

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 6: 39

Alleluia, alleluia! / This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, / that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, / and that I should raise it up on the last day. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 7: 11-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Young man, I say to you, get up.

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry,' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up'. And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people'. And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Today we remember our Beloved Dead. We also carry them into today's liturgy, just as the widow's son in today's Gospel is carried into the presence of Jesus. The story begins with Jesus gathering near the gate of Nain with his disciples and others. This happens at the same time as a 'the only son of his mother' is being carried out on a bier for burial. We note two things about the situation: The deceased is an only son and she is widowed. These two facts elevate the story's tragedy. The woman is domestically and economically abandoned; her tears palpable. At the gate of the town, life and death meet.

Jesus, the agent of healing and life, responds to her: 'When the Lord *saw* her he felt sorry for her.' Jesus' *seeing* impels him to act. In an earlier Lukan parable (Lk 10), a Samaritan 'sees' a half-dead robbery victim. Unlike the other characters in the parable who pass by and look sideways, the Samaritan is impelled to act. In today's Gospel, Jesus responds similarly.

The title 'Lord' suggests that this is the act of God's emissary. The translation, 'felt sorry', robs the power of the Greek which literally means, 'felt his innards respond'. This visceral response brings Jesus to restore the young man to life, an act acclaimed as God's 'visitation' of the people. Like the woman, we carry our dead before Jesus today. He responds deeply to our sadness. Through him God also 'visits' us.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY) / C

2 NOVEMBER 2025

FIRST READING

Isa 25: 6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord will destroy Death for ever.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.

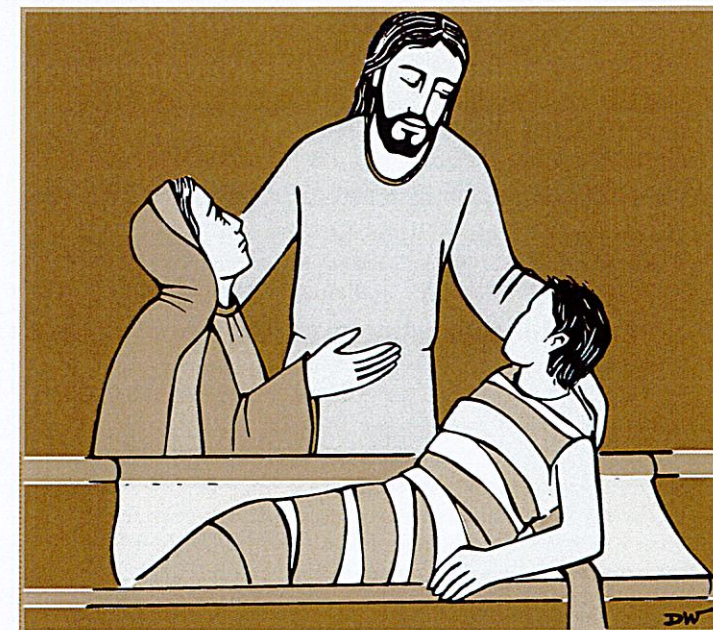
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 26: 1, 4, 7-9, 13-14. R. v. 1 Alt. R. v. 3

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; / whom shall I fear? / The Lord is the stronghold of my life; / before whom shall I shrink? **R.**
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, / for this I long, / to live in the house of the Lord, / all the days of my life, / to savour the sweetness of the Lord, / to behold his temple. **R.**
3. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; / have mercy and answer. / It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; / hide not your face. **R.**
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness / in the land of the living. / Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. / Hope in the Lord! **R.**



SECOND READING

Rom 5: 5-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved from God's anger through him.

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

■ The word of the Lord.

