

# Welcome to St Nicholas' Catholic Parish Tamworth

## For the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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**ENTRANCE:** O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

**SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK: Psalter Week 1**  
**Thursday** Sts Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop

**I AM A SINNER.** In today's Scripture readings the prophet Isaiah, the apostle Paul, and the apostle Peter each acknowledges that he is a sinner: 'I am a man of unclean lips', cries Isaiah; 'I persecuted the Church of God', confesses Paul; 'I am a sinful man', says Peter. They know their need of forgiveness but they are also aware of the power of God at work in them. We too are sinners, but if we have faith in the grace of God working within us, we can be great missionaries as well.

### St Nicholas' Liturgy this week:

**Monday** St Nicholas' Mass 7am  
**Tuesday** St Mary's Mass 9am  
**Wednesday** St Nicholas' Mass 7am  
**Thursday** St Mary's Mass 9am  
Sts Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop  
**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](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.

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

### COMING EVENTS

**ST NICHOLAS SENIORS – First Gathering for 2019, THIS COMING TUESDAY, February 12<sup>th</sup> at the Oxley Bowling Club 1.30 - 4.15pm.** New members are always welcome.

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

The next Youth Mass will be Sunday February 24<sup>th</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.

**HOME ROSARY:** Brian & Robyn Burke will hold a Rosary in their home, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm.

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

**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

### 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 they can be submitted online to the Parish website [easttamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au](mailto: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?"

A special additional collection is being taken up 23/24<sup>th</sup> 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. **lease 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.**

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 this Sunday 10 February at the 9.30am Mass, with Morning Tea after.**

### WEEKLY ROSTER – 9/10 February

**St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm**  
Commentator: P McDougall  
Reader 1: E Smyth Reader 2: M Rowland  
Ex Min: C Allen  
Altar Servers: M Shvili/M Tyrrell Music: K Harvey  
Collection: M Hawthorne/B Morton/G Cannon/B Campbell

**St Mary's Sunday 7.30am**  
Commentator: J Newley  
Reader 1: J McGuirk Reader 2: J Wallace  
Ex Min: K King  
Altar Servers: 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 McSweeney Reader 2: A Bowden  
Ex Min: R Kinsela/R English  
Altar Servers: E Riley  
Music: St Nicholas Choir  
Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

**St Nicholas' Sunday 5.30pm**  
Commentator: C Wheaton  
Reader 1: H Buckman Reader 2: S Sommerlad  
Ex Min: H Barril  
Altar Servers: S Saji Music: Pinoy Choir  
Collection: volunteers  
Counting Team: P & G McDougall  
Sacristy Roster: C Whitten/G Quinn  
Altar Linen: D Fitzgerald

**Collection: 3 February/2018**  
1st Collection (Presbytery A/C): \$ 1166.25  
2nd Collection (Church A/C)  
- Planned Giving \$ 2191.00  
- Loose Collection \$ 220.45  
- Total \$ 2411.45

**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.**

**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.



### 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: A Davies  
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

### 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 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, Deame Law, John O'Connor.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Mary Riley, Marjorie Tallar.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Fr Tom Shanahan & Marie Deans.

**BAPTISMS:** Through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome **Sofia Chittick & Paddy Walsh.**

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