

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of
David our father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke.

*Lord, remember me when you come into your
kingdom.*

The people stayed there before the cross
watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at
him. 'He saved others', they said 'let him save
himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen
One'. The soldiers mocked him too, and when
they approached to offer him vinegar they said,
'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself'.
Above him there was an inscription: 'This is
the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused
him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save
yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke
up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God
at all?' he said, 'You got the same sentence as
he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are
paying for what we did. But this man has done
nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me
when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I
promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with
me in paradise.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE / C

23 NOVEMBER 2025

JESUS, REMEMBER ME

Today is the final Sunday of the present
Liturgical Year, Year C, the year of Luke's
Gospel. We anticipate the new liturgical year
commencing next Sunday and look back over
the year that has been. What emerges is the
recognition that, throughout each Sunday of
the past year, God has been present, revealed
to us through Luke's portrait of Jesus and
teaching us the essence of discipleship.

Today's final liturgical selection from Luke's
Gospel sums up what those essentials are. In
a scene from the passion narrative, Jesus is
ironically declared 'king' by those who jeer
at him. But his kingship is not about self-
salvation, as the evangelist frequently indicates,
but about the salvation of humanity and
creation. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus seeks to bring
wholeness to divided humanity and struggling
creation. This is exemplified in the final scene
of today's Gospel. Two criminals with Jesus
are in their final moments of life before death
finally occurs through Rome's torturous and
totally debasing act of crucifixion. One of the
criminals publicly declares Jesus' innocence
and then asks, 'Jesus, remember me when you
come into your kingdom.'

This desire to be 'remembered' by Jesus is
the desire of all of us, to be re-membered, to
be re-connected to God's life through one's
communion with Jesus, especially in the
moment of death. This final Gospel scene
from Luke for this liturgical year invites each
of us to hear Jesus' promise to the repentant
one, that we shall be with Jesus in eternal
paradise. It is the comforting word we and our
world need to hear.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

2 Sam 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron.
'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and
blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it
was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and
the Lord said to you, "You are the man who
shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall
be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of
Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King
David made a pact with them at Hebron in the
presence of the Lord, and they anointed David
king of Israel.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 121:1-5. R. cf. v. 2

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the
Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: / 'Let us
go to God's house.' / And now our feet are
standing / within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**
2. Jerusalem is built as a city / strongly
compact. / It is there that the tribes go up, / the
tribes of the Lord. **R.**
3. For Israel's law it is, / there to praise the
Lord's name. / There were set the thrones of
judgement / of the house of David. **R.**

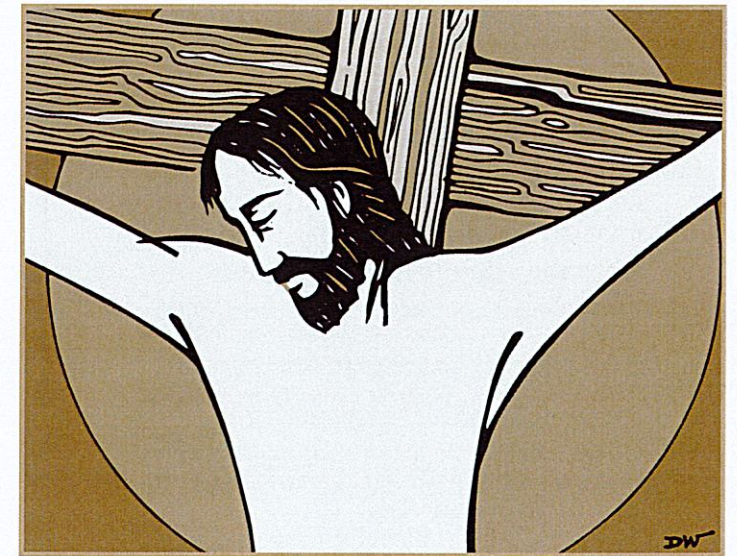
SECOND READING

Col 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Colossians

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

We give thanks to the Father who has made
it possible for you to join the saints and with
them to inherit the light.



Because that is what he has done: he has
taken us out of the power of darkness and
created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son
that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom,
the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers —
all things were created through him and for him.
Before anything was created, he existed,
and he holds all things in unity.
Now the Church is his body,
he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled through him
and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

■ The word of the Lord.

