

been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(see front page)

SECOND READING Col 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden

with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

SEQUENCE

The sequence may be said or sung.

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. / The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; / and Christ, the undefiled, / hath sinners to his Father reconciled. / Death with life contended; combat strangely ended! / Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. / Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. / The tomb the Living did enclose; / I saw Christ's glory as he rose! / The angels there attesting, / shroud with grave-clothes resting. / Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. / That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. / Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia! / Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; / let us feast with joy in the Lord. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken

the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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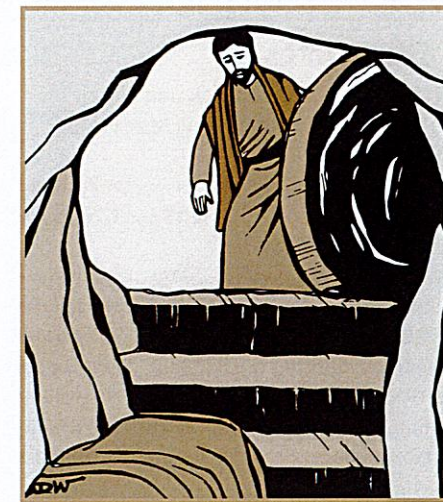
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THE SAVING WORD

EASTER SUNDAY / A

5 APRIL 2026



MASS OF EASTER NIGHT

EPISTLE

Rom 6:3-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a man dies, of course, he has finished with sin.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die

again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117

R. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, / for his love has no end. / Let the sons of Israel say: / 'His love has no end.' **R.**

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; / his right hand raised me up. / I shall not die, I shall live / and recount his deeds. **R.**

3. The stone which the builders rejected / has become the cornerstone. / This is the work of the Lord, / a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

GOSPEL

Mt 28:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee.

After the sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so

shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

MASS DURING THE DAY

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea: about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had

*Welcome to St Nicholas' Catholic Parish, Tamworth
for Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

Year A

5th April 2026

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Parish Secretaries: **Finance:** Stephanie Hetherington - Mon/Tue 9-5pm

Administration: 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: 1,006
St Nicholas Primary School Principal: Mr Peter Flynn
☎ (02) 6766 1500 Students currently enrolled: 576

ENTRANCE: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

COMMUNION: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore, let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

‘CHRIST IS RISEN. ALLELUIA!’ The empty tomb, and the neatly folded burial cloths, were signs that led the Beloved Disciple to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In the witness of the apostles, and the faithfulness, courage and love of our fellow Christians, we too have powerful signs that Christ is risen and lives among us. Observing them, our faith cries out: ‘Alleluia!’.

Psalter Week 1

Monday 06/04 St Nicholas' Mass 9am Public Holiday

Acts 2:14, 22-33: Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11: Mt 28:8-15:

Tuesday 07/04 St Mary's Mass 9am

Acts 2:36-41: Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22: Jn 20:11-18:

Wednesday 08/04 St Nicholas' Mass 7am

Acts 3:1-10: Ps 104:1-4, 6-9: Lk 24:13-35:

Thursday 09/04 St Mary's Mass 9am

Acts 3:11-26: Ps 8:2, 5-9: Lk 24:35-48:

Friday 10/04 St Nicholas' Mass 7am

Acts 4:1-12: Ps 117:1-2, 4, 22-27: Jn 21:1-14:

Saturday 11/04 St Nicholas' Mass 9am

Acts 4:13-21: Ps 117:1, 14-21: Mk 16:9-15:

Vigil Mass 6pm

Sunday 12/04 St Mary's 7.30am Mass

St Nicholas' 9.30am & 5.30pm

Divine Mercy Sunday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4pm – 5.30pm

A warm welcome to all new parishioners! To help you feel at home in our parish, we encourage you to introduce yourself to Father after Mass, or you might also consider exploring opportunities to get involved in parish life through various ministries and activities. If so, please see our Parish Notice Board or contact the Parish Office.

Please note: Any inclusions for the Parish newsletter must be received by the parish office no later than 3pm Wednesdays.

Our faith community acknowledges and pays respect to the traditional custodians of the land on which we worship, The People of the Plains, The Kamilaroi people. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present and emerging. May we, too, be good stewards of this land on which we live.

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. Candidate for Baptism Forms can also be completed and 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.