*Welcome to
St Nicholas' Catholic Parish,
Tamworth
for
The Commemoration of
all the Faithful Departed
(All Souls' Day)
Year C*

2nd November 2025

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Parish Website: <https://www.stnicholasparish.org.au/>

Parish Secretaries: Finance: Stephanie Hetherington - Mon/Tue 9-5pm
Admin: Anne Jones Wed/Fri 9-5pm Pauline Skewes Thurs 9-1pm

Parish Office hours: Monday – Friday 9am - 5pm

Catholic schools in our parish

McCarthy Catholic College	Principal: Mr Michael Whitton
☎ (02) 6761 0800	Students currently enrolled: 945
St Nicholas Primary School	Principal: Mr Peter Flynn
☎ (02) 6766 1500	Students currently enrolled: 590

ENTRANCE: Just as Jesus died and has risen again, so through Jesus God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep; and as in Adam all die, so also in Christ will all be brought to life.

COMMUNION: I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord. Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever.

‘REMEMBERING ALL WHO HAVE DIED.’ Today we are reminded of our unity with all who have died. They are our ‘brothers and sisters’ and we express our unity with them by praying for the eternal repose of their souls. Encouraged by the words of the prophet Isaiah, that God is preparing a banquet for all peoples, we pray on this day not only for our loved ones and the members of the Christian community who have died but for all the departed.

Psalter Week 3

Monday 03/11 St Nicholas' Mass 7am
Rom 11:19-36: Ps 68: 30-31, 33-34, 36-37: Lk 14:12-14:

Tuesday 04/11 St Mary's Mass 9am
St Charles Borromeo, bishop
Rom 12:5-16: Ps 130: Lk 14:15-24:

Wednesday 05/11 St Nicholas' Mass 7am
Rom 13:8-10: Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9: Lk 14:25-33:

Thursday 06/11 St Mary's Mass 9am
Rom 14:7-12: Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14: Lk 15:1-10:

Friday 07/11 St Nicholas' Mass 7am
Rom 15:14-21: Ps 97:1-4: Lk 16:1-8:

Saturday 08/11 St Nicholas' Mass 9am
Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27: Ps 144:2-5, 10-11: Lk 16:9-15:
Vigil Mass 6pm

Sunday 09/11 St Mary's 7.30am Mass
St Nicholas' 9.30am & 5.30pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4pm – 5.30pm

BAPTISMS are held Saturdays at 11am & Sundays at 12 noon. If you wish to book a Baptism, please email or telephone the Parish Office on 67662228 for more information. Forms can also be submitted on our parish website.

Parish toilet is located in the Outdoor Function Area. Please ensure children are accompanied by an adult when leaving the Church during Mass to go to the toilet or for any other reason.

Parish Bulletin Deadline: Midday Wednesday – The Bulletin is printed on Thursday morning.

PRAYERFUL REFLECTION on the readings is always included on this Bulletin, after the Communion Antiphon. You are encouraged to reflect on this every week.

PARISH EVENTS – for the month ahead

02 Nov Sun	ALL SOULS' DAY	
02 Nov Sun	Morning Tea after the 9.30am Family Mass St Nicholas' hosted by Year 3 students from St Nicholas' Primary School	
04 Nov Tue	'Petitions' Rosary	12.15pm St Nicholas'
05 Nov Wed	Silent Adoration	10.30-11.30am St Nicholas'
07 Nov Fri	Eucharistic Adoration	6-7pm St Nicholas'
07 Nov Fri	Youth Group - Outdoor Function Area	7-8.45pm
11 Nov Tue	St Nicholas Seniors	10.30am for morning tea, West Diggers, Kable Avenue
12 Nov Wed	Silent Adoration	10.30-11.30am St Nicholas'
14 Nov Fri	Eucharistic Adoration	6-7pm St Nicholas'
16 Nov Sun	Birthday Blessing – All Masses	
16 Nov Sun	Morning Tea after the 9.30am Mass	St Nicholas' hosted by the Catechists & Children's Liturgy groups
CLERGY RETREAT Mon 17 November – Fri 21 November		
18 Nov Tue	St Nicholas Women Connecting – meet at 5.30pm for Christmas dinner in the Dining Room at 6pm	
19 Nov Wed	No Silent Adoration	10.30-11.30am St Nicholas'
21 Nov Fri	No Eucharistic Adoration	6-7pm St Nicholas'
21 Nov Fri	Youth Group - Outdoor Function Area	7-8.45pm
25 Nov Tue	St Nicholas Seniors	11.30am for Christmas lunch, West Diggers, Kable Avenue
26 Nov Wed	The Catholic Ladies – Christmas Lunch, Russell Room, Tamworth Services Club – 12.30pm, for 1pm	
26 Nov Wed	Appreciation Dinner for all Volunteers and Staff - 6pm for 6.30pm.	
27 Nov Thu	St Nicholas Novena commences	
28 Nov Fri	Eucharistic Adoration	6-7pm St Nicholas' followed by a light supper in the Parish Meeting Room
29 Nov Sat	Men's Breakfast	7am St Nicholas' Outdoor Function Area
02 Dec Tue	'Petitions' Rosary	12.15pm St Nicholas'



