

Welcome to St Nicholas'
Catholic Parish Tamworth
For
PENTECOST SUNDAY

31st May 2020

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ENTRANCE: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

COMMUNION ANTIPIHON: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK: PSALTER: Week 1
Monday The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Wednesday Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs
Friday St Boniface, bishop, martyr

'I AM SENDING YOU.' The disciples of Jesus were transformed when they received the Holy Spirit. They burst open the doors of the upper room, which they had locked in fear, and boldly proclaimed the Good News. May the Holy Spirit fill our hearts this Pentecost giving us the courage to break down the walls we have built around ourselves. May the Spirit free us to proclaim the peace, joy and forgiveness of God to everyone.'

St Nicholas' Liturgy this week:

(Please ring the Parish office on 67662228 to put your name down for Mass as only 10 persons can attend).

Monday	St Nicholas' Mass 7am & 5pm
Tuesday	St Mary's Mass 9am
Wednesday	St Nicholas' Mass 7am St Mary's Mass 5pm
Thursday	St Mary's Mass 9am
Friday	St Nicholas' Mass 7am & 5pm
Saturday	St Nicholas' Mass 9am Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday	St Nicholas' 9.30am & 5.30pm St Mary's 7.30am Mass

TAMWORTH RECONCILIATION:
St Nicholas Church Saturday 4pm – 5.30pm

LITURGY OF THE WORD THIS WEEK:

Monday	Gen 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday	2 Pet 3:11-15, 17-18; Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday	2 Tim 1:1-3, 6-12; Mk 12:18-27
Thursday	2 Tim 2:8-15; Mk 12:28-34
Friday	2 Tim 3:10-17; Mk 12:35-37
Saturday	2 Tim 4:1-8; Mk 12:38-44

Home Visits: Any 'Housebound' Parishioner who would like a visit by a Priest once a month, is requested to call the Parish office on 67662228. Parishioners are also encouraged to call the Parish Office, if there is any housebound Parishioner who should be visited by a Priest.

The Holy Land Collection which is usually held on Good Friday has now been moved to Sunday 13th September 2020.

Home Rosary Ministry: Is suspended until further notice. However families are encouraged to say the Rosary at this time in their own homes.



ONLINE MASSES & RESOURCES

There is a regular livestream Mass on Sunday at 10am by Bishop Michael Kennedy on the Diocesan website <http://armidale.catholic.org.au>.

The Mass can also be seen via the Cathedral Parish Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/SMJCathedral>.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Dearest Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
And I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot, at this moment, receive You sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me
to be separated from You. Amen.

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist are suspended for now. A new date will be communicated later.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is also suspended for now. A new date will be communicated later during the year.

St Nicholas Parishioners who wish to continue their **Planned Giving** or support the Priests through the first collection could do so by setting up a Direct Debit. Details of Direct Debit/Electronic Transfer are:-

St NICHOLAS PARISH
1st Collection (Priests)
BSB : 082 105
AC No : 001 023 584
AC Name : St Nicholas Presbytery

2nd Collection (Planned Giving)
BSB : 082 105
AC No : 001 003 255
AC Name : St Nicholas Parish

Those unable to set up an electronic transfer could drop the envelopes into the Parish Office at their convenience.

Parishioners who cannot receive the Bulletin online can pick up a copy at the Parish Office.

Parishioners are encouraged to follow our Parish Facebook Page [facebook@stnicholasparish.org.au](https://www.facebook.com/stnicholasparish.org.au).

Could those in our Parish who receive the Bulletin online reach out to those who might like to receive an online Bulletin, but have not yet given us their email address. If they could send their email address to us or call the Parish Office, we will put them on our list.

BAPTISMS: Baptisms have now resumed with a maximum of 10 people attending and the social distancing requirements followed. Call the Parish Office on 67662228 if you would like to make a booking.

PATRONESS OF THE DIOCESE OF ARMIDALE.

