

Welcome to St Nicholas' Catholic Parish Tamworth

For the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th January 2019

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ENTRANCE: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK: Psalter Week 2

Monday St Agnes, virgin, martyr
Thursday St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor
Friday The Conversion of St Paul, apostle
Saturday AUSTRALIA DAY

'DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU.' At the marriage feast of Cana Jesus turns water, set aside for washing, into wine of great quality. A new richness and abundance flows to the people from Jesus. We will partake of this richness if we, like the attendants at the wedding, follow Mary's instruction to 'do whatever he tells you.' As we receive the gifts he offers we are transformed in turn into a new creation.

St Nicholas' Liturgy this week:

Monday St Nicholas' Mass 7am
St Agnes, virgin, martyr
Tuesday St Mary's Mass 9am
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St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor
Friday St Nicholas' Mass 7am
The Conversion of St Paul, apostle
Saturday St Nicholas' Mass 9am
Australia Day
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.

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

COMING EVENTS

The next Eucharistic Adoration will be held January 25th, 6pm to 7pm.

The next Youth Mass will be Sunday January 27th at 5.30pm. 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.

AUSTRALIA DAY MASS – MONDAY, 28th January 2019
at 9am at St Nicholas' Church.

menALIVE Weekend is SOON. It is happening on the weekend of 9 & 10 February 2019 at St Albert's College Armidale. Like thousands of other Catholic men who have already been on menALIVE weekends, you will be inspired and encouraged to renew your faith and rediscover God's purpose in your life. Experienced leaders from menALIVE will be running the weekend. There is still time to register. Registration forms are available at the back of the Church or contact armidalemenalive@gmail.com or the Parish Office on 67662228.

First Reconciliation 2019 – Wednesday 19th June at 6pm.

First Eucharist Masses 2019 – Saturday 22nd June 6pm
Sunday 23rd June 9.30am

Confirmation Masses 2019 – Saturday 22nd September at 6pm
Sunday 23rd September at 9.30am

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

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 has been placed at the back of the Church for Parishioners to place their submissions, or they can be submitted online to the Parish website easttamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au These 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?"**

Mary Mackillop International would like to thank Parishioners for donating Stamps & First Day Covers last year.

There is a box at the back of the Church for used stamps etc. for your donations. **Thank you.**

19/20 January 2019

Counting Team: G Bryant/A McGuirk/T Barrett
Sacristy Roster: L & P Prisk
Altar Linen: R Kinsela

26/27 January 2019

Counting Team: B Williams/D Cumming/S van Aanholt
Sacristy Roster: CWC
Altar Linen: V Mundy

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

The Counting, Sacristy & Altar Linen Roster will continue.

If anyone missed the formation session held on Saturday, 12th January, we will be holding another in a few weeks' time. Could you please leave your name and details on the board at the back of the Church if you wish to attend the next session.

Collection: 13 January 2018

1st Collection (Presbytery A/C):	\$ 951.65
2nd Collection (Church A/C)	
- Planned Giving	\$ 1886.00
- Loose Collection	\$ 182.00
- Total	\$ 2068.00

The Bishop has made some changes in the Diocese to take effect in February. Fr Jayaraj Gorantla will be leaving us to go to Inverell. Fr Francis Afu will be coming to St Nicholas as Assistant Priest. Fr Christopher has been appointed Parish Priest here at St Nicholas for the next 6 years.

There will be a Farewell to Fr Raj on Sunday 10 February at the 9.30am Mass, with Morning Tea after. There will be envelopes available the weekend before, for Fr Raj's Testimonial.

Fr Christopher has a few items in the garage which he is eager to get rid of. There are 2 wardrobes with shelves that are free to anyone who can use them. There are a few other items if anyone would like to look. The stand that was specially built for the Statue of St Nicholas is also for sale. If interested please see Fr Christopher.

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.

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.

ANNIVERSARIES: January

Sibille Anthony, Clifford Barber, Marie Barrett, Arnold Betts, Lucca Borzellega, Voltaire (Vic) Bower, Nancy Bussell, Kathleen Carey, Patricia Cassin, George Collins, Denis Costigan, Sidney (Ken) Coulton, Michael Cuddigan, Kevin Evans, Hammond Faddy, Troy Frazer, Garry Gifford, Nathan Hall, Dawn Henderson, Lola Hughes, Leo Hunt, Marie Hynes, Gwendoline Lehnert, Mary Lodge, Hilton Lynch, Kathleen Lynch, Whyatt Mangan, Bede Matthews, Edith Mitchell, James (Jamie) Mitchell, Eileen Morris, Therese (Julianne) O'Connor, Neil (Noel) O'Rourke, Gwendoline Parkes, Nellie Prisk, Bernard Redden, Jane Redden, Audrey Renehan, Julian Rice, Peter Ryan, Joseph Shanahan, Daphne Speare, Pauline Taylor, Catherine Temperley, Fran Thier, Mary Thompson, Sr Patricia Thompson, John Tufrey, John Wall, Anthony Walmsley, Margaret Watson, Alan Welsh, Damien Wetherall, George Wilson, Lenore Steel, Patricia Berman, Kenneth Kellahan, Josephine O'Neill, Yvonne Henshaw, Jean Hutt, Elsie Frost.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Darren Graham; Margaret Brogan, Bill Press, Rita Sutton, Betty Garrett, Brindley Cavallaro (Sydney), Nicole Tierney, Pat Mooney, Fr Bernie Melville, Ken Michell, Dalton Lewis, Brian Mercovich, Dearne Law, John O'Connor. Margaret Brown ((Molong))

BAPTISM: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome **Lucy Lemaire & James Driscoll.**

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* Parents Information Meeting for these is Wednesday 3rd April 5.30pm (St Nicholas Church)

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

LENTEN GROUPS – There is a board at the back of the Church indicating the groups for this year's Lenten Season. Please place your name and a contact number for the group you would like to join. Also, if you need transport please place a tick in the box and transport will be organised.