*Welcome to
St Nicholas' Catholic Parish,
Tamworth
for
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
Year C*

23rd November 2025

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Parish Secretaries: Finance: Stephanie Hetherington - Mon/Tue 9-5pm
Admin: Anne Jones Wed/Fri 9-5pm Pauline Skewes Thurs 9-1pm
Parish Office hours: Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm

Catholic schools in our parish

McCarthy Catholic College Principal: Mr Michael Whitton
☎ (02) 6761 0800 Students currently enrolled: 945
St Nicholas Primary School Principal: Mr Peter Flynn
☎ (02) 6766 1500 Students currently enrolled: 590

ENTRANCE: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

COMMUNION: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

‘BEARING WITNESS TO THE TRUTH.’ With a wooden cross for a throne, at a place where thieves were crucified, the king of the Jews meted out a judgement to a common thief: ‘this day you will be with me in paradise’. This king can still be found among the criminals and outcasts of our society, in the worst parts of our cities and towns. Worshipping him in the least of our brothers and sisters, we too will experience his compassionate judgement.

Psalter Week 2

Monday 24/11 St Nicholas' Mass 7am
Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, and companions, martyrs
Dan 1:1-6, 8-20: Dan 3:52-56: Lk 21:1-4:

Tuesday 25/11 St Mary's Mass 9am
Dan 2:31-45: Dan 3:57-61: Lk 21:5-11:

Wednesday 26/11 St Nicholas' Mass 7am
Dan 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28: Dan 3:62-67: Lk 21:12-19:

Thursday 27/11 St Mary's Mass 9am
Dan 6:12-28: Dan 3:68-74: Lk 21:20-28:

Friday 28/11 St Nicholas' Mass 7am
Dan 7:2-14: Dan 3:75-81: Lk 21:29-33:

Saturday 29/11 St Nicholas' Mass 9am
Dan 7:15-27: Dan 3:82-87: Lk 21:34-36:

Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday 30/11 St Mary's 7.30am Mass
St Nicholas' 9.30am & 5.30pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4pm – 5.30pm

BAPTISMS are held Saturdays at 11am & Sundays at 12 noon. If you wish to book a Baptism, please email or telephone the Parish Office on 67662228 for more information. Forms can also be submitted on our parish website.

Parish toilet is located in the Outdoor Function Area. Please ensure children are accompanied by an adult when leaving the Church during Mass to go to the toilet or for any other reason.

Parish Bulletin Deadline: Midday Wednesday – The Bulletin is printed on Thursday morning.

PRAYERFUL REFLECTION on the readings is always included on this Bulletin, after the Communion Antiphon. You are encouraged to reflect on this every week.

A warm welcome to all new parishioners! To help you feel at home in our parish, we encourage you to introduce yourself to Father after Mass, or you might also consider exploring opportunities to get involved in parish life through various ministries and activities. If so, please see our Parish Notice Board or contact the Parish Office.

PARISH EVENTS – for the month ahead

25 Nov	Tue	St Nicholas Seniors	11.30am for Christmas lunch, West Diggers, Kable Avenue	
26 Nov	Wed	The Catholic Ladies – Christmas Lunch, Russell Room, Tamworth Services Club – 12.30pm, for 1pm		
26 Nov	Wed	Appreciation Dinner for all Volunteers and Staff – 6pm at St Nicholas School Hall, Carthage St. BYO drinks		
27 Nov	Thu	St Nicholas Novena commences		
28 Nov	Fri	Eucharistic Adoration	6-7pm St Nicholas'	
		followed by a light supper in the Parish Meeting Room		
29 Nov	Sat	Men's Breakfast	7am St Nicholas'	
		Outdoor Function Area		
02 Dec	Tue	'Petitions' Rosary	12.15pm St Nicholas'	
03 Dec	Wed	Silent Adoration	10.30-11.30am St Nicholas'	
05 Dec	Fri	Eucharistic Adoration	6-7pm St Nicholas'	
06 Dec	Sat	St Nicholas's Feast Day		
06 Dec	Sat	Anointing of the Sick during the 9am Mass	St Nicholas'	
06 Dec	Wed	Silent Adoration	4pm-5.30pm St Nicholas'	
07 Dec	Sun	FAMILY MASS	9.30am St Nicholas'	
		Migrant Jubilee Cross Procession into St Nicholas' (no Morning Tea after Mass)		
07 Dec	Sun	 PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY	12 MD	
		School Hall, McCarthy Catholic College		
08 Dec	Mon	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
10 Dec	Wed	Silent Adoration	10.30-11.30am St Nicholas'	
12 Dec	Fri	Anniversary of the Dedication of Sts Mary & Joseph Cathedral		
12 Dec	Fri	Eucharistic Adoration	6-7pm St Nicholas'	
13 Dec	Sat	Parish Christmas Working Bee	10am St Nicholas'	
17 Dec	Wed	Silent Adoration	10.30-11.30am St Nicholas'	
19 Dec	Fri	Eucharistic Adoration	6-7pm St Nicholas'	
19 Dec	Fri	End of School Term 4		
21 Dec	Sun	The St Nicholas choir to host	9.30am St Nicholas'	
		Morning tea after Mass this morning.		

