

*Welcome to St Nicholas'
Catholic Parish Tamworth
For the
Third Sunday of Lent
24th March 2019*

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ENTRANCE: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The swallow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK: Psalter Week 3
Monday The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD

‘UNLESS YOU REPENT.’ When misfortune strikes people considered to be sinners, others might say: ‘They had it coming! God is punishing them!’ In today’s Gospel Jesus criticises such attitudes on two grounds. Firstly, it is wrong to see the wrath of God in every tragic event. Secondly, we need to recognise that we are all guilty of sin and in need of conversion. Instead of judging others, let us ask God to forgive our sins and help us as we undertake the difficult task of reform.

St Nicholas’ Liturgy this week:

Monday	St Nicholas’ Mass 7am The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD
Tuesday	St. Mary’s Liturgy of the Word 9am
Wednesday	St. Nicholas’ Liturgy of the Word 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

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

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.

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

Home Rosary Ministry - If anyone would like to host a Home Rosary, please contact the Parish Office on 67662228 or Eileen 0429667910.

Rosary & Adoration - After 7am Mass on Mondays till 8am.

COMING EVENTS

Home Rosary – Madeleine & Paul Hayes’ Home, March 25th at 10am. Please see address in drawer at back of Church.

St Nicholas Seniors Gathering Tuesday March 26th at Oxley Bowling Club, 1.30-4.15pm. New Members Welcome.

Catholic Women’s League Wednesday March 27th at Services Club (Russell Room), 12noon. Please advise 67664106 by Monday 25th if unable to attend.

The next Youth Mass will be Sunday March 31st, at 5.30pm. The parts of the Mass will be covered by young people in our Parish. Those who are already rostered on this day will be contacted as a courtesy.

The next **Eucharistic Adoration.** Friday 5th April 6.15 - 7.15pm.

St Nicholas Parish Pastoral Council will hold a Working Bee. 10 – 11.30am, Saturday April 6th to tidy the Church before Easter. There will be morning tea after. We will also have another Working Bee before Christmas.

Home Rosary – Joan & Peter Newley’s Home, April 15th at 5pm. Please see address in drawer at back of Church.

PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION - Wednesday 17th April at 6pm.

First Reconciliation 2019 – Wednesday 19th June at 6pm.

First Eucharist Masses 2019 – Saturday 22nd June 6pm
 Sunday 23rd June 9.30am

Confirmation Masses 2019 – Saturday 21st September at 6pm
 Sunday 22nd September at 9.30am

* Parents Information Meeting for these is Wednesday 3rd April 5.30pm (St Nicholas Church).

CHILDREN’S LITURGY: Children will be taking part in reading two of the Prayers of the Faithful each weekend at Mass. If any other child would like to participate, please contact the Parish Office.

LENTEN GROUPS – There is a board at the back of the Church indicating the groups for this year’s Lenten Season. Please place your name and a contact number for the group you would like to join. Also, if you need transport please place a tick in the box and transport will be organised.

The St Nicholas Parish will be holding a Parish Mission from 27th to 31st May 2019. It will be led by a team from Sydney, ‘The Catholic Guy’. You can also join them with a walk through Lent 2019.

LENT 2019 WITH BRUCE DOWNES THE CATHOLIC GUY. Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed! Come on a 40-day journey with me and I know this will be a powerful prayerful Lenten journey together. Receive a video each Sunday and an inspirational email each day during Lent. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: www.TheCatholicGuy.com/Lent or call 1300 734 880 for more info.

We invite anyone in our Parish, who would be interested in becoming a Reader/Commentator, Extraordinary Minister of Communion or an Altar Server for 2019. We have a **Clipboard on the table at the back of the Church** where you can place your details.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Anna, Joseph & All Souls deceased.