★ **Coming Up** ★

Parish Christmas Party:
Sunday 7th December - 11am start
McCarthy Catholic College Hall

Please pray for all Year 12 students sitting for HSC exams



NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

The month of November is a dedicated time to pray for the faithful departed. Envelopes are available at the Church entrances, and in the pews, if you would like to offer a Mass for a loved one during the month of November.

Thank you to parishioners who donated goods for our Garage Sale, and to those who came along and supported it. All money raised will be used in both the Dungowan and St Nicholas' parishes – Thank you!

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.**



WEEKLY ROSTER – 01/02 November 2025

St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm ALL SAINTS

C: Kerrie Ackhurst G/R1: Pauline Skewes

G/R2: Halley Buckman

Ex Min: Paul McDougall Music: Noel Greacen

Collection: David Raffaele/Bill Campbell/Morgan Hawthorne

St Mary's Sunday 7.30am ALL SOULS' DAY

C: Grant Quinn G/R1: Bruce Stewart G/R2: John Wallace

Ex Min: Kevin McMahon Music: Grant Quinn

Altar Servers: Will Nguyen

Collection: Carl Cavallaro/Bill Higgins

St Nicholas' Sunday 9.30am FAMILY MASS

C: Peter Flynn G/R1: Renee Dunst G/R2: Anne Bowden

Ex Min: Fiona Downey/Volunteer

Altar Servers: Charlie Dunst/Harry Dowsett

Music: St Nicholas Choir

Collection: Maria Gruer/Josie Cox/Phil Elliott

St Nicholas' Sunday 5.30pm

C: Merrilyn Gaffney G/R1: Henry Buckman

G/R2: John Clery

Ex Min: Alison Hagley Music: Veronica Frost

Altar Servers: Callum Buckman/Ethan Nijo

Collection: Volunteers

Counting Team: Cecilia Dries/Anne Jones

Altar Linen: Lynne Prisk

Sacristy Cleaning: Elspeth Muldoon/Kerrie Bryant

Candelabrum: John Wallace 02/11/25-08/11/25

PLANNED GIVING: SUPPORTING OUR PRIESTS & PARISH

1st Collection (supports the clergy)

BSB: 082 105 A/C No: 001 023 584

A/C Name: St Nicholas Presbytery

2nd Collection (Planned Giving for Parish maintenance)

BSB: 082 105 A/C No: 001 003 255

A/C Name: St Nicholas Parish

Ref: Planned Giving Number/or your name. Thank you for your support.

