

*Welcome to St Nicholas'
Catholic Parish Tamworth*
For the
5th Sunday in Ordinary
Time
4th February 2018

Sunday cycle B Weekday cycle 1

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ENTRANCE: O Come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK: PSALTER: Wk. 1
Monday St Agatha, virgin, martyr
Tuesday St Paul Miki & companions, Martyrs
Saturday St Scholastica, virgin

JESUS TOOK HER BY THE HAND. We sometimes come to Mass poor, sick and troubled, much like the people who crowd around the door of Jesus in today's Gospel. In this Mass let us express our needs to Jesus. Let us ask him to take us by the hand and help us as he helped Simon's mother-in-law. Then, with our spirits uplifted, we will go out from Mass with a renewed desire to share God's love with others.

St Nicholas' Liturgy this week:

Monday St Nicholas' Mass 7am
Tuesday St Mary's Mass 9am
Wednesday St Nicholas' Mass 7am
Thursday St Mary's Mass 9am
Friday St Nicholas' Mass 7am
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**

Anniversaries: February
Clive Andrews, William Brady, Doris Brazel, Francis (Ron) Briscoe-Hough, Queenie Bryant, Maxwell Burke, John Clift, Justyn Cloake, Barbara Croft, Dorothy Delaney, Jack Denton, Mervyn Flanagan, Robert Forrester, John Gallagher, Henry Garland, Joseph Gregg, MaryAnn Groth, Dennis Haire, James Hayes, William Herden, Helen Hollis, Sean Hyson, Iris Jackson, Thomas Joyce, Kevin Lennon, Bridgette Leslie, Marie Lonergan, Edward McHenry, Julie McHugh, Douglas McIlveen, Betty Mahony, Elva Matthews, Robert Milne, Gerard Moloney, Teresa Morris, Kathleen Poole, Judith Power, Paul Redmond, Marie Shanahan, Francis Smyth, Nathan Sutton, Edward Trainor, Kathleen Wilkie.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Margaret Bellamy (Orange), Yvonne Henshaw, Jean Hutt, Nell O'Neill.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:
The sick list has been cleared – anyone wishing to have their loved ones on the new list please advise the Parish Office.
Deacon Peter Harrison, Darren Graham; Margaret Brogan, Bill Press, Rita Sutton.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA is our Catholic agency for international aid & development, working to alleviate poverty & bring hope & justice to disadvantaged communities throughout the world. One way of helping would be to assist with the coordination of our annual fundraising campaign (Project Compassion). If anyone can assist with displays, distribution of boxes envelopes, giving short talks or showing a Project Compassion film or simply. Guidance, information & materials are all available. Contact Naomi D'Arcy naomi@armidale.catholic.org.au or 67718700.

Any Parishioners who hold keys to the Church and/ or Presbytery, would you please phone Lorraine at the Parish Office 67662228 Monday or Tuesday between 9am & 3pm.

2018 marks the **FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY** of the blessing and opening of Holy Innocents Church in Bendemeer. To celebrate, Mass will be at 10.30am, followed by Lunch at the Bendemeer Hotel at 12.30pm, on May 12th, 2018. If interested in joining the parishioners, please email Cynthia Murray c.yarrum@westnet.com.au or phone 67696695.

First Tuesday Month - Mass & Sacrament of Anointing at the Tamworth Base Hospital Chapel, February 6th, 2018 at 11:00 am
Celebrant: Fr. Raj Gorantla.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY THIS SUNDAY 4th February.

WEEKLY ROSTER – 3/4 February
St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm
Commentator: C Allen
Reader 1: A Biju Reader 2: Sr Of Nazareth
Offertory: M & J Clery Ex Min: E Smyth
Altar Servers: W/H/A George
Music: K Harvey
Collection: M Hawthorne/B Morton/ G Cannon/B Campbell

St Mary's Sunday 7.30am
Commentator: L Vella
Reader 1: J Newly Reader 2: J Wallace
Offertory: Downey Family Ex Min: K King
Altar Servers: A Downey & R Boschma
Music: V Frost
Collection: J Conlon/P Heffernan/B Andren/ J Vella/B Higgins

St Nicholas Sunday 9.30am
Commentator: A Bowden
Reader 1: L Prisk Reader 2: L McSweeney
Offertory: Volunteers Ex Min: A Nealon/ A Hamilton
Altar Servers: D Rajeev/E Riley
Music: St Nicholas Choir
Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

St Nicholas Sunday 5.30pm
Commentator: R Dunst
Reader 1: C Wheaton Reader 2: M Cantos
Offertory: C & T Dries Ex Min: A Hagley
Altar Servers: S Hagley/H Buckman
Music: V Frost/R Richardson
Collection: Volunteers
Counting Team: B Thompson/P Heffernan W Higgins/P Skewes
Sacristy Roster: C Petty, B Ryan, K Stewart
Altar Linen: L Prisk

LENT begins Wednesday, 14 February 2018.
* Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised. Other celebrations in Lent (e.g. marriage) must take account of the spirit of penance: musical instruments are only used to sustain singing and floral decorations are very simple.
* Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (CCL 97, 1251-52).

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES
-7am Mass St Nicholas' Church
-6pm Mass St Mary's Church

The complete Lent/Easter Schedules will be published when Fr Christopher arrives in the Parish.

WEEKLY ROSTER –10/11 February
St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm
Commentator: J O'Connor
Reader 1: G McDougall Reader 2: L Hawthorne
Offertory: T & S Barrett Ex Min: P McDougall
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 Murphy
Reader 1: J McGuirk Reader 2: J Nolan
Offertory: C & N Leahy Ex Min: J Wallace
Altar Servers: A Downey & R Boschma
Music: V Frost
Collection: J Conlon/P Heffernan/B Andren/ J Vella/B Higgins

St Nicholas Sunday 9.30am
Commentator: A Hamilton
Reader 1: A Davies Reader 2: M Gruer
Offertory: R & J Smith Ex Min: R English/L Hughes
Altar Servers: S & C Myers
Music: St Nicholas Choir
Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

St Nicholas Sunday 5.30pm
Commentator: A Hagley
Reader 1: M Gaffney Reader 2: P Hagley
Offertory: J & B Campbell Ex Min: C Dries
Altar Servers: S Hagley/S Saji
Music: Pinoy Choir
Collection: Volunteers
Counting Team: P & G McDougall
Sacristy Roster: M Rice/G & M Moy
Altar Linen: M Clery

Collection 21/1/2018	
1st Collection (Presbytery A/C):	\$ 1834.95
2nd Collection (Church A/C)	
- Planned Giving	\$ 1804.00
- Loose Collection	\$ 539.60
TOTAL	\$ 2343.60
Collection 28/1/2018	
1st Collection (Presbytery A/C):	\$ 1500.60
2nd Collection (Church A/C)	
- Planned Giving	\$ 1935.00
- Loose Collection	\$ 450.45
TOTAL	\$ 2385.45

Home Rosary Ministry
Pat Wake: Thurs. 15 February, 6:30pm
Bill & Cheryl Higgins: Tues. 20 March, 6:30pm
Bill & Mary Andren: Mon. 2 April, 3:30pm
For address of Home Rosary, wish to be a host or you have a Prayer Intention, contact Eileen Smyth – 0429667910.

Parish Bulletin Deadline - All materials to be in by midday Wednesday. Contact the Parish Office 67662228
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