Mother of God and Queen of the Angels. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.
Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our Diocese, for our nation and for the world, the protection of your Son Jesus and of all his holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of the illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. May your Son deliver from all evil. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE END OF THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Almighty and merciful Father, who shows your love to all creation, we come before you asking for a quick control of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world. Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world. Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families. We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found. We pray for the relevant Governments and Health Authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings. We ask this through our Lord Jesus. Amen

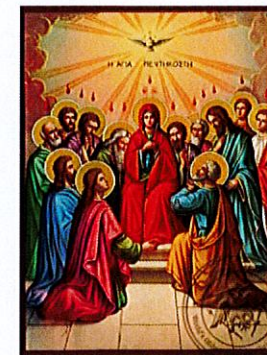
ANNIVERSARIES: May

Vincent Ajani, Narelle Ambrose, Sidney (Phil) Anderson, Dorothy (Rita) Arnold, Lawson Bettington, Margaret Booth, Michael Brooks Ronald Brooks, Leila Bryant, Dulcie Budsworth, Anthony Campbell, Laurence Cannon, Alice Clout, John Coyle, Marie Cross, Maxwell Dewberry, Ian Dorrstein, Raymond Fitzsummons, Giuseppe Ferraro, Robin Gardiner, Marie Gonsalves, Shane Gregg, Robert Hall, Edward Hawkins, Rosealein Henderson, Edna Homewood, Suzanne Horan, Cyril Johnson, Norman Konz, Marlene Langenbaker, Michael Larkin, Barry Maher, Raymond Mahony, Steven Mamae, Jeanette Manconi, William Mason, Maria McCully, Ross McHugh, Norma McKenna, William McLean, Glen Merchant, Michael Vittorio, Gloria Mitchell, Carmel (Mary) Muller, Marie Nihill, Denis O'Callaghan, Nelva O'Shea, John Patterson, Mary Patterson, Natalia (Annette) Pindel, Eunice Presland, Alma Robinson, Bruce Robinson, Betty Shanahan, Keith Taylor, Pauli Thorpe, Salvatore Tizzone, Marie Tolmie, Joan Townsend, Eleanor Venning, Patrick Wall, Mary Woods.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Darren Graham, Margaret Brogan, Bill Press, Brindley Cavallaro (Sydney), Nicole Tierney, Pat Mooney, Ken Michell, Dalton Lewis, Deame Law, Robyn Plunkett, Kevin Frost, Sarah Sommerlad, Vic & Colleen Hamilton, Trisha Aquino, Fr Bernie Flood, Selma Best, Simone Vella, Michael Nealon, Betty Halpin, Kath Donoghue, Glenda Gallagher, Brian Brown (Narromine), Russell Tandy, Mark Coates, Anne Davie, Anne Connolly, Fr John McHugh, Peter Belson, Deacon Peter Harrison, Peter & Margaret Young.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Alec & Betty Fyffe, Cyril & Grace Cahill, Vince Cavallaro (Anniv. 1/6), Sue Horan (Anniv. 29/5).

St Nicholas Church is now open for people to come to pray & to light a candle. "Note" - only the door leading to Our Lady's Chapel will be open. The main door will be locked at St. Nicholas.



The Archdiocese of Sydney have developed an online tool for registering those who come to our churches. It can be used by parishioners in the Diocese of Armidale. To register the parishioner enters their name, email, phone number & selects from a drop down list their Diocese. A list of all Mass centres in the Diocese then appears & they can select which church or churches they attend. [MassRegister.com.au](https://www.massregister.com.au) provides a solution for the public health requirement of collecting the contact details of parishioners who visit our churches for prayer, confession & Mass. A member of the public needs to visit [massregister.com.au](https://www.massregister.com.au) just once, to provide their contact details, as well as the parishes they usually visit.

Fr Francis Afu has recently had a book published entitled "Capsule for the day" containing a short reflection for every day of the year. It is a significant achievement & we congratulate him. Capsule for the Day is a daily devotional that offers healing words in our world-a world created by God that is good but broken and wounded. It seeks to strengthen & guides us as we journey through life. You can get a copy from the following links:
<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/capsule-for-the-day-francis-afu/136866002?ean=9781796008371>
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