

Welcome to St Nicholas' Catholic Parish Tamworth

For the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th February 2019

CATECHIST SUNDAY

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ENTRANCE: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK: Psalter Week 2

Friday The Chair of St Peter, apostle
Saturday St Polycarp, bishop, martyr

TRUST IN A YEAR OF DROUGHT. It is hard to imagine families on the land having no worries in a year of drought. They are fortunate if they are able to put their hope and trust in God in such a difficult time. Happy also are the poor, the hungry and the sorrowful if they turn to God in their plight, Today's Scripture readings call for an heroic trust in God, a trust that will bring great rewards in heaven and surprising rewards on earth as well.

St Nicholas' Liturgy this week:

Monday St Nicholas' Mass 7am
Tuesday St Mary's Mass 9am
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The Chair of St Peter, apostle
Saturday St Nicholas' Mass 9am
St Polycarp, bishop, martyr
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

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

COMING EVENTS

Dominican Laity Monthly Meeting TODAY Sunday 17th February at 59 King St at 2pm.

The next Eucharistic Adoration will be held February 22nd, 6pm to 7pm.

The next Youth Mass will be Sunday February 24th 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 Seniors Gathering on Tuesday 26th February at Oxley Bowling Club 1.30-4.15pm. New members always welcome.

Catholic Women's League First Meeting of the year and also Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 27th February. Annual Subscription due and payable on this date. Meeting in the Russell Room at the Services Club 12noon. Please phone 67664106 by February 25th if unable to attend.

HOME ROSARY: Brian & Robyn Burke will hold a Rosary in their home, Thursday 28th February at 6pm. If you are interested in attending the address is in the draw at the back of the Church.

ASH WEDNESDAY – March 6th.
Masses will be - 7am at St Nicholas & 6pm at St Mary's

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

Plenary Council 2020 – What is God asking of us in Australia at this time

The Plenary Council for the Church in Australia is going to take place over two sessions: The first in 2020 and the second in 2021. A Plenary Council is a forum for Church leaders to consider contemporary issues in light of the Gospel & to respond in terms of faith, morals, governance, discipline & worship. Some Questions to think about: - Going forward, what are our aspirations for family, parish and school: - How to support them: - How do we keep our gaze fixed upon Jesus Christ to ensure the Church inspires & serves the world? - Passing on the faith: - How do we continue this tradition? The present-day Church in Australia has been humiliated & persecuted in some ways. How do we build resilience & hope in the hearts of the faithful & rebuild the Church's credibility? **A box has been placed at the back of the Church** for Parishioners to place their submissions, or it can be submitted online to the Parish website easttamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au These will be compiled & sent as a submission coming from the Parish of St Nicholas. "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

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

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

MARRIAGES: We pray for **Laura Walton & Michael Murray** who celebrated Christian Marriage this weekend.

WEEKLY ROSTER – 16/17 February

St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm
Commentator: A Jones
Reader 1: Sr of Naz Reader 2: L Hansen
Ex Min: P McDougall
Altar Servers: S McMullen Music: K Harvey
Collection: M Hawthorne/B Morton/G Cannon/B Campbell

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

St Nicholas' Sunday 9.30am
Commentator: volunteer
Reader 1: D Cumming Reader 2: G Mahony
Ex Min: J Hatfield/A Nealon
Altar Servers: D Rajeev
Music: St Nicholas Choir
Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

St Nicholas' Sunday 5.30pm
Commentator: G Galloway
Reader 1: G Moy Reader 2: R Dunst
Ex Min: P Hagley
Altar Servers: volunteer Music: N Greacen
Collection: volunteers
Counting Team: B Thompson/P Heffernan/W Higgins/P Skewes
Sacristy Roster: M Rice/G & M Moy
Altar Linen: C Whitten

Collection: 10 February 2018
1st Collection (Presbytery A/C): \$ 1194.75
2nd Collection (Church A/C)
- Planned Giving \$ 2566.00
- Loose Collection \$ 236.20
- Total \$ 2802.20

We would like to 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.

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.

A special additional collection is being taken up 23/24th February to support the work of two religious orders who have priests ministering in the Diocese – the La Salettes and the Rogationists. All monies donated will be shared equally with these Orders for use in their apostolic works. Please be generous in your support of this collection. The Diocese is aiming to raise a minimum \$10,000 to be shared between these Orders. Our target in our Parish is \$878.

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

WEEKLY ROSTER – 23/24 February

St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm
Commentator: K Ackhurst
Reader 1: S Barrett Reader 2: P Skewes
Ex Min: E Smyth
Altar Servers: B & E Scott Music: K Harvey
Collection: M Hawthorne/B Morton/G Cannon/B Campbell

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

St Nicholas' Sunday 9.30am
Commentator: P Prisk
Reader 1: L Prisk Reader 2: M Gruer
Ex Min: A Hamilton/volunteer
Altar Servers: volunteer
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: volunteer Music: Youth Mass
Collection: volunteers
Counting Team: G Bryant/A McGuirk/T Barrett
Sacristy Roster: L Prisk/P Prisk
Altar Linen: L Prisk

ANNIVERSARIES: February

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

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.

BAPTISMS: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome Kingston Thomas.

SPECIAL INTENTION: Roberto Cruz Silvestre (Rec Dec), Philip Riley (Rec Dec), Mary Riley (Rec Dec).

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.

We welcome to St Nicholas' this weekend our new Assistant Priest Fr Francis Afu.