

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS 2018

ST JOAN OF ARC HABERFIELD



RECONCILIATION

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION
Tuesday 18th December
Five Dock - Haberfield - Drummoyne
St Mark's Drummoyne
7.00pm

FIRST RITE OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 15th December 4.15pm - 4.45pm
Wednesday 19th December 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Saturday 22nd December 4.15pm - 4.45pm

CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

CHRISTMAS EVE
5pm Children's Mass
9pm Vigil Mass
Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY
Christmas Day 25th December
7.30am Mass (Italian)
9.00am Mass (English)



Welcome to St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

16th December 2018

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
 Israel, shout aloud!
 Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
 daughter of Jerusalem!
 The Lord has repealed your sentence;
 he has driven your enemies away.
 The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;
 you have no more evil to fear.
 When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:
 Zion, have no fear,
 do not let your hands fall limp.
 The Lord your God is in your midst,
 a victorious warrior.
 He will exult with joy over you,
 he will renew you by his love;
 he will dance with shouts of joy for you
 as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Isaiah 12:2-6

**R. Cry out with joy and gladness:
 for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

Truly, God is my salvation,
 I trust, I shall not fear.
 For the Lord is my strength, my song,
 he became my saviour.
 With joy you will draw water
 from the wells of salvation. **R.**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
 Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
 Declare the greatness of his name. **R.**

Sing a psalm to the Lord
 for he has done glorious deeds,
 make them known to all the earth!
 People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
 for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat,

what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

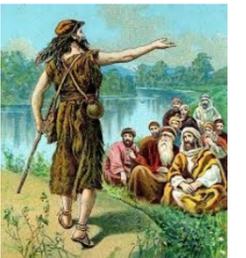
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Gospel Acclamation Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 3:10-18

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'



A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

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

CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT MASS SINGERS WANTED! NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

The last few years we've put together a lovely little choir of generous parishioners for the major feast days. **LET'S DO IT AGAIN!** If you are able to sing for the midnight mass, please email Ellen O'Connor at ellen.k.oconnor@gmail.com. There will be only two rehearsals: Sunday 23rd December from 4 until 5.30pm and then before mass on Monday 24th December from 10.15pm (carol service beginning at 11.45pm)

CHRISTMAS BUSH

We are seeking donations of Christmas bush to adorn our Church this Christmas. If you have any to spare please leave in the Church in the bucket to be provided by St Joseph's altar on Monday 24th December.



PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS & PARTY



Many thanks to all who contributed in any way to make this a successful evening. Special thanks to the local businesses and parishioners who donated prizes—and especially to members of the Social Committee who organised the event. All who attended enjoyed the festivities.



ST JOAN OF ARC SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We are not just about organising morning teas and other events, but about engaging parishioners and parents within our extended community to enjoy time together.

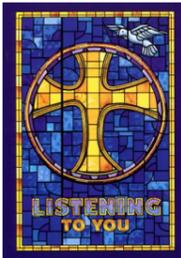
We are in need of more members to join us from both the school and parish, especially some men.

Our first meeting for 2019 is on **Wednesday 30th January at 7pm in the Presbytery.**

We shall be discussing the Calendar for 2019. The first event for the year is our *'St Joan of Arc Fashion Parade'* on Saturday 2nd February, as well as electing the new committee office bearers for 2019.

Please come and join us. All are invited!!

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

"There were many... things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them."

Teresa was a young English doctor who, thirty years ago, was doing research on sickle cells in a Caribbean hospital. Earlier in her life she had thought of entering religious life. She had heard the call but it had not been strong enough for her to respond. But she was always conscious that God might be calling her to a work that, on the surface at least, she really did not want to do because she felt it might be too disruptive of the way she wanted to live her life. Going to the Caribbean to use her medical knowledge in trying to find a cure for a disabling illness like sickle-cell disease seemed a good way of satisfying her conscience. She could do a period of service in a developing country and then return to her house and normal life in England.

Then on Sunday at Mass she heard words of Jesus in St John's Gospel. They are addressed to Simon Peter three times: "Do you love me?" Teresa heard the words as a direct call. She thought her life was all settled. But now this was almost like a word of judgement and demanded a response. What should she do? She picked up the telephone directory and phoned a religious order. Eventually she chose a missionary order, which could use her medical expertise, and she has worked ever since, serving poor people in Asia with both devotion and joy.

