

# CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS 2018

ST JOAN OF ARC HABERFIELD



## RECONCILIATION

### SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

**Tuesday 18th December 2018**  
**Five Dock - Haberfield - Drummoyne**  
**St Mark's Drummoyne**  
**7.00pm**

### FIRST RITE OF RECONCILIATION

**Saturday 15th December 2018 4.15pm - 4.45pm**  
**Wednesday 19th December 2018 6.00pm - 7.00pm**  
**Saturday 22nd December 2018 4.15pm - 4.45pm**

## CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

### CHRISTMAS EVE

**Monday 24th December 2017**  
**5pm Children's Mass**  
**9pm Vigil Mass**  
**Midnight Mass**

### CHRISTMAS DAY

**Christmas Day 25th December 2017**  
**7.30am Mass (Italian)**  
**9.00am Mass (English)**



# Welcome to St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield

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**Parish Secretary:** Tuesday – Wednesday 9.30am—2.30pm

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

9th December 2018

#### A reading from the prophet Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress,  
 put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever,  
 wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,  
 put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head:  
 since God means to show your splendour to every nation under  
 heaven,  
 since the name God gives you for ever will be,  
 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.  
 Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights  
 and turn your eyes to the east:  
 see your sons reassembled from west and east  
 at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has  
 remembered them.  
 Though they left you on foot,  
 with enemies for an escort,  
 now God brings them back to you  
 like royal princes carried back in glory.  
 For God has decreed the flattening  
 of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills,  
 the filling of the valleys to make the ground level  
 so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.  
 And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade  
 for Israel at the command of God;  
 for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory  
 with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 125

**R. The Lord has done great things for us;  
 we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
 it seemed like a dream.  
 Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
 on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said:  
 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'  
 What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
 Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
 as streams in dry land.  
 Those who are sowing in tears  
 will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears  
 carrying seed for the sowing:  
 they come back, they come back, full of song,  
 carrying their sheaves. **R.**

#### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how  
 you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first  
 heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who  
 began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day  
 of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving  
 you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each  
 other may increase more and more and never stop improving your  
 knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always  
 recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and  
 blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will  
 reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for  
 the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### Gospel Acclamation Luke 3:4, 6

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:**  
**all people shall see the salvation of God.**  
**Alleluia!**

#### A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 3:1- 6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate  
 was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother  
 Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias  
 tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas,  
 the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness.  
 He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of  
 repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of  
 the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:  
 A voice cries in the wilderness:  
 Prepare a way for the Lord,  
 make his paths straight.  
 Every valley will be filled in,  
 every mountain and hill be laid low,  
 winding ways will be straightened  
 and rough roads made smooth.  
 And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.



The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**FEAST DAYS**

Thursday 13th December

**St Lucy**

Friday 14th December

**St John of the Cross**

**CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS**

**NATIVITY SCENE**

All children are welcome to participate in the **St Joan of Arc Parish Christmas Eve Mass at 5pm**. We need readers, angels and wise men. All children who would like to be part of this beautiful celebration are welcome. We also need a new born baby (up to 6 months) for the role of Baby Jesus.

**REHEARSAL INFORMATION**

We will be preparing and rehearsing on Christmas Eve between **10:00am-12:00pm** in the church.

All Children who would like a role in the Nativity Scene will need to attend the rehearsal on Christmas Eve morning. Please arrive at **9.45am**.



We also need parent helpers at the rehearsal, during the mass, and after the mass to assist with distributing the cake to all the children. Please let us know by text if you can assist in any way. Many thanks for your continued support and participation.

**Lillian Tornatore**  
Mob: 0414 820 819

**Franca Guarna**  
Mob: 0404 050

**MUSIC**

If your child would like to be part of the choir, or they play an instrument, and you would like them to be part of the Children's Christmas Eve Mass at St Joan of Arc Church, please text or email your child's name and class to either of the following:

**Lichuen Wong**  
email: mikeandlich@gmail.com  
lillian.tornatore@gmail.com  
mobile: 0403 130 173

**Lilian Tornatore**  
email:  
mobile: 0414 820 819

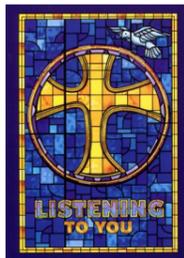
**REHEARSAL INFORMATION**

- ◆ 2pm—4pm Saturday 22nd December
  - ◆ 10am—12pm Monday 24th December
- Practice sessions will be in St Joan of Arc Church.