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

Diary Dates

05 Apr Sun Daylight Saving ends – clocks back one hour
05 Apr Sun EASTER SUNDAY – 9.30am + 5.30pm Masses – SN
Mass at St Mary's at 7.30am
06 Apr Mon Public Holiday – morning Mass 9am St Nicholas'
07 Apr Tue Petitions Rosary - cancelled 12.15pm St Nicholas'
(Paul Hayes Funeral Mass 2pm)
08 Apr Wed Silent Adoration 10.30-11.30am St Nicholas'
10 Apr Fri Eucharistic Adoration 6-7pm St Nicholas'
12 Apr Sun DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 3-4pm St Nicholas'
14 Apr Tue St Nicholas Seniors, morning tea 10.30am West Diggers
14 Apr Tue 'Petitions' Rosary – 12.15pm St Nicholas'
15 Apr Wed Silent Adoration 10.30-11.30am St Nicholas'
17 Apr Fri Eucharistic Adoration 6-7pm St Nicholas'
19 Apr Sun Birthday Blessing All Masses
Morning tea after the 9.30am Mass hosted by St Nicholas Women Connecting
21 Apr Tue St Nicholas Women Connecting – dinner at Tamworth City Bowling Club – meet at 5.30pm.
22 Apr Wed Start of School Term 2
22 Apr Wed Silent Adoration 10.30-11.30am St Nicholas'
22 Apr Wed The Catholic Ladies – lunch at the Services Club – meet at 1pm for 1.20pm lunch
24 Apr Fri Eucharistic Adoration 6-7pm St Nicholas'
24 Apr Fri YOUTH GROUP 7-8.45pm St Nicholas'
25 Apr Sat ANZAC DAY– Commemorative Mass 8am St Nicholas'
26 Apr Sun World Day of Prayer for Vocations
27 Apr Mon Public Holiday – Mass at 9am St Nicholas'
28 Apr Tue St Nicholas Seniors, lunch 11.30am West Diggers
29 Apr Wed Silent Adoration 10.30-11.30am St Nicholas'
01 May Fri Eucharistic Adoration 6-7pm St Nicholas'
02 May Sat Anointing of the sick during the 9am Mass St Nicholas'
02 May Sat Silent Adoration 4-5.30pm St Nicholas'
03 May Sun FAMILY MASS 9.30am St Nicholas'

Easter Offering Envelopes are at the back of the church and in the pews during the Easter period. Your offering will go towards the everyday running of the Presbytery and towards the salary of retired and sick clergy.

THANK YOU for your generosity.

SAVE THE DATES

➤ **ANZAC DAY Commemorative Mass – St Nicholas' Church – 8am – Saturday 25th April, followed by morning tea in the Outdoor Function Area.**

➤ **St Nicholas' Parish Mission & St Carlo Acutis Exhibition – after Eucharistic Adoration on Friday evening 19 June 7pm – Midnight in the St Nicholas' Outdoor Function Area.**

Divine Mercy Sunday celebrations will be held Sunday 12th April 3-4pm at St Nicholas' church.

Ignite Conference 2026 – Sydney, 9-12 July. Cost is \$320 per person. Donations to defray costs for those wishing to attend would be gratefully appreciated by the Ignite Parish group. Thank you!



St. Nicholas' - EASTER VIGIL - Saturday 04 April 6pm

Commentator: Lynne Prisk

Sequence & Exultet: Lawrie Hatfield

Reader 1: Carol Wheaton Reader 2: Alex Knight

Reader 3: Leonie Hansen Reader 4: Sister of Nazareth

Epistle: Pequita Knight

Offertory Gifts: Paul & Christine McMahon

Ex Mins: Kerry Ackhurst/ Maria Lincoln/Michael Moy

Altar Servers: Isaac Hetherington/

Music: St Nicholas Choir Collection: Volunteers

St. Nicholas' - EASTER SUNDAY - Sunday 05 April

St Mary's Sunday 7.30am

C: Bruce Stewart W/R1: John Murphy W/R2: Judy Scott

Ex Min: Kevin McMahon

Altar Servers: Will Nguyen

Collection: Carl Cavallaro/Bill Higgins

St Nicholas' Sunday 9.30am

C: Jo Manalastas W/R1: Mick Larkin W/R2: Marie Rice

Ex Min: Maria Lincoln/Rob Panchasarp Music: St Nicholas Choir

Altar Servers: Dominic Vinod

Collection: Maria Gruer/Josie Cox/Phil Elliott

St Nicholas' Sunday 5.30pm

C: Volunteer W/R1: Volunteer W/R2: Volunteer

Ex Min: Volunteers Music: Recorded Music

Altar Servers:

