

Welcome to St Nicholas' Catholic Parish Tamworth

For the

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 23rd September 2018

Welcome to Bishop Michael Kennedy who is with us this weekend for the conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation

Sunday cycle B Weekday cycle 1

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ENTRANCE: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK: Psalter Week 1 Thursday St Vincent de Paul, priest Saturday Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels

THE BATTLE WITHIN. Today's readings highlight the battle between good and evil. The virtuous person in today's First Reading, and Jesus in the Gospel, both suffer greatly at the hands of the goddess. But as James notes in today's Second Reading, and as we see in Jesus' disciples, the battle between good and evil is waged within each one of us as well. While we give thanks to God for the good within us, we also acknowledge the part of ourselves that is drawn to evil and humbly seek God's mercy.

St Nicholas' Liturgy this week:

Monday St Nicholas' Mass 7am Tuesday St Mary's Liturgy of the Word 9am Wednesday St Nicholas' Liturgy of the Word 7am Thursday St Mary's Mass 9am St Vincent de Paul, priest Friday St Nicholas' Mass 7am Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels 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.

Fr Raj is away from the Parish from September 19 for 4 weeks.

COMING EVENTS

St Nicholas Seniors gathering Tuesday September 25th at Oxley Bowling Club 1.30pm. All senior parishioners welcome.

Catholic Women's League monthly meeting Wednesday September 26th at Services Club 12noon. If unable to attend, please phone Gwenn 67664106 or Madeleine 67663954 by Monday 24th.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CELEBRATE - Share the Spirit of Youth - 7pm, Thurs. 27 Sept 2018 at TRECC. Students from six local Catholic Schools will be performing. Tickets available from Monday 13 August online at www.entertainmentvenues.com.au or phone 67662028 or at Tamworth Capitol Theatre. Adults \$25 Children \$18.

Social Justice: We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 30 September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land'. The Statement challenges us to confront Australia's growing rate of homelessness & unaffordable housing. For details call (02) 8306 3499 or go to www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

Sunday September 30th at 5.30pm will be our next Youth Mass. 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.

SAVE THE DATE: The Parish of St Thomas More, Werris Creek is celebrating 100yrs in 2018. The celebrations will be Sun. 7th Oct. Proceedings start 11am with the Blessing of the new Parish Office, followed immediately by Mass & then a celebratory lunch at 12.30 for 1 at the Werris Creek Golf Club. Tickets for lunch are available for \$25 per head. RSVP by Wednesday 3rd October 2018. Enquiries at werriscreekparish@armidale.catholic.org.au Everyone is welcome to come & join in the celebrations.

NAZARETH CARE FETE will be held October 6th at Nazareth Care, Manilla Road. All the usual stalls, cakes, fresh produce, handicrafts, plants, trash & treasure, books, tombola. Also, morning tea & sausage sizzle. Please deliver all donated items to Nazareth Care. If unable to deliver, please phone 67666221 to arrange collection.

AUSTRALIA NEEDS FATIMA - Public Square Rosary. Join us for a nation-wide Rosary Chai, Saturday October 13 at 9.30am, in Our Lady's Chapel at St Nicholas' Church. For more info call 02 97152324 or email info@fatima.org.au Poster on Notice Board.

Calling all men - Save these Dates - menALIVE Brisbane in conjunction with menALIVE Armidale will conduct two conferences for men in our diocese. 'The Importance of Fatherhood Today' - Thursday 11 October - Torreggiani Room 6pm -9.30pm, Saint Mary & Joseph's Cathedral Armidale. 'menALIVE Parish Weekend' - Saturday & Sunday 16/17 February 2019 - St Alberts College, Armidale - Times to be confirmed. Ph Cathedral - 67722218 or armidalemenalive@gmail.com

Home Rosary: October 9 - Mary & Bill Andren - 3pm ; November 8 - Joan & Peter Newley - 6pm ; December 6 - Cheryl & Bill Higgins - 6pm

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

WEEKLY ROSTER - 22/23 September

St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm - Confirmation Commentator: R Dunst Prayers: M Rowland Reader 1: Sr of Nazareth Reader 2: A Bijou Offertory: P Skewes/M Camden Ex Min: S Barrett/C Allen Altar Servers: Music: V Frost Collection: M Hawthorne/B Morton/G Cannon/B Campbell