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

The month of November is a dedicated time to pray for the faithful departed. Envelopes are available at the Church entrances, and in the pews, if you would like to offer a Mass for a loved one during the month of November.


Immaculata Mission School January 2026

What is it? A wonderful opportunity to grow in faith through daily Mass, Adoration and times of prayer, fantastic Catholic speakers (including international speakers Steve and Katey Norman from Renewal Ministries) share groups, fun activities, friendship and lots more.

What is the theme? "Our Father" - join us and go deeper in God's goodness and love!

When is it? 1-7 Jan for youth and young adults (14 years and up); 1-5 Jan for married couples and families (includes children's ministry) Where is it? Armidale, NSW

For more info and to register visit www.immaculata.org.au/ims
Registrations close 23 Dec / early-bird prices finish 30 Nov



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WEEKLY ROSTER – 22/23 November 2025

St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm CHRIST THE KING
C: Cate Allen G/R1: Sr of Nazareth G/R2: Halley Buckman
Ex Min: Leonie Hansen Music: Noel Greacen
Collection: David Raffaele/Bill Campbell/Morgan Hawthorne

St Mary's Sunday 7.30am
C: John Murphy G/R1: Sue O'Halloran
G/R2: Bernadette Virgen
Ex Min: John Wallace Music: Grant Quinn
Altar Servers: Will Nguyen
Collection: Carl Cavallaro/Bill Higgins

St Nicholas' Sunday 9.30am
C: Lucy Roberts G/R1: Anne Bowden,
G/R2: Maria Gruer,
Children's Liturgy: Louise/Marielle
Ex Min: Laura Hughes, Alison Hamilton
Altar Servers: Dominic Vinod/Jason Igbenije
Music: St Nicholas Choir
Collection: Maria Gruer/Josie Cox/Phil Elliott

St Nicholas' Sunday 5.30pm
C: Paul Hagley G/R1: Merrilyn Gaffney
G/R2: Claire Doherty
Ex Min: Terry Dries Music: Veronica Frost
Altar Servers: Callum/Emmett Buckman
Collection: Volunteers

Counting Team: Ted Heazlett/Bruce Stewart
Altar Linen: Cecilia Dries
Sacristy Cleaning: St Nicholas Women Connecting
Candelabrum: Cecilia & Terry Dries 23/11/25-29/11/25

PLANNED GIVING: SUPPORTING OUR PRIESTS & PARISH

1st Collection (supports the clergy)
BSB: 082 105 A/C No: 001 023 584
A/C Name: St Nicholas Presbytery

2nd Collection (Planned Giving for Parish maintenance)
BSB: 082 105 A/C No: 001 003 255
A/C Name: St Nicholas Parish

Ref: Planned Giving Number/or your name. Thank you for your support.

COLLECTIONS: 16th November 2025

1 st Collection	\$ 1411.45
Planned Giving	\$ 1778.00
Loose	\$ 421.10
	\$ 2199.10



The Migrant Jubilee Cross is journeying around Australia. The Cross represents the journey of migrants, and the boat represents the Church as a pilgrimage toward a safe harbour. At its centre are the southern cross constellation and relics of the Holy Family and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, reflecting the faith that unites communities across generations. The pilgrimage recognises the contributions of Australia's migrant and refugee communities. Our multicultural parishioners are invited to wear traditional dress to our 9.30am Mass on **Sunday 7th December**, and process into St Nicholas' Church with the Jubilee Cross. The Cross is a symbol of faith, hope and unity among all people of Australia. Photos of the procession will be taken to mark the occasion.

