

*Welcome to St Nicholas'
Catholic Parish Tamworth
For the
First Sunday of Lent*

18th February 2018

Sunday cycle B Weekday cycle 1

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ENTRANCE: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK: PSALTER: Wk. 1 Thursday The Chair of St Peter, apostle

DRIVEN INTO THE WILDERNESS. The Spirit of God, who descended on Jesus at his baptism, drove him into the wilderness. In the Jewish Scriptures the wilderness is both the place where Israel meets God and the place where it is tempted to worship idols made of stone. The season of Lent is a good time to examine whether we are responding to the Spirit of God in our lives or succumbing to the allurements of false idols.

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 Stations of the Cross 5.30pm
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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY THIS SUNDAY 18th February.

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: Elsie May Frost.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:
Deacon Peter Harrison, Darren Graham; Margaret Brogan, Bill Press, Rita Sutton, Betty Garrett, Brindley Cavallaro (Sydney).

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

Marriages this Weekend: We pray for John Davis & Lois Swab who celebrate Christian Marriage this weekend.

DOMINICAN LAITY – First meeting for 2018 – Today, Sunday February 18th at 23 Sapphire Cres. at 2pm.

Catholic Women's League First Monthly Meeting for 2018 – Wednesday February 28 in the Russell Room – Tamworth Services Club at 12 noon. If unable to attend, please phone Gwenn 67664106 NO later than February 26.

PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS next Saturday February 24, following 9am Mass.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA is our Catholic agency for international aid & development. One way of helping would be to assist with the coordination of our annual fundraising campaign (Project Compassion). If anyone can assist. Please Contact Naomi D'Arcy naomi@armidale.catholic.org.au or 67718700.

PROJECT COMPASSION - Boxes and Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Please take one.

Spiritual Retreat: The Armidale CWC have organised a retreat to be conducted at Bellingen Valley 2-4 March 6pm Friday to 2pm Sun.

WEEKLY ROSTER –17/18 February

St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm
Commentator: S Barrett
Reader 1: K Ackhurst Reader 2 E Smyth
Offertory: J & L O'Connor Ex Min: C Whitten
Altar Servers: S & L McMullen
Music: K Harvey
Collection: M Hawthorne/B Morton/ G Cannon/B Campbell

St Mary's Sunday 7.30am
Commentator: B Stewart
Reader 1: Volunteer Reader 2: L Vella
Offertory: J & P Newley Ex Min: A Connelly
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: S E Hogan
Reader 1: J Sebastian Reader 2: R Kinsela
Offertory: Volunteers Ex Min: M Hayes/D Cumming
Altar Servers: S Robertson/A Kelly
Music: St Nicholas Choir
Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

St Nicholas Sunday 5.30pm
Commentator: G Galloway
Reader 1: S Sommerlad Reader 2: J Campbell
Offertory: M & R Gaffney Ex Min: T Dries
Altar Servers: S Hagley/M Lloyd
Music: N Greacen
Collection: Volunteers
Counting Team: G Bryant/A McGuirk/T Barrett
Sacristy Roster: C Whitten/K Bryant/L Prisk
Altar Linen: K Bryant

LENT began 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).

SCHEDULE for Stations of the Cross at 5.30pm

Friday, 23 February – St Nicholas School to Lead
Friday, 2 March – Parish Catechist to Lead
Friday, 9 March – St Vincent de Paul to Lead
Friday, 16 March – McCarthy College to Lead
Friday, 23 March – Parish Pastoral Council to Lead

Catholic Women Connecting is a group of women of all ages who meet in faith, friendship and fun. The first meeting of the St Nicholas group for this year will be held Tuesday 20th February from 6.30-7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. New members are most welcome.

WEEKLY ROSTER – 24/25 February

St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm
Commentator: P McDougall
Reader 1: Sr of Naz Reader: 2 C Allen
Offertory: George Family Ex Min: L Hansen
Altar Servers: A & R Biju
Music: K Harvey
Collection: M Hawthorne/B Morton/ G Cannon/B Campbell

St Mary's Sunday 7.30am
Commentator: B Thompson
Reader 1: J McGuirk Reader 2: B Virgen
Offertory: J & M Wallace Ex Min: M Andren
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: M Larkin
Reader 1: B Radebe Reader 2: C Belson
Offertory: Schutt Family Ex Min: M Keys/Volunteer
Altar Servers: T Schutt/J Smith
Music: St Nicholas Choir
Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

St Nicholas Sunday 5.30pm
Commentator: S van Aanholt
Reader 1: P Flynn Reader 2: H Buckman
Offertory: Hagley Family Ex Min: M van Aanholt
Altar Servers: S Hagley/H Buckman
Music: V Frost & R Richardson
Collection: Volunteers
Counting Team: B Williams/D Cumming/S van Aanholt
Sacristy Roster: CWC
Altar Linen: R Kinsela

Collection 4/2/2018	
1st Collection (Presbytery A/C):	\$ 1172.25
2nd Collection (Church A/C)	
- Planned Giving	\$ 2843.00
- Loose Collection	\$ 241.55
TOTAL	\$ 3084.55
Collection 11/2/2018	
1st Collection (Presbytery A/C):	\$ 1253.60
2nd Collection (Church A/C)	
- Planned Giving	\$ 2259.00
- Loose Collection	\$ 213.40
TOTAL	\$ 2472.40

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

MCCARTHY CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN DAY
Saturday 3 March 2018 11.00am – 1.00pm

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.