Today we hear the prophetic words of John the Baptist. They are words of judgement and yet we are told he announced "the Good News". How can judgement be good news? Last Sunday John was introduced as one who preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. He wants people to change but they are reluctant. They want to stay as they are, undisturbed. But John has been sent to prepare the people for the coming of the Lord who will bring salvation. He warns them of the judgement to come and their consciences are touched. They ask him, "What must we do?"

In St Luke's Gospel, especially, Jesus links salvation to what we do with our possessions. So many of his parables will warn of the danger of riches and the accumulation of possessions, whether it is the story of the rich man and Lazarus or the farmer who hoards and does not share his harvest. Now John does not just tell his listeners that they must produce fruits, he specifies what each group should do in practice. He demands change that is not just superficial but makes them uncomfortable, for they are called to share their possessions more justly. He tells them to share their food, and even their clothing, with those in need. The tax collectors who exploit the people must restrain their greed and act fairly. Soldiers must be satisfied with their pay and not misuse their power to rob and blackmail. John's words of judgement arouse the people from their complacency but prepare them to receive the good news of salvation with Christ will bring.

We may sometimes wish that God would leave us alone—get off our backs. But John the Baptist and the prophets tells us that this is the worst thing God could do. Left to ourselves we get lost following whatever desire we have for possessions, money or just a comfortable, quiet life. Do we still hoard our possessions and close our hearts to those in need, although we have plenty? Do we benefit from, or at least approve of, the excessive charges and bonuses big business award themselves? And, as John the Baptist noted, there are many people in all kinds of powerful positions who do not mind corrupting themselves for the sake of getting more.

But we may also face the challenge of changing even though our lives may be happy and normal. We may be deaf to the call of God to serve in a more demanding way. John the Baptist still points to a deeper freedom beyond the enticement of comfort or possessions. His is a word of judgement which makes us ready to receive Christ. And it is a word of judgement that leads to the good news of salvation. And this is why today we rejoice because we know that beyond the pain and inconvenience of change we can rejoice in Christ's presence as he comes to us this Christmas. "Be happy," says St Paul, "the Lord is very near."

The Living Word

ROSTER for Fourth Sunday in Advent

Scripture Readings for next week:

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4
Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Scripture Readers for next week:

Saturday Vigil: Greg Hill, Marea Dorman
Sunday 9.00am: Margaret Cassidy, Peter Etccl
Sunday 6.00pm: Maria Greenaway, Mina Nohra

Ministers of Communion for next week:

Saturday Vigil: Majella Hill, Judith Molloy
Maria Del Vecchio, Enrica Bova
Sunday 9.00am: Pina Furlan, Imelda Bottero
Maria Calabrese, Yvonne Molloy
Sunday 6.00pm: Rita Raco, Loredana Bianco

Children's Liturgy for next week:

Sunday 9.00am Manuella Gionta, Monica Gionta



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, Thursday9.00am
Friday9.15am

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

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES



It is a custom at Christmas to have an added offering for the support of Diocesan Clergy in the Archdiocese of Sydney. You will notice envelopes on the pews for this purpose. Your offering supports all priests, particularly our elderly priests, retired clergy, and those who are in care-accommodation or permanent nursing care hostels. Thank you for your generosity.

ST JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL CHANGE OF PRINCIPAL



Mr Michael Krawec, director of the Inner West office of Sydney Catholic Schools, advised on 15th November that **Mr Des Fox** has been appointed as Principal of St Joan of Arc School from the start of 2019. He replaces Mr Bernard Carey who has decided to retire from teaching.

On Wednesday 21 November, the Feast of the Presentation of Mary, St Joan of Arc School celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving for Mr Carey's service as Principal.

While there have been many changes over recent times to the administrative relationship between Parish and School, the school community is still a part of the life of the Parish. Mr Carey wholeheartedly supported me, and Fr Frank before me, and the Parish, in this relationship and we look forward to Mr Fox doing the same.

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: Ornella Deluchi, 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