ADVENT 2025 with The Catholic Guy Bruce Downes

Jesus is Coming - Time to Get Ready
Experience the life-changing love of Christ and be strengthened in your faith journey this Advent alongside many people from around the world with The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes. To help you go deeper in your prayer life and spiritual journey, you are invited to attend the **Advent Mission Event Retreat** online available from 29 November with unlimited streaming until the end of Advent. To find out more and register, go to: <https://TheCatholicGuy.com/missionevent>

WEEKLY ROSTER – 29/30 November 2025

St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm 1st Sunday of Advent
C: Pauline Skewes G/R1: Leonie Hansen
G/R2: Giovanna McDougall
Ex Min: Kerry Ackhurst Music: Noel Greacen
Collection: David Raffaele/Bill Campbell/Morgan Hawthorne
St Mary's Sunday 7.30am
C: Matt Pawsey G/R1: Julie McGuirk G/R2: Joan Newley
Ex Min: Deb Pawsey Music: Grant Quinn
Altar Servers: Will Nguyen
Collection: Carl Cavallaro/Bill Higgins

St Nicholas' Sunday 9.30am
C: Michael Moy G/R1: Mick Larkin G/R2: Maria Lincoln
Children's Liturgy: Steph/Alison
Ex Min: Laura Hughes/Jennifer Hatfield
Altar Servers: Charles Igbenije/Harry Dowsett
Music: St Nicholas Choir
Collection: Maria Gruer/Josie Cox/Phil Elliott

St Nicholas' Sunday 5.30pm YOUTH MASS
C: Halley Buckman G/R1: Youth G/R2: Youth
Ex Min: Volunteer Music: Henry Buckman
Altar Servers: Ethan Nijo/Kyra Akers-Gibbons
Collection: Volunteers

Counting Team: Gio & Paul McDougall
Altar Linen: Kate Stewart
Sacristy Cleaning: Beth & John Ryan/Bruce Stewart
Candelabrum: Brian Lincoln 30/11/25-06/12/25

BAPTISMS: Please pray for **River Kerr, Noah Kerr, Valley Williams** and **Sage Abra** who are receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. May God's love be with them always.

PERPETUAL INTENTIONS: Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Alec & Betty Fyffe** and **Cyril & Grace Cahill**, who will be long remembered in our parish.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Mounir Mouawad, Bakhos, Rosa** and **Joe Sleiman**. May God grant them eternal rest and peace.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK AT THIS TIME

Dan Daly, Brindley Cavallaro (Sydney), Rev. Fr Tony Castelli, Kath Donoghue, Colin Bryant, Darren Graham, Suzanne Perfrement, Kay Tucker, Ken Michell, Julie Michell, Judy Murphy, Rev. Jim Furze, Steve Tierney, Richard Noad, Pat & Tony Favell, Kay Mason, Doreen Eunson, Maureen White (Orange), Connac Downes (Uralla), Michael Bryant, Sullivan Hum (Singleton), Carmel Bennett (Gladstone), Deborah Murphy (Forbes), Bill Dennis, Maddy Anderson (Sydney), Sherree Haylock, Russell Smith.

"When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now."

~ St Teresa of Calcutta



St Nicholas Feast Day 6th December

Novena Prayer (from 27/11/25 – 05/12/25)

Glorious St Nicholas, my special Patron from your throne in glory; you who enjoy the presence of God, turn your eyes in pity upon me and attain for me from our Lord the graces and help that I need in my spiritual and temporal necessities and especially this favour (*mention your favour here*): provided that it be profitable to my salvation. Be mindful likewise, O Glorious & Saintly Bishop, of our Sovereign Pontiff and of all Christian people. Bring back to the right way of salvation all those who are living in sin, blinded by darkness of ignorance, error and heresy.

Comfort the afflicted; provide for the needy; strengthen the fearful; defend the oppressed; give health to the infirmed. Cause all people to experience the effects of your powerful intercession with the supreme giver of every good and perfect gift. Amen. St. Nicholas pray for us.

Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory Be