

# Welcome to St Nicholas' Catholic Parish Tamworth

## For the First Sunday of Lent

### 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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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: NIL**  
Psalter Week 1

**TEMPTED BY THE DEVIL.** The temptations experienced by Jesus in the wilderness were not temptations to moral evil as we usually understand it. They were not temptations to steal or murder or commit adultery. They were far more subtle: to give priority to material comfort, to have power over others, to test God. During Lent, let us take some time to examine our own attitudes: are we giving priority to God or in subtle ways putting ourselves first and God second?

### 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>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>

**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](mailto: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.

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

### COMING EVENTS

St Nicholas Seniors Gathering Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup> at Oxley Bowling Club, 1.30-4.15pm. All Welcome.

Dominican Laity meeting next Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> at 23 Sapphire Crescent, 2pm.

The next Eucharistic Adoration. Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup> 6.15pm to 7.15pm

Prayer for Priests Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, following 9am Mass at St Nicholas'.

Home Rosary – Madeleine & Paul Hayes' Home, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Please see address in drawer at back of Church.

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

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

The next Youth Mass will be Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup>, 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.

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

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

**PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>**  
April at 6pm.

**First Reconciliation 2019** – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm.

**First Eucharist Masses 2019** – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 6pm  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 9.30am

**Confirmation Masses 2019** – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 6pm  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 9.30am

\* Parents Information Meeting for these is Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 5.30pm (St Nicholas Church).

### LENT began Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup>.

\* 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).

**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.

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

### WEEKLY ROSTER – 9/10 March

**St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm**  
Commentator: L Hansen  
Reader 1: G McDougall Reader 2: K Ackhurst  
Ex Min: L Hansen  
Altar Servers: M Shvili/M Tyrrell Music: K Harvey  
Collection: M Hawthorne/D Raffaele /G Cannon/B Campbell

**St Mary's Sunday 7.30am**  
Commentator: B Thompson  
Reader 1: G Quinn Reader 2: J Nolan  
Ex Min: M Andren  
Altar Servers: S Downey Music: V Frost  
Collection: J Conlon/P Heffernan/B Andren/J Vella/B Higgins

**St Nicholas' Sunday 9.30am**  
Commentator: D Cumming  
Reader 1: P Belson Reader 2: C Belson  
Ex Min: A Bowden/L Prisk  
Altar Servers: E Riley Music: St Nicholas Choir  
Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

**St Nicholas' Sunday 5.30pm**  
Commentator: J Clery  
Reader 1: C Dries Reader 2: T Dries  
Ex Min: C Wheaton  
Altar Servers: H Buckman Music: Pinoy Choir  
Collection: volunteers  
Counting Team: T Heazlett/L Koch/B Stewart  
Sacristy Roster: B & J Ryan/K & B Stewart  
Altar Linen: R Kinsela

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<b>Collection: 3 March/2018</b>	
<i>1st Collection (Presbytery A/C):</i>	\$ 1094.50
<i>2nd Collection (Church A/C)</i>	
- Planned Giving	\$ 2111.10
- Loose Collection	\$ 177.45
- Total	\$ 2288.55

**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.

**Roster for Mass & Anointing to be held in 4 Nursing Homes**  
\* **Abbas** – 9.30am – 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month.  
\* **Cottage Home** – 10.30am – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month.  
\* **Tamworth Gardens** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month  
\* **Bupa** – 10.30am – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the Month

\* **Mass at Hospital Chapel** – 4pm – on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month.

**The St Nicholas Parish will be holding a Parish Mission from 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.TheCatholicGuy.com/Lent) or call 1300 734 880 for more info.

The Statue of St Mary's 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.

### WEEKLY ROSTER – 16/17 March

**St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm**  
Commentator: M Rowland  
Reader 1: C Allen Reader 2: E Smyth  
Ex Min: K Ackhurst  
Altar Servers: S McMullen Music: K Harvey  
Collection: M Hawthorne/D Raffaele /G Cannon/B Campbell

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

**St Nicholas' Sunday 9.30am**  
Commentator: L McSweeney  
Reader 1: D Fitzgerald Reader 2: P Mahony  
Ex Min: M Keys/D Cumming  
Altar Servers: D Rajeev Music: St Nicholas Choir  
Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

**St Nicholas' Sunday 5.30pm**  
Commentator: R Dunst  
Reader 1: J Campbell Reader 2: P Flynn  
Ex Min: H Miles  
Altar Servers: S Saji Music: N Greacen  
Collection: volunteers  
Counting Team: P & G McDougall  
Sacristy Roster: C Whitten/G Quinn Altar Linen: V Mundy

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**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 Tierney, Pat Mooney, Fr Bernie Melville, Ken Michell, Dalton Lewis, Brian Mercovich, Dearne Law, John O'Connor.

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Nell Watson (Ann. 30<sup>th</sup> March).

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

Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – St Nicholas School  
Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Parish Catechists  
Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – St Vincent de Paul  
Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – McCarthy Catholic College  
Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – Parish Pastoral Council  
**ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME TO ATTEND!!!**

St Joseph's School West Tamworth celebrate their Centenary, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Mass at St Patrick's Church 9am, followed by morning tea, school tour & formal luncheon at West Tamworth League Club. Tickets **must be purchased** by 11<sup>th</sup> March at St Joseph's School Office. \$35- Adult & \$10-child. (2 courses). RSVP 11/3/19 on 67654079 [sjtadmin@arm.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sjtadmin@arm.catholic.edu.au)