WEEKLY ROSTER – 23/24 March

St Nicholas’ Saturday 6pm
 Commentator: E Smyth
 Reader 1: M Rowland Reader 2: Sr of Naz
 Ex Min: C. Allen
 Altar Servers: B & E Scott Music: K Harvey
 Collection: M Hawthorne/D Raffaele/G Cannon/B Campbell

St Mary’s Sunday 7.30am
 Commentator: B Virgen
 Reader 1: J Wallace Reader 2: L Vella
 Ex Min: K King
 Altar Servers: S Downey Music: V Frost
 Collection: J Conlon/P Heffernan/B Andren/J Vella/B Higgins

St Nicholas’ Sunday 9.30am
 Commentator: G Mahony
 Reader 1: volunteer Reader 2: M Larkin
 Ex Min: R Kinsela/A Hamilton
 Altar Servers: volunteers Music: St Nicholas Choir
 Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

St Nicholas’ Sunday 5.30pm
 Commentator: volunteer
 Reader 1: G Galloway Reader 2: A Tijo
 Ex Min: S van Aanholt
 Altar Servers: F Tijo Music: V Frost/R Richardson
 Collection: volunteers
 Counting Team: B Thompson/P Heffernan/W Higgins/P Skewes
 Sacristy Roster: M Rice/G & M Moy Altar Linen: K Stewart

Collection: 17 March 2018	
<i>1st Collection (Presbytery A/C):</i>	\$ 1084.05
<i>2nd Collection (Church A/C)</i>	
- Planned Giving	\$ 1881.00
- Loose Collection	\$ 125.75
- Total	\$ 2006.75

LENT began Wednesday March 6th.

* Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial & 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 & floral decorations are very simple.

* Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of fast & 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).

Roster for Mass & Anointing to be held in 4 Nursing Homes

* **Abbas** – 9.30am – 1st Friday of the Month.
 * **Cottage Home** – 10.30am – 2nd Monday of the Month.
 * **Tamworth Gardens** - 3rd Thursday of the Month
 * **Bupa** – 10.30am – 4th Thursday of the Month
 * **Mass at Hospital Chapel** – 4pm – on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month.

Plenary Council (PC) – What happens next?

The National Centre for Pastoral Research (N) conducts a qualitative & quantitative analysis of submissions received using best practices research methods & will identify key themes emerging.

In May – the Bishops commission for the (PC), Executive Committee (PC), and Facilitation team meet with (N) to finalise National Themes for Discernment (T).

(T) becomes focus for listening & Discernment phase & will be the foundation for (PC) agenda.

WEEKLY ROSTER – 30/31 March

St Nicholas’ Saturday 6pm
 Commentator: C Allen
 Reader 1: S Barrett Reader 2: L Hansen
 Ex Min: M Clery
 Altar Servers: A. George Music: K Harvey
 Collection: M Hawthorne/D Raffaele/G Cannon/B Campbell

St Mary’s Sunday 7.30am
 Commentator: J Scott
 Reader 1: B Thompson Reader 2: J Murphy
 Ex Min: J Wallace
 Altar Servers: S Downey Music: V Frost
 Collection: J Conlon/P Heffernan/B Andren/J Vella/B Higgins

St Nicholas’ Sunday 9.30am
 Commentator: B Cumming
 Reader 1: H Rowsell Reader 2: R Kinsela
 Ex Min: J Hatfield/A Nealon
 Altar Servers: volunteers Music: St Nicholas Choir
 Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

St Nicholas’ Sunday 5.30pm – YOUTH MASS

Commentator:
 Reader 1: Reader 2:
 Ex Min:
 Altar Servers: Music:
 Collection: volunteers
 Counting Team: G Bryant/A McGuirk/T Barrett
 Sacristy Roster: L & P Prisk Altar Linen: D Fitzgerald

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, Donald Ward, Hope Russell, Colin McCudden.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Darren Graham; Margaret Brogan, Bill Press, Rita Sutton, Betty Garrett, Brindley Cavallaro (Sydney), Nicole Lewis, Pat Mooney, Fr Bernie Melville, Ken Michell, Dalton Lewis, Brian Mercovich, Deame Law, John O’Connor, Peter McGarry, Robyn Plunkett.

BAPTISMS: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome **Thomas & Lucinda Crockett, Eli Stewart, Dylan Ginman.**

SCHEDULE FOR THOSE LEADING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 5.30pm

Friday, March 29th – St Vincent de Paul
 Friday, April 5th – McCarthy Catholic College
 Friday, April 12th – Parish Pastoral Council

ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME TO ATTEND!!!

THE PRIESTS WILL BE AWAY AT A CLERGY ASSEMBLY On Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th March.

The Statue of Mary on the outside of St Mary’s Church North Tamworth needs some restoration. Anyone who would like to sponsor this work, could you please speak with Fr Christopher.