Collection: Volunteers

Counting Team: Gary Bryant/Andrew McGuirk

Altar Linen: Rosemary Kinsela

Sacristy Cleaning: Ellie Muldoon/Kerrie Bryant

Candelabrum: John Wallace 05/04/26 – 11/04/26

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: 29th March 2026

1st Collection \$ 2,266.05

Planned Giving \$ 1,663.00

Loose \$ 383.85

\$ 2,046.85

Anniversaries – April

Gerard Andren, Eileen Blanch, Patricia Booby, Nanette Bowman, Bette Bradbery, Roy Bradbery, Sarah Bridges, Rodney Brown, Joan Bryant, Robert Cannon, Kevin Cantwell, Roy Carpenter, Wallace Carter, John Caves, Brian Chapman, Shirley Cleary, Pasquale Colangelo, Edward Coleman, Shane Coote, Delcia Coutman, Mark Craig, Beryl Cross, Richard (Lyle) Crough, Dianne Davis, Jeanette Dick, Phyllis Egan, Thelma Evans, Henry Ferrier, Darcy Follington, Kevin Frost, Maxwell Fyffe, Noel Gerathy, Desmond Goodwin, Ian Green, Peter Groth, Beccy-Anne Gubbins, John Haley, Eileen Hargreaves, Pauline Higgins, Gerard Hoban, Phillip Hogno, Dennis Hughes, Ursula Hughes, Lance Hunt, Rita Lewis, Cecelia Lye, Stephen McClelland, Johnathon McRae, Theodore Madirazza, Maureen Markham, Bettina Mitchell, Robert Mitchell, Margaret Moloney, Peter Newley, Dorothy O'Shea, Brian Parker, Ross Prisk, Allan Radmore, Adrianna Rindo, Philomena Rose, Mervyn Ruttle, Janice Scanlan, Anthony Sharp, Betty Simpson, Megan Simpson, Lorraine Skafte, Joyce Smith, Adeline Taylor, Dianne Taylor, Anna Terbeeke, Maxwell Weaver, Dorothy White, Kenneth White, Marie Williams.

May they rest in peace

WEEKLY ROSTER – 11/12 April 2026

St Nicholas' Saturday 6pm

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

Ex Min: Kerry Ackhurst Music: Noel Greacen

Collection: David Raffaele/Bill Campbell/Morgan Hawthorne

St Mary's Sunday 7.30am

C: Cheryl Higgins W/R1: Bruce Stewart W/R2: Katrina Krogh

Ex Min: Karen King Music: Anne Jones

Altar Servers: Will Nguyen

Collection: Carl Cavallaro/Bill Higgins

St Nicholas' Sunday 9.30am

C: Charli Manning W/R1: Jo Manalastas W/R2: Denise Green

Ex Min: Anne Bowden/Peter Prisk Music: St Nicholas Choir

Altar Servers: Dominic Vinod

Collection: Maria Gruer/Josie Cox/Phil Elliott

St Nicholas' Sunday 5.30pm

C: Paul Hagley W/R1: Merrilyn Gaffney W/R2: Renee Dunst

Ex Min: Cecilia Dries Music: Recorded Music

Altar Servers:

Collection: Volunteers

Counting Team: Cecilia Dries/Anne Jones

Altar Linen: Vivienne Mundy

Sacristy Cleaning: Marie Rice/Gemma & Michael Moy

Candelabrum: every 2nd week

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kerry York. May he rest in God's peace and love.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Peter Newley** (Anniversary 14th April), **Shane Coote** (Anniversary 15th April), **Paul Hayes and Sr Arcadius Guthrie**, recently deceased. May God grant them eternal rest.

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.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Maddy Anderson (Sydney), Carmel Bennett (Gladstone), Colin Bryant, Michael Bryant, Rev Fr Tony Castelli, Brindley Cavallaro (Sydney), Elizabeth Coroneos (Toowoomba), Dan Daly, Bill Dennis, Kath Donoghue, Cormac Downes (Uralla), Nicholas Doyle (Sydney), Richard Doyle (Sydney), Doreen Eunson, Pat & Tony Favell, Sonia Fawdry (Alstonville), Joan Goodridge, Darren Graham, Sherree Haylock, Bev Heazlett, Nadia Hurn (Newcastle), Sullivan Hurn (Singleton), Kay Mason, Julie Michell, Ken Michell, Jan & Richard Noad, Penny Pavlakis (Sydney), Richard Panchasarp (USA), Kim Riley (Orange), Russell Smith, Adam Urquhart, Maureen White (Orange), Elizabeth Williams, Enid Wright.

Congratulations to Mary and Bill Andren

on their 70th Wedding Anniversary!

Seventy years of Marriage is an extraordinary blessing and a beautiful testimony of their enduring love. May God bless them both with continued health, happiness and contentment in the years to come.

“Do not abandon yourselves to despair.

We are an Easter people and

Alleluia is our song!”

~ Pope John Paul II