Please bring your instruments to both practice sessions. If you are in the choir, please come dressed in a white top and black pants/skirt/shorts. For those playing an instrument, please wear all black.

**The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office**



If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. **Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on ph 02 9390 5812.**

**Reflection**

*"Prepare a way for the Lord."*

In many parts of the world, even to the present day, countries and cities would be happy to be surrounded by mountainous countryside. The mountains mean protection, which is one reason why northern Europe, which is all too flat, has been a place of wars, invasions and counter invasions for so many centuries. It's also the reason why, throughout history, many cities have been built on mountains. Of course it doesn't really matter whether you want there to be mountains or not, since they are there anyway.

Yet it is important to understand just how odd the biblical prophets were in using the image of the mountains being laid low as a sign of the messianic age. It would seem like asking God to make the world more dangerous for Israel. Yet Baruch and Isaiah talk of the messianic age as a time when Israel would be wide open to the world. The Old Testament book of Judges speaks of a time when the people of Israel were forced into the mountains, but with the coming of the Messiah, the people will no longer need to be afraid. So the lowering of the mountains is really a call to overcome our fear of new things. Advent means arrival, and our God is an Advent God. Whatever you think of the strange figure of John the Baptist, this wild ascetic living in the terrible desert beyond the river Jordan, you could not deny his courage. To live in the desert is to depend utterly on God and to live without protection. This is, in fact, the appeal of the desert for the prophets of Israel. The books of Exodus and Deuteronomy tell of the testing of Israel in the desert. What was tested was their faith. In the desert, as the people of Israel made their escape from Egypt, they could not live without the direct protection of God, a fire by night and a cloud by day. yet still they rebelled against the Lord and complained, even about the food he gave them. So in New Testament times John lives in the desert to reenact this testing. He is trying to restore Israel by returning to its roots, to the time when Israel was a desert people. Yet there is something more, as Luke shows, quoting Isaiah: this bold choice of John will be for all humanity, not just for Israel: "And all mankind shall see the salvation of God." To live in the desert is to be open to what is coming, yet not even John fully realised what the coming of Christ would mean. The world becomes completely open when Jesus the Messiah arrives. He is to be the saviour not just of one people, or one nation, but of the whole of humanity, and humanity must have no more barriers. Perhaps that doesn't sound like our world but, as Pope Francis has said, we are to build bridges, not walls. At the first coming of Christ the people were not willing to accept him, but we are called to undo their failure. The business of receiving Christ means trying to be constantly open to his coming into our lives. So how, today, do we make ourselves able to accept Christ into the world? We do so by considering how, though he has come among us, he is still on his way. Jesus is the great arrival, the messenger of the Father and the message. The message is more than words; it is God coming into the world in God's own fullness. Anyone who welcomes any human being in the name of Christ, welcomes Christ himself. Prayer too is a form of welcome, a willingness to accept God. So Advent can be for us the season of welcome, when we consider how we will allow new people into our lives, as we prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ into our world. We may go out to look for them, or they may come to us; either way we are called to accept them as Christ. It's something that Jesus himself calls us to do: "For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome."

*The Living Word*

**ROSTER for Third Sunday in Advent**

**Scripture Readings for next week:**

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18  
Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7  
Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

**Scripture Readers for next week:**

Saturday Vigil: Enrica Bova, Steve Roll  
Sunday 9.00am: Kate Svoboda, Hannah Svoboda  
Sunday 6.00pm: Vicki Smith, Sue Smith

**Ministers of Communion for next week:**

Saturday Vigil: Rita Raco, Cathy Carrozza  
Anna Attard, Majella Hill  
Sunday 9.00am: Yvonne Molloy, Rhonda Albani  
Carmel McKeough, Pina Furlan  
Sunday 6.00pm: Josie Banno, Carmelina De Francesco

**Children's Liturgy for next week:**

Sunday 9.00am Bridget Langman



**We invite you to share in the Sacraments of:**

**EUCCHARIST:**

**Saturday** Vigil: .....5.00pm  
Italian Mass:.....6.15pm  
**Sunday** Mass: .....9.00am & 6.00pm  
**Tuesday** (Preferred day and time for 1 month & 1 year of anniversary of death Masses - must be booked).....7.30pm  
**Wednesday, Thursday** .....9.00am  
**Friday** .....9.15am

