

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

**4<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Sunday cycle B Weekday cycle 1**

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**ENTRANCE:** My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

**SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK: PSALTER: NIL**  
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**'I AM THE LORD, YOUR GOD.'** The Ten Commandments are as valid today as when they were first given by God to Moses on Mt Sinai. They teach us how to live in the right relationship with God and with one another. If we seek to live by commandments we will avoid the trap of materialism, of being more concerned with buying, selling, and making money, than with loving God and our neighbour.

**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  
**Friday** St Nicholas' Mass 7am  
**Stations of the Cross 5.30pm**  
**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

**Welcome to our first Family Mass for 2018**

**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 **Isla Collins** please pray for her, her parents and Godparents.

**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.

**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).

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Tom Hawthorne & his family, John Foggiano (Anniversary), Doug McIlveen (Anniversary).

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

**Home Rosary Ministry**

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.

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

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

**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.

**A MASS COUNT will be conducted at all Masses during the month of March.**

**SCHEDULE for Stations of the Cross**

Friday, 9 March – St Vincent de Paul to Lead  
 Friday, 16 March – McCarthy College to Lead  
 Friday, 23 March – Parish Pastoral Council to Lead

**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 Clery  
 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 Clery  
 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  
 Altar Linen: V Mundy

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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.

**VOLUNTEER WITH PALMS AUSTRALIA** – Get out there and be the Church, "bruised, hurting & dirty". Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati & Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals & build capacity. Palms volunteers don't do quick fixes but, **immerse themselves in overseas communities** for long-term skill exchange. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, **share them with our global family!** Contact Christine at Palms on 02 9560 5333 or go to [www.palms.org.au/volunteer/](http://www.palms.org.au/volunteer/)

A letter about this from Bishop Kennedy can be found on the notice board and table at the back of the Church.

**WEEKLY ROSTER – 10/11 March**

**St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm**  
 Commentator: K Ackhurst  
 Reader 1: L Hansen Reader: 2 L Hawthorne  
 Offertory: Tyrell Family Ex Min: S Barrett  
 Altar Servers: W/H/A George  
 Music: K Harvey  
 Collection: M Hawthorne/B Morton/ G Cannon/B Campbell

**St Mary's Sunday 7.30am**

Commentator: B Thompson  
 Reader 1: J Murphy Reader 2: J McGuirk  
 Offertory: J Nolan/Volunteer Ex Min: K King  
 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: H Rowsell  
 Reader 1: L Prisk Reader 2: P Prisk  
 Offertory: McMullen Family Ex Min: L McSweeney/  
 J Hatfield  
 Altar Servers: D Rajeev/E Riley  
 Music: St Nicholas Choir  
 Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

**St Nicholas Sunday 5.30pm**

Commentator: M Moy  
 Reader 1: C Dries Reader 2: T Dries  
 Offertory: J & B Campbell Ex Min: C Wheaton  
 Altar Servers: S Hagley/M Lloyd  
 Music: Pinoy Choir  
 Collection: Volunteers  
 Counting Team: P & G McDougall  
 Sacristy Roster: M Rice/G & M Moy  
 Altar Linen: K Stewart

<b>Collection: 18 February</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection (Presbytery A/C):</b>	<b>\$ 1253.60</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Church A/C)</b>	
- <b>Planned Giving</b>	<b>\$ 1606.00</b>
- <b>Loose Collection</b>	<b>\$ 232.30</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1838.30</b>

<b>Collection: 25 February</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection (Presbytery A/C):</b>	<b>\$ 1197.55</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Church A/C)</b>	
- <b>Planned Giving</b>	<b>\$ 2221.00</b>
- <b>Loose Collection</b>	<b>\$ 205.65</b>

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Fr Christopher would like to encourage all children in the Parish to take part in the Prayers of the Faithful each Sunday at Mass. They would read two prayers after the Commentator and would receive these via email 2 weeks prior, so they are prepared. If any family would like to be involved there will be a board at the back of the church for your names, phone number and email address. A roster will be made up for the children.

**A member from the Children's Liturgy team will speak after Communion this Sunday at the 9.30am Mass.**