

*Welcome to St Nicholas'
Catholic Parish Tamworth*
**For the
Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary
Time**
17th November 2019

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ENTRANCE: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK: Psalter Week 1
Thursday The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday St Cecilia, virgin, martyr

‘THE END IS NOT SO SOON.’ Members of the early Church expected the Lord to return in glory very soon. Some people even stopped working in the belief that the end was nigh. St Paul, however, urged the members of the community to go on working, quietly earning their food. And in today’s Gospel, Jesus stresses that the end is not so soon. We, his followers will first have to persevere faithfully through many trials.

St Nicholas’ Liturgy this week:

Monday St Nicholas’ Mass 7am
Tuesday St Mary’s Mass 9am
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The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday St Nicholas’ Mass 7am
St Cecilia, virgin, martyr
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 67662228
easttamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au

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

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.

COMING EVENTS

The next **PPC Morning Tea** will be held after the 9.30am Mass **TODAY** Sunday 17th November.

CWC next meeting, 19th November 6pm – in meeting room. In lieu of a Christmas gathering, members will attend the parish Christmas party on 24th November.

Home Rosary - November will be held at Dr Tim & Linda Igbenije’s home at 6pm, November 20th. Please see the drawer at the back of the Church for details. This was postponed from Nov. 5th.

Prayers for Priest’s Saturday November 23rd following 9am Mass.

The next **Youth Mass** – 24th November at 5.30pm.

Our Parish Christmas Party – You are warmly invited to join us at the Parish Christmas Party on **Sunday, 24th November** 12noon at McCarthy Catholic College Hall. Lots of parking available. Bring a plate of food to share. Please feel free to spread the word to others and invite them to come along.

Home Rosary for December – To be advised.

A Christmas Appreciation Dinner for members of our Parish Choir & Musicians, Finance Council, Parish Pastoral Council, Office Staff, Readers, Commentators, Sacristans, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion (including those who take Communion to those outside of Mass), Collection Wardens, Money Counters, Sacristy & Sanctuary Cleaners, Catechists, Parishioners who look after the Candelabrum & Altar linen. To be held at 6.30pm Thursday 5th December upstairs at The Tudor Hotel. Those who wish to attend please phone the Parish Office Monday, Tuesday or Friday between 9am-5pm on 67662228.

or email easttamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au

St Nicholas’ Feast Day – Friday 6th December. There will be Masses at 7am, with Morning Tea after & also 9.30am at St Nicholas School. In preparation for the Feast of St Nicholas there will be a Novena Prayer sometime in November which will be said after Communion.

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.

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

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.

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.

WEEKLY ROSTER – 16/17 November

St Nicholas’ Saturday 6pm
Commentator: G McDougall
Reader 1: K Ackhurst Reader 2: C Allen
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: J Wallace
Reader 1: B Virgin Reader 2: J Murphy
Ex Min: G Quinn
Altar Servers: S Downey Music: V Frost
Collection: J Conlon/P Heffernan/B Andren/J Vella/B Higgins

St Nicholas’ Sunday 9.30am
Commentator: B Cumming
Reader 1: P Prisk Reader 2: M Larkin
Ex Min: M Keys/D Cumming
Altar Servers: volunteer Music: St Nicholas Choir
Collection: M Gruer/J Cox

St Nicholas’ Sunday 5.30pm
Commentator: J Campbell
Reader 1: P Hagley Reader 2: A Hagley
Ex Min: J Clery
Altar Servers: H Buckman Music: N Greacen
Collection: volunteers
Counting Team: P & G McDougall
Sacristy Roster: C Whitten/G Quinn/K Trinh
Altar Linen: V Mundy

Collection: 10th November 2019
1st Collection (Presbytery A/C): \$ 1269.05
2nd Collection (Church A/C)
- Planned Giving \$ 2364.50
- Loose Collection \$ 140.95
- Total \$ 2505.45

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

PRAYER FOR RAIN

Eternal God,
In wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life.
We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our drought-stricken land, on our starving animals, on our failing crops.
Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them.
In your loving providence, send abundant rain and restore our parched earth.
Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life: Renew your faithful people;
Renew the face of the earth.
Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Mary, help of Christians – Pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – Pray for us.

BAPTISMS: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome Meilani-Jae Kuczer, Alana-Jae Kuczer, Gus Parker & Oliver Hallford.

WEEKLY ROSTER – 23/24 November

St Nicholas’ Saturday 6pm
Commentator: P McDougall
Reader 1: E Smyth Reader 2: volunteer
Ex Min: S Barrett
Altar Servers: volunteer Music: N Greacen
Collection: D Raffaele/G Cannon/B Campbell

St Mary’s Sunday 7.30am
Commentator: J Nolan
Reader 1: B Thompson Reader 2: B Stewart
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 Prisk
Reader 1: H Rowsell Reader 2: volunteer
Ex Min: R Kinsela/A Hamilton
Altar Servers: E Riley Music: St Nicholas Choir
Collection: M Gruer/J Cox

St Nicholas’ Sunday 5.30pm – YOUTH MASS

Commentator:
Reader 1: Reader 2:
Ex Min:
Altar Servers: Music:
Collection: volunteers
Counting Team: B Thompson/P Heffernan/W Higgins/P Skewes
Sacristy Roster: M Rice/G & M Moy Altar Linen: K Stewart

ANNIVERSARIES: November

Bernard Alexander, Dorothy Austin, Laurence Barber, Peter Booth, Errol Bourne, Carol Brodbeck, Mavis Burke, Pauline Burns, Marjorie Cameron, Patricia Carlon, Benjamin Chapman, Mary Cutmore, Robyn Dietrich, Ronald Dunn, Leslie Edwards, Sharon Erich, Edna Faint, Mons. Clarence Fisher, Gloria Gleeson, Jason Goodwin, Donald Hines, Nancie Hull, Margaret Hunt, Susan Johnson, Neil Kelly, Joan Knight, Patricia Maher, Amy McIlveen, Geoff Mooy, John (Max) Moroney, Peter Murphy, Alina Northey, Thelma O’Brien, Marlene Peters, Myrtle Power, Joan Pullman, Nellie Randall, William Reichel, Lina Rindo, Janice Robinson, Gladys Rogers, John Ryan, Claude Saunders, Beverley Seymour, Ivy Simcoe, Francis Single, Roy Sipple, Dorothy Stace, Harold Sullivan, Gwendoline Thurston, Patricia Wake, Robert Wall, Darryl Ward, Harold Walsh, Arthur White, Barry Wilson, Gordon Worldon, Lucy Zayat.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Connor Mason – Son of Scott & Helen (Grandson of Kay Mason). Joined God’s Angel’s on November 7th, 2019.

