

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

11th March 2018

Sunday cycle B Weekday cycle 1

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ENTRANCE: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the land, to praise the name of the Lord.

SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK: PSALTER: Wk. 4
Saturday St Patrick, bishop

St Nicholas' Liturgy this week:

Monday St Nicholas' Mass 7am
Tuesday St Mary's Mass 9am
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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.

CHRISM MASS – In Armidale 27th March at 11am. The parishioners wishing to attend and stay for lunch, could you please put your name and phone number on the board at the back of the Church **before 13th March** for catering purposes.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY this weekend.

Baptisms this weekend: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome into the saving mystery of Jesus Christ **Harry McCulloch, Aubrey Pearson, Lotte Moore, Lachlan Michell, Max Michell & Finn Michell** please pray for them, their parents and Godparents.

Dominican Laity Meeting Sunday March 18th – 59 King St Tamworth at 2pm.

Marriages this weekend: We pray for **Courtney Shanahan & Steven Tran** who celebrated Christian Marriage this weekend.

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 McLveen, 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: Christopher Roche.

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

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: 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.

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.

There is a board at the back of St Mary's & St Nicholas' Churches for those who would like to indicate to have their feet washed at Mass on Holy Thursday.

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.

Discovery Youth Camp is a Christian Youth camp, catering for high school students & young singles. The annual event 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>

St Nicholas Seniors Fortnightly Gathering – Tuesday, March 13th, at Oxley Bowling Club 1.30pm. New Members are always welcome.

WEEKLY ROSTER – 10/11 March

St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm
Commentator: K Ackhurst
Reader 1: L Hansen Reader: 2 L Hawthorne
Offertory: Tyrell Family Ex Min: C Allen
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: B Thompson
Reader 1: J Murphy Reader 2: J McGuirk
Offertory: J Nolan/Volunteer 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: H Rowsell
Reader 1: L Prisk Reader 2: P Prisk
Offertory: McMullen Family Ex Min: L McSweeney/
J Hatfield
Altar Servers: D Rajeev/E Riley
Music: St Nicholas Choir
Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

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

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).

VOLUNTEER WITH PALMS AUSTRALIA – Get out there and be the Church, "bruised, hurting & dirty". Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati & Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals & build capacity. Palms volunteers don't do quick fixes but, **immerse themselves in overseas communities** for long-term skill exchange. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills. **Contact Christine at Palms on 02 9560 5333 or go to www.palms.org.au/volunteer/**
A letter from Bishop Kennedy can be found on the notice board and table at the back of the Church.

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

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

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

Collection: 25 February
1st Collection (Presbytery A/C): \$ 1197.55
2nd Collection (Church A/C)
- **Planned Giving \$ 2221.00**
- **Loose Collection \$ 205.65**
- **Total \$ 2426.65**

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**

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.

SCHEDULE for Stations of the Cross
Friday, 16 March – McCarthy College to Lead
Friday, 23 March – Parish Pastoral Council to Lead