

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

**25<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**Sunday cycle B Weekday cycle 1**

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**ENTRANCE:** Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

**SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK: PSALTER: NIL Wk. 2**

**'LISTEN TO HIM.'** Jesus revealed his oneness with sinful humanity by his baptism in the river Jordan. On the mount of transfiguration, he revealed his oneness with God who proclaims, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' It takes faith to listen to Jesus, who teaches that the path of life leads along the way of the cross. But, as Abraham learned, if we put our faith in God our reward will be great.

**St Nicholas' Liturgy this week:**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>St Nicholas' Mass 7am</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>St Mary's Mass 9am</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>St Nicholas' Mass 7am</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>St Mary's Mass 9am</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>St Nicholas' Mass 7am</b>
	<b>Stations of the Cross 5.30pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>St Nicholas' Mass 9am</b>
	<b>Vigil Mass 6pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>St Nicholas' 9.30am &amp; 5.30pm</b>
	<b>St Mary's 7.30am Mass</b>

<b>TAMWORTH RECONCILIATION TIMES:</b> <b>St Nicholas' Saturday 4pm – 5.30pm</b>
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CHILDREN'S LITURGY THIS SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> February.

**CATECHISTS will be commissioned at all Masses this weekend.**

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

**Baptisms this weekend:** Through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome into the saving mystery of Jesus Christ **Sophie Leys, Talia Edler, Thomas Cunningham & Evie Cunningham.** Please pray for them, their parents and godparents

**Anniversaries: February**

Clive Andrews, William Brady, Doris Brazel, Francis (Ron) Briscoe-Hough, Queenie Bryant, Maxwell Burke, John Cliff, 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:** Christopher Roche.

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

**MASS INTENTIONS: Jean Hutt.**

**Parish Bulletin Deadline** - All materials to be in by midday Wednesday. Contact the Parish Office 67662228 [easttamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au](mailto:easttamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au)

<b>Home Rosary Ministry</b> 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.
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**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.

**ST NICHOLAS SENIORS** – Gathering on Tuesday February 27 at Oxley Bowling Club Piper Street at 1.30pm. New members always welcome.

**SCHEDULE for Stations of the Cross at 5.30pm**

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

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** – Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10am at The Salvation Army, Goonoo Goonoo Rd Tamworth. All 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 Virgin  
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  
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**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).

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

**There will be a board at the back of St Mary's & St Nicholas' Churches next weekend 3/4 March for those who would like to indicate to have their feet washed at Mass on Holy Thursday.**

**WEEKLY ROSTER – 3/4 March**

**St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm**  
Commentator: J O'Connor  
Reader 1: G McDougall Reader: 2 E Smyth  
Offertory: Shvili Family Ex Min: M Clerly  
Altar Servers: R Biju  
Music: K Harvey  
Collection: M Hawthorne/B Morton/ G Cannon/B Campbell

**St Mary's Sunday 7.30am**

Commentator: J Wallace  
Reader 1: J Newley Reader 2: G Quinn  
Offertory: L & J Vella 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: B Cumming  
Reader 1: L Roberts Reader 2: D Cumming  
Offertory: L McSweeney/L Neaves Ex Min: P Prisk/  
A Bowden  
Altar Servers: A & C Uy  
Music: St Nicholas Choir  
Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

**St Nicholas Sunday 5.30pm**

Commentator: J Clerly  
Reader 1: G Moy Reader 2: M Moy  
Offertory: G & T Galloway Ex Min: H Miles  
Altar Servers: S Hagley/S Saji  
Music: V Frost, R Richardson, E Best  
Collection: Volunteers  
Counting Team: T Heazlett/L Koch/B Stewart  
Sacristy Roster: C Petty/B Ryan/K Stewart

**Collection: 14 February**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Collection (Presbytery A/C): \$ 1253.60**  
**\*\*2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Church A/C)\*\*\*\*\***

	<b>Planned Giving \$ 2259.00</b>
- Loose Collection	<b>\$ 213.40</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2472.40</b>
<b>Collection: 18 February</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection (Presbytery A/C):</b>	<b>\$ 1166.70</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Church A/C)</b>	
- Planned Giving	<b>\$ 1022.00</b>
- Loose Collection	<b>\$ 232.30</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1254.30</b>

**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](mailto:naomi@armidale.catholic.org.au) or 67718700.

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