St Mary's Sunday 7.30am Commentator: G Quinn Reader 1: B Virgin Reader 2: B Thompson Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: J Wallace Altar Servers: A Downey Music: V Frost Collection: J Conlon/P Heffernan/B Andren/J Vella/B Higgins

St Nicholas' Sunday 9.30am - Confirmation Commentator: R Dunst Prayers: L Prisk Reader 1: M Gruer Reader 2: A Hamilton Offertory: R Kinsela/C Wheaton Ex Min: J Hatfield/L Hughes Altar Servers: Music: St Nicholas Choir Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

St Nicholas' Sunday 5.30pm Commentator: G Galloway Reader 1: M Cantos Reader 2: M Gaffney Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: T Dries Altar Servers: volunteers Music: V Frost/R Richardson Collection: volunteers Counting Team: B Thompson/P Heffernan/W Higgins/P Skewes Sacristy Roster: C Whitten/G Quinn Altar Linen: M Clery

Collection: 16 September/2018 1st Collection (Presbytery A/C): \$ 1211.80 2nd Collection (Church A/C) - Planned Giving \$ 1735.00 - Loose Collection \$ 283.55 - Total \$ 2018.55

The New Defibrillator is on the wall in the transept on the K-Mart side of the Church. If you would like to learn how to use it, please put your name & details on the clip board at the back of the Church.

Parishioners of all ages are invited to a Rosary Procession by Candlelight to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, Friday Oct. 19 at 7.30pm at Nazareth House Chapel. Coordinated by the Frassati Society, for more detail see the flyer at the back of the Church or phone Tammy 0459784171.

Fr Christopher will be away from the Parish 25 & 26 September for the Clergy Assembly in Armidale. So, there will be Liturgy of the Word on those days.

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

A suggestion was made from a Parishioner that we need to make provisions in the Church for people with disabilities or for people who use walkers/wheelchairs etc. Fr Christopher would like to know the thoughts of our Parishioners on whether this would be something we should consider and take to the Parish Pastoral Council & Finance Council for discussion. Please phone the Parish Office 67662228 or email easttamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au

Fr Chris would like to have Adoration once a month, with music and ending with Benediction. We would like suggestions of a time and weekday that would suit Parishioners. Please email the Parish Office easttamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au or call on 67662228.

WEEKLY ROSTER - 29/30 September

St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm Commentator: E Smyth Reader 1: L Hansen Reader 2: L Hawthorne Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: K Ackhurst 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: G Quinn Reader 2: B Thompson Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: volunteer 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 Prisk Reader 1: J Sebastian Reader 2: R Kinsela Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: M Hayes/D Cumming Altar Servers: E Riley Music: St Nicholas Choir Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

St Nicholas' Sunday 5.30pm Commentator: P Hagley Reader 1: R Dunst Reader 2: A Hagley Offertory: volunteers Ex Min: S van Aanholt Altar Servers: H Buckman Music: N Greacen Collection: volunteers Counting Team: G Bryant/A McGuirk/T Barrett Sacristy Roster: M Rice/G & M Moy Altar Linen: K Bryant

ANNIVERSARIES: September John Anderson, Fay Betts, Morris Blomquist, John Booby, Adrian Brazier, Anthony Brown, Lorraine Burgmann, Deborah Byrnes, Sidney Canu, Norman Caslick, Francis Caulfield, Geoffrey Cluff, Marie Cooper, Richard Cox, Cecil Coyle, Alan Cracknell, Thomas Daley, Mark Davies, Mary Doyle, Lorna Epps, Allan Giles, Arthur Graham, Anthony Graham, Catherine Griffiths, Wendy Gunn, Shirley Hawkins, Michael Hill, Henry Hyson, Phyllis Jackson, Agnes Jamieson, Vincent Jankowski, Martha Johnson, Leslie Kennedy, Dorothy Layton, Ethel Luckett, Carmel Lynch, Antonio Manconi, Colin McCarter, John McDonald, Kenneth McNamara, Nancy Meehan, John (Jack) Mullins, Phillip Nolan, Patrick Norman, Pieter Oeljee, Wayne Pullman, Myra Ransay, Melanie Rapley, Giorgio Rindo, Bruce Rogers, Pierre Sobbel, Harold (Harry) Tolman, Zola Wainwright, Colin Watson.

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, Nanette Collins, Ken Michell.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ben Jackson.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Val Dargan (Rec Dec), Muoka's Family (God's Grace & Help), Joan Abbott (Repose of Soul).

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

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO CONFIRMANDI 2018