

Welcome to St Nicholas' Catholic Parish Tamworth

For the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th January 2019

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ENTRANCE: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK: Psalter Week 3

Monday St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor
Thursday St John Bosco, priest
Saturday The Presentation of the Lord

'THIS TEXT IS BEING FULFILLED TODAY.' The Sacred Scriptures that are proclaimed at Mass recall incidents from the past and point to the future but most especially they affirm the presence of God among us now. This day we are called to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to all who are bound up in any way. Today we are called to be the Body of Christ in our world. The Sacred Scriptures have meaning when we can say with Jesus: 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

St Nicholas' Liturgy this week:

Monday St Nicholas' Mass 9am
AUSTALIA DAY MASS
 St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor
Tuesday St Mary's Mass 9am
Wednesday St Nicholas' Mass 7am
Thursday St Mary's Mass 9am
 St John Bosco, priest
Friday St Nicholas' Mass 7am
Saturday St Nicholas' Mass 9am
 The Presentation of the Lord
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

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

The next Eucharistic Adoration will be held February 5th, 6pm to 7pm.

menALIVE Weekend is SOON. It is happening on the weekend of 9 & 10 February 2019 at St Albert's College Armidale. Like thousands of other Catholic men who have already been on menALIVE weekends, you will be inspired and encouraged to renew your faith and rediscover God's purpose in your life. Experienced leaders from menALIVE will be running the weekend. There is still time to register. Registration forms are available at the back of the Church or contact armidalemenalive@gmail.com or the Parish Office on 67662228.

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.

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 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 These 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?"

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Children 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.

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

26/27 January 2019

Counting Team: B Williams/D Cumming/S van Aanholt
 Sacristy Roster: CWC Altar Linen: V Mundy

WEEKLY ROSTER – 2/3 February

St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm
 Commentator: G McDougall
 Reader 1: K Ackhurst Reader 2: C Allen
 Ex Min: M Clery
 Altar Servers: A George Music: K Harvey
 Collection: M Hawthorne/B Morton/G Cannon/B Campbell

St Mary's Sunday 7.30am

Commentator: G Quinn
 Reader 1: J Nolan Reader 2: J Scott
 Ex Min: M Andren
 Altar Servers: Music: V Frost
 Collection: J Conlon/P Heffernan/B Andren/J Vella/B Higgins

St Nicholas' Sunday 9.30am

Commentator: M Larkin
 Reader 1: L Roberts Reader 2: B Cumming
 Ex Min: M Keys/D Cumming
 Altar Servers: volunteers Music: St Nicholas Choir
 Collection: T Kilroy/M Gruer/J Cox

St Nicholas' Sunday 5.30pm

Commentator: E Cushan
 Reader 1: M Gaffney Reader 2: S van Aanholt
 Ex Min: S Sommerlad
 Altar Servers: H Buckman
 Music: V Frost/R Richardson Collection: volunteers
 Counting Team: T Heazlett/L Koch/B Stewart
 Sacristy Roster: B & J Ryan/K & B Stewart
 Altar Linen: K Stewart

Collection: 20 January/2018
 1st Collection (Presbytery A/C): \$ 1371.10
 2nd Collection (Church A/C)
 - Planned Giving \$ 1683.00
 - Loose Collection \$ 330.70
 - Total \$ 2013.70

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.

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.

First Reconciliation 2019 – Wednesday 19th June at 6pm.

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)

* See Parish Notice Board or Website

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: A Tijo
 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

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, Deame Law, John O'Connor, Margaret Brown (Molong)

RECENTLY DECEASED: Marie Deans, John Gilbert.

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.

The 2019 Rosters have been emailed out and those without email, there are copies available at the back of the Church.