Murphy J Nolan Boschma Family P McMahon C & A Downey & R Boschma V Frost J Conlan/P Heffernan B Andren/J Vella/B Higgins</p>
<p>1st Reading/2nd Reading Commentator/P of the F Bread & Wine Offerors Extraordinary Ministers of HC Altar Servers Music Ministry Collection</p>	<p>21 Aug/Sun/9:30 am [Saint Nicholas Church] M Cantos/M Gruer</p>	<p>28 Aug/Sun/9:30 am [Saint Nicholas Church] Migrant & Refugee Sunday Migrant & Refugee Sunday Migrant & Refugee Sunday C Whitton/A Hamilton Migrant & Refugee Sunday Saint Nicholas Parish Choir T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox</p>	<p>4 Sep/Sun/9:30 am [Saint Nicholas Church] SNS Family Mass & Altar Servers: Installation SNS Family Mass & Altar Servers: Installation SNS Family Mass & Altar Servers: Installation SNS Family Mass & Altar Servers: Installation J Wong, C Trail/S Robertson Saint Nicholas Parish Choir T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox</p>	<p>11 Sep/Sun/9:30 am [Saint Nicholas Church] Confirmation Mass Confirmation Mass Confirmation Mass L Prisk/P Prisk J Wong/L McMullen/A Kelly Saint Nicholas Parish Choir T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox NO CHILDREN's Liturgy Parish PASTORAL Council</p>
<p>1st Reading/2nd Reading Commentator/P of the F Bread & Wine Offerors Extraordinary Ministers of HC Altar Servers Music Ministry Collection</p>	<p>21 Aug/Sun/5:30 pm [Saint Nicholas Church] A Hagley/P Hagley S van Aanholt A & F Balquin T Roberts S Hagley/M Lloyd N Greacen J Maputi Jr./volunteer/s</p>	<p>28 Aug/Sun/5:30 pm [Saint Nicholas Church] R Dunsst/M Hernandez M Gaffney volunteer/s C Wheaton C Michell/E Byrne V Frost & R Richardson J Maputi Jr./volunteer/s</p>	<p>4 Sep/Sun/5:30 pm [Saint Nicholas Church] J Campbell/S van Aanholt P Hagley C Doherty/volunteer T Dries S Hagley/M Lloyd V Frost & R Richardson J Maputi Jr./volunteer/s</p>	<p>11 Sep/Sun/5:30 pm [Saint Nicholas Church] F Gaffney/H Buckman C Dries volunteer/s S van Aanholt volunteer/s Pinoy Choir J Maputi Jr./volunteer/s C & G Bryant A McGuirk/T Barrett C Wheaton Catholic Women Connecting</p>
<p>Money Counters Altar Linens Sacristy Cleaners</p>	<p>21 Aug/Sun/5:30 pm [Saint Nicholas Church] T Heatlett/L Koch B Stewart V Mundy K Stewart/C Petty/B Ryan</p>	<p>28 Aug/Sun/5:30 pm [Saint Nicholas Church] B & M Lincoln P McDougall/P Virgin K Stewart Moy Family/M Rice</p>	<p>4 Sep/Sun/5:30 pm [Saint Nicholas Church] B Thompson/P Heffernan W Higgins/P Skewes D Fitzgerald D Haire/K Bryant/L Prisk</p>	<p>11 Sep/Sun/5:30 pm [Saint Nicholas Church] C & G Bryant A McGuirk/T Barrett C Wheaton Catholic Women Connecting</p>