**RECONCILIATION**

**Saturday** 4:30pm—4.50pm

**BAPTISM**

Celebrated on the **SECOND** and **FOURTH** Sunday of the month at **11.00am (12noon as at January 2019)**

**MARRIAGE**

Arrangements for a wedding must be made at least four months in advance. Attendance at a Pre-Marriage Course is encouraged.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

We are pleased to administer the Sacrament of the Sick to those in need. The Eucharist will also be brought to those who are ill or housebound upon request. Please notify the Presbytery if members of your family or other parishioners are in need of the Eucharist.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

During 9am Mass Sundays during school term

**St Joan of Arc School**

Acting Principal: Jo Giannini  
Office Phone 9798 9780

**St Joan of Arc Villa**

Acting Manager: Rodney Jilet  
Office Phone: 9799 8753

**BAPTISMS - December 2018**

*We welcome these children into God's family and our parish community*

Ethan Large



**St Vincent de Paul Society**

*good works*

**CHRISTMAS HAMPERS** will be put together and distributed on Monday December 1th. If you are planning to contribute please put non perishable items in the box in the church foyer by Sunday 16th December.



**CHRISTMAS APPEAL** envelopes can still be found on pews and in the church foyer for anyone who wishes to make a donation. Envelopes may be placed in the collection baskets at mass.

Many thanks to those who have already given so generously to help those not able to provide well for themselves this Christmas.

**LORD, WE PRAY WELCOME HOME THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

**Recently Deceased:** Joseph Ventura, Maria-Gaetanna Giorgio, Dr John Robilliard, Joyce Tolhurst, Gaetano Defina, Victor Kasalo, Maria Catania, Anna Di Maio, Luigi Vella, Carmelo Coluccio, John Ryan, Margaret Powning, Tate Bargwanna, Giuseppe Colantuono, Rosaria Di Bella, Cecilia Wong, Anne Wong, Anne Brennan, Giuseppe Raco

**Rest in Peace:** Gildo D'Amici, Mario Scardilli, Sarina Tringali, Giovanni Tama, Lucia & Erminio Coruzzi, Carmen Muscat, Carmela Cini, Sabatina Giunta, Ingazio Pendino, Carmela Ruberto, Angelo Ruberto, Franco La Manna, Immacolata Angilletta, Francesco Angilletta, Cosmo Angilletta, Rocco Calautti, Lucrezia Calautti, Saveria De Grazia, Wanda Angelucci, Rachel Swanson, Guiseppina Magani, Pina Zaia, The Conte Family, Maria Palma, Valentina Manino, Anna Manno, Concettina Barletta, Valentina Mannino, John Carey, Patricia Portelli, Maria Care, Domenica & Giuseppina Sofia, Gaspre D'Onofrio, Antonio Di Giantomaso, Rocco Fedele, Mannino Family, Fulvio Mele, Charles Formosa, Olimpia & Domenico Spadaro, Antonio Cardillo, Graziella Lo Giudice, Gaetano Caldarola, Tony Attard, Pietro Banno, Felicia Lorfino, Rio & Avico Families, Daniel & Kathleen Murphy, Maria Dando, Antonio Gorga, Emidio Ubaldi, Josephine Margiotta, John & Kathleen Huie, Lucy The, Jim Tuite, Sarina Torrisi, Lattari & Aversa families, John & Moya Phillips, Mons Dino Fragiaco, Fr Frank Furfaro & All Souls in Purgatory.

**In your love and concern please pray for the following ill members of our community:** Nicholas Hanania, Anna Attard, Rosa Santos, Elisha Lau, Aitken Family, Liz Smith, Pat Rankine, Jerry Andre, Donna Neeley, Adeline Ashing, Annelise Buda, Giovanni Luci, Stephan Ferenc, Giancarlo Budda, Mario Bianco, Tony Sulfaro

**Special Intentions:** Aitken Family

In keeping with the Privacy Act names cannot be published in our Parish Bulletin without the permission of the persons themselves or their next of kin. Please specify on your Mass Envelope your intention to include the person's name in this Bulletin or contact the Parish Office on 9798 6657