

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

18th March 2018

Sunday cycle B Weekday cycle 1

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LENT is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others.

ENTRANCE: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK: PSALTER: Wk. 1
Monday ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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

USE OF THE PARISH TOILET- Could all parents accompany their children when they use the parish toilet at the back of the Church.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY this weekend.

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.

SCHEDULE for Stations of the Cross

Friday, 23 March – Parish Pastoral Council to Lead **Baptisms this weekend:** Through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome into the saving mystery of Jesus Christ **Wyatt James Mooney**. Please pray for him, his parents and Godparents.

Anniversaries: March

Michael Adams, Ray Bible, Clare Birrell, Matthew Bourke, Thelma Byrnes, David (Dudley) Chandler, Austin (Bill) Clark, John Clohessy, Jeanette Cluff, Kenneth Coles, Roger Collier, Jack Cutcliffe, Garry Davis, David Dawson, Allen Delaney, Maria Deverell, Clarice Ferguson, Albert Fisher, Patricia Fisher, Cesare Furlan, Aileen Gaffney, Clifford Galloway, Erin Greentree, Raymond Hall, Storm Hayes-Taylor, Walter Hayter, James Hazel, Carmel Innis, Edwin (Jock) Kachel, Joyce Kerrison, Barbara Leonard, Harry Lindsay, Julie Lynch, Jason McGoldrick Una McIlveen, Henry Matthews, James Matthews, Carolyn Nihill, Moira O'Connor, Eileen Stewart, Audrey (Joy) Sutton, Patricia Thompson, Hope van Tilburg, Kevin Walters, John Wood.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Donald Ward.

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

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Una McIlveen (Anniv.), David (Dudley) Chandler (Anniv.), John Coyle, Nell Watson (Anniv. 30/3).

Parish Bulletin Deadline - All materials to be in by midday Wednesday. Contact the Parish Office 67662228 easttamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au

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. If anyone that would like to host a Home Rosary, please contact the Parish Office on 67662228 or Eileen.

Discovery Youth Camp is a Christian Youth camp, catering for high school students & young singles. The annual event is held at Lake Keepit Sport & Rec Centre near Tamworth. The 4 day program is packed with talks, skits, live music & a range of optional activities including kayaking, rock climbing, archery & a mud-run. It is a great way to make new friends & participate in activities that encourage spiritual growth & understanding of Christian faith. Dates for this year's Camp are Mon 16th to Frid 20th April. For information & to register please go to <http://www.discovery.org.au>

The Lenten & Easter Schedules are on the Notice Board at the back of the Church and on the Parish Website.

Holy Thursday Mass – Adoration at the Altar of Repose. Fr invites parishioners to stay after the end of Mass for Rosary & quiet time until 9pm, and/or if you wish also from 9pm to 10pm for Rosary & quiet time. Parishioners are asked to ensure there is always someone in the Church during this time.

Prayers for Priests - Saturday March 24th, following 9am Mass at St Nicholas.

WEEKLY ROSTER – 17/18 March

St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm
Commentator: P McDougall
Reader 1: Sr of Naz Reader 2: C Allen
Offertory: Shepherd Family Ex Min: K Ackhurst
Altar Servers: M Shvili/M Tyrell
Music: K Harvey
Collection: M Hawthorne/B Morton/ G Cannon/B Campbell

St Mary's Sunday 7.30am

Commentator: J Nolan
Reader 1: L Vella Reader 2: B Virgin
Offertory: J & D Murphy 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: A Bowden
Reader 1: J Sebastian Reader 2: S E Hogan
Offertory: R English/Volunteer Ex Min: R Kinsela/
A Nealon

Altar Servers: S/C Myers
Music: St Nicholas Choir
Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

St Nicholas Sunday 5.30pm

Commentator: R Dunst
Reader 1: B Thompson Reader 2: M Cantos
Offertory: Buckman Family Ex Min: P Flynn
Altar Servers: S Hagley/H Buckman
Music: N Greacen
Collection: Volunteers
Counting Team: B Thompson/P Heffernan
W Higgins/P Skewes

Sacristy Roster: K Bryant/L Prisk/C Whitten
Altar Linen: D Fitzgerald

Catholic Women's League Monthly Meeting – Wednesday March 28th at the Services Club, 12noon. If unable to attend, please phone Gwenn 67664106 no later than March 26th.

A MASS COUNT will be conducted at all Masses during the month of March.

The Parish is looking for someone who could spend a few hours each week to tend to the Presbytery gardens. If anyone is interested, please contact the Parish Office on 67662228.

First Tuesday of the Month - Mass & Sacrament of Anointing at the Tamworth Hospital Chapel, April 3rd, 2018 at 11:00 am Celebrant: Fr. Raj Gorantla.

Catechists - We had 3 of our Catechists resign at the end of 2017. On behalf of the Parish I would like to sincerely thank Francis Higgins (25yrs); Phil Heffernan (10yrs); & Marlene Keys (7yrs) for their years of faithfulness & dedication to this special ministry within the Church. Thank you.

PARISH RECONCILIATION will be held in St Nicholas Church on Monday, 26th March at 6pm.

WEEKLY ROSTER – 24/25 March/PALM Sunday

St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm
Commentator: E Smyth
Reader 1: J O'Connor Reader 2: A Biju
Passion: N: C Allen, J: Priest, O: K Ackhurst, C: Congregation
Offertory: M Clerly /P Wake Ex Min: L Hansen
Altar Servers: S & L McMullen
Music: K Harvey
Collection: M Hawthorne/B Morton/ G Cannon/B Campbell

St Mary's Sunday 7.30am

Commentator: G Quinn
Reader 1: J Wallace Reader 2: J Murphy
Passion: N: B Stewart, J: Priest, O: J Newley, C: Congregation
Offertory: C & N Leehy Ex Min: F Higgins
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: L McSweeney
Reader 1: A Davies Reader 2: M Gruer
Passion: N: M Larkin, O: A Bowden, J: Priest, C: Congregation
Offertory: M Hayes/M Keys Ex Min: A Hamilton/R English
Altar Servers: S Robertson/A Kelly
Music: St Nicholas Choir
Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

St Nicholas Sunday 5.30pm

Commentator: T Dries
Reader 1: A Hagley Reader 2: M Gaffney
Passion: N: P Hagley, J: Priest, O: S van Aanholt, C: Congregation

Offertory: Moy Family Ex Min: C Dries
Altar Servers: S Hagley/S Saji
Music: V Frost/R Richardson
Collection: Volunteers
Counting Team: G Bryant/A McGuirk
T Barrett

Sacristy Roster: CWC
Altar Linen: C Whitten

Collection: 4 March
1st Collection (Presbytery A/C): \$ 1344.10
2nd Collection (Church A/C)
- **Planned Giving \$ 2497.00**
- **Loose Collection \$ 304.65**
Total \$ 2801.65

Collection: 10 March
1st Collection (Presbytery A/C): \$ 1103.10
2nd Collection (Church A/C)
- **Planned Giving \$ 2226.40**
- **Loose Collection \$ 248.60**
Total \$ 2475.00

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Fr Christopher would like to encourage all children in the Parish to take part in the Prayers of the Faithful each Sunday at Mass. They would read two prayers after the Commentator & would receive these via email 2 weeks prior, so they are prepared. If any family would like to be involved there will be a board at the back of the church for your names, phone number & email address. A roster will be made up for the children.