

*Welcome to St Nicholas'
Catholic Parish Tamworth
For
The BAPTISM of the LORD*

13th January 2019

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ENTRANCE: After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK: Psalter Week 1
Thursday St Anthony, abbot

THE CLEANSING WATERS OF RE-BIRTH. In Luke's Gospel, the baptism of Jesus marks the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of a new era, that of the saving ministry of Jesus. This feast, which occurs early in the new year, is a good time for us to resolve to begin a new era in our own lives. Putting the past behind us, let us commit ourselves to making a fresh start in our service and love of our brothers and sisters.

St Nicholas' Liturgy this week:

Monday St Nicholas' Mass 7am
Tuesday St Mary's Mass 9am
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St Anthony, abbot
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

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

COMING EVENTS

The next Eucharistic Adoration will be held January 25th, 6pm to 7pm.

The next Youth Mass will be Sunday January 27th 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.

AUSTRALIA DAY MASS 28th January 2019 at 9am at St Nicholas' Church.

Calling all men – menALIVE Brisbane with menALIVE Armidale will conduct 'menALIVE Parish Weekend' – Sat & Sun 16/17 Feb 2019 – St Alberts College, Armidale, Ph Cathedral – 67722218 or armidalemenalive@gmail.com

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 2nd September at 6pm
Sunday 3rd September at 9.30am

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

The Bishop has made some changes in the Diocese to take effect in February. Fr Jayaraj Gorantla will be leaving us to go to Inverell. Fr Francis Afu will be coming to St Nicholas as Assistant Priest. Fr Christopher has been appointed Parish Priest here at St Nicholas for the next 6 years.

There will be a Farewell to Fr Raj on Sunday 10 February at the 9.30am Mass, with Morning Tea after. There will be envelopes available the weekend before, for Fr Raj's Testimonial.

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.

Fr Christopher has a few items in the garage which he is eager to get rid of. There are 2 wardrobes with shelves that are free to anyone who can use them. There are a few other items if anyone would like to look. But also, the stand that was specially built for the Statue of St Nicholas is also for sale. If interested please see Fr Christopher.



12/13 January 2019

Counting Team: B Thompson/P Heffernan/W Higgins/P Skewes
Sacristy Roster: M Rice/M & G Moy
Altar Linen: M Clerly

19/20 January 2019

Counting Team: G Bryant/A McGuirk/T Barrett
Sacristy Roster: L & P Prisk
Altar Linen: R Kinsela

THERE WILL BE NO ROSTER FROM CHRISTMAS TO THE BEGINNING OF FEBRUARY. COULD EVERYONE PLEASE VOLUNTEER THEIR SERVICES OF READING, COMMENTATING AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTRY OF COMMUNION DURING THIS TIME.

The Counting, Sacristy & Altar Linen Roster will continue.

Collection: 6 January/2019

1st Collection (Presbytery A/C): \$ 1069.05
2nd Collection (Church A/C)
- Planned Giving \$ 3437.00
- Loose Collection \$ 250.95
- Total \$ 3687.95

Christmas Dues: \$ 1230.00

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 and to respond in terms of faith, morals, governance, discipline and 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 and 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 they can be submitted online to the Parish website easttamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au which will be compiled and 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?"**

A person from the Plenary Council team will speak this weekend at all Masses.

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

Lenten Groups 2019 – There will be a board at the back of the Church in coming weeks for anyone wishing to put their name down to join one of the groups.

ANNIVERSARIES: January

Sibille Anthony, Clifford Barber, Marie Barrett, Arnold Betts, Lucca Borzellega, Voltaire (Vic) Bower, Nancy Bussell, Kathleen Carey, Patricia Cassin, George Collins, Denis Costigan, Sidney (Ken) Coulton, Michael Cuddigan, Kevin Evans, Hammond Faddy, Troy Frazer, Garry Gifford, Nathan Hall, Dawn Henderson, Lola Hughes, Leo Hunt, Marie Hynes, Gwendoline Lehnert, Mary Lodge, Hilton Lynch, Kathleen Lynch, Whyatt Mangan, Bede Matthews, Edith Mitchell, James (Jamie) Mitchell, Eileen Morris, Therese (Julianne) O'Connor, Neil (Noel) O'Rourke, Gwendoline Parkes, Nellie Prisk, Bernard Redden, Jane Redden, Audrey Renehan, Julian Rice, Peter Ryan, Joseph Shanahan, Daphne Speare, Pauline Taylor, Catherine Temperley, Fran Thier, Mary Thompson, Sr Patricia Thompson, John Tufrey, John Wall, Anthony Walmsley, Margaret Watson, Alan Welsh, Damien Wetherall, George Wilson, Lenore Steel, Patricia Berman, Kenneth Kellahan, Josephine O'Neill, Yvonne Henshaw, Jean Hutt, Elsie Frost.

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, Margaret Brown (Molong).

RECENTLY DECEASED: Elizabeth Fyffe, Robert Sweeney.

BAPTISM: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome **Ella Hardy.**

If anyone missed the formation session held on Saturday, we will be holding another in a few weeks' time. Could you please leave your name and details on the board at the back of the Church if you wish to attend the next session.

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