COLLECTIONS: 26th October 2025

1st Collection \$ 1,641.95

Planned Giving \$ 2,028.00

Loose \$ 446.10

\$ 2,474.10

ANNIVERSARIES – November

Bernard Alexander, Shane Alexander, Dorothy Austin, Laurence Barber, Peter Booth, Joan Bull, Errol Bourne, Carol Brodbeck, Margaret Buckley, Mavis Burke, Pauline Burns, Jeanette Butler, Marjorie Cameron, Kerry Cannon, Patricia Carlon, Benjamin Chapman, Mary Cutmore, Agnes Denton, Robyn Dietrich, Ronald Dunn, Leslie Edwards, Sharon Erich, Edna Faint, Mons. Clarence Fisher, Gloria Gleeson, Jason Goodwin, Madeleine Hayes, Donald Hines, Glen Hughes, Nancie Hull, Margaret Hunt, Barbara Jenner, Susan Johnson, Ronald Kearney, Neil Kelly, Joan Knight, Betty Legge, Patricia Leehy, Amy McIlveen, Patricia Maher, Zillah Moloney, Geoff Mooy, John (Max) Moroney, Peter Murphy, Michael Nealon, Alina Northey, Thelma O'Brien, Taiwo Ogunsoye, Marlene Peters, Myrtle Power, Joan Pullman, Vivienne Pullman, Nellie Randall, William Reichel, Lina Rindo, Janice Robinson, Gladys Rogers, John Ryan, Claude Saunders, Ralph Schulze, Beverley Seymour, Ivy Simcoe, Francis Single, Roy Sipple, Dorothy Stace, Harold Sullivan, Gwendoline Thurston, Patricia Wake, Mary Wall, Robert Wall, Harold Walsh, Darryl Ward, Arthur White, Barry Wilson, Michael Wilson, Gordon Worldon, Lucy Zayat.

May they rest in peace

PERPETUAL INTENTIONS: Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Alec & Betty Fyffe** and **Cyril & Grace Cahill**, who will be long remembered in our parish.

WEEKLY ROSTER – 08/09 November 2025

St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm

C: Paul McDougall G/R1: Eil Smyth G/R2: Cate Allen

Ex Min: Kerrie Ackhurst Music: Noel Greacen

Collection: David Raffaele/Bill Campbell/Morgan Hawthorne

St Mary's Sunday 7.30am

C: Judy Scott G/R1: Alex Knight G/R2: Grace Knight

Ex Min: Karen King Music: Grant Quinn

Altar Servers: Will Nguyen

Collection: Carl Cavallaro/Bill Higgins

St Nicholas' Sunday 9.30am

C: Patrick Mahony G/R1: Nicholas Nweke G/R2: Lucy Roberts

Children's Liturgy: Steph/Felicita

Ex Min: Anne Bowden/Alison Hamilton

Altar Servers: Abigail Nweke/Isaac Hetherington

Music: St Nicholas Choir

Collection: Maria Gruer/Josie Cox/Phil Elliott

St Nicholas' Sunday 5.30pm

C: Renee Dunst G/R1: Carol Wheaton G/R2: Judy Campbell

Ex Min: Cecilia Dries Music: Henry Buckman

Altar Servers: Charlie Dunst/Evangelyn Nijo

Collection: Volunteers

Counting Team: Brian and Maria Lincoln

Altar Linen: Rosemary Kinsela

Sacristy Cleaning: Marie Rice/Gemma & Michael Moy

Candelabrum: Peter Virgen 09/11/25-15/11/25

BAPTISMS: Please pray for **Ella Golding**, who is receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. May God bless her, and her family.

CONGRATULATIONS: We warmly welcome **Riley Mammen**, who was baptised, confirmed, and received First Eucharist last weekend. May God always be with him.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS: We congratulate **Jack Scifleet & Emma Williams**, who are celebrating Christian Marriage this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their married lives together.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Don Davidson** and **Benjamin Nelson**. May God grant them eternal rest and peace.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Rocco Cavallaro** (Anniversary 4th November). May he rest in peace.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK AT THIS TIME

Dan Daly, Brindley Cavallaro (Sydney), Rev. Fr Tony Castelli, Kath Donoghue, Colin Bryant, Darren Graham, Suzanne Perfrement, Kay Tucker, Ken Mitchell, Julie Mitchell, Judy Murphy, Rev. Jim Furze, Steve Tierney, Richard Noad, Pat & Tony Favell, Kay Mason, Doreen Eunson, Maureen White (Orange), Cornac Downes (Uralla), Michael Bryant, Sullivan Hurn (Singleton), Carmel Bennett (Gladstone), Deborah Murphy (Forbes), Bill Dennis, Maddy Anderson (Sydney), Sherree Haylock, Russell Smith.

“The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day.” ~ *St. Gianna Molla*

All Souls' Day

