



# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Mass Times**  
**Sat:** 5:30pm (Vigil)  
**Sun:** 9am, 10.30am, 6pm  
**Mon - Thur:** 9.15am  
**Frid - Sat:** 12 Noon

**Family Mass with Children's Liturgy:**  
 Sunday 10.30am

**Sacraments Reconciliation**  
 Sat 11.30am - 12 noon  
 4.45pm - 5:15pm

**Baptism**  
 2nd & 4th Sun of the month at 12 noon

**Marriage - Sat & Sun**  
 1.30pm - 3pm (at least 6 months notice is required)

**Devotions Cenacle**  
 Every Monday 8am

**Daily Prayer**  
 Church is open from 8am - 3.30pm

**Rosary & Prayer**  
 Monday 8.30am  
 Thurs & Saturday 11.30am  
 Sat Adoration 11am-12noon

**Holy Hour of Mercy**  
**Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri**  
 2.30pm - 3.30pm  
 Adoration, Prayer's and Chaplet of Divine Mercy

**SUNDAY MASS 24 DECEMBER 2017**  
 Normal Mass times at 9am & 10:30am celebrating the 4th Sunday of Advent, followed by Christmas Vigil Masses below.

**CHRISTMAS MASS CELEBRATIONS**  
 Sunday 24th December 2017  
 Carols 5pm & 7pm  
 Mass 5:30pm (with children) & Mass 8pm  
 Midnight Mass 12am  
 Christmas Day Monday 25th December  
 Mass at 9am & 10:30am  
 Boxing Day Tuesday 26 December 9:15am  
 New Years Day Monday 1 January 9:15am

**SACRAMENT PROGRAM 2018 RECONCILIATION** Year 3 and older.  
 Enrolment Date Saturday 5th May 2018 at 4pm. **Sacrament Date:** Thursday 28th June at 6:30pm.

**CONFIRMATION**  
 Enrolment Date Sunday 6th may at 4pm.  
**Sacrament Date:** Saturday TBA June 10am & 2pm.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**  
 Enrolment Date Saturday 4th August 2018 at 4pm.  
**Sacrament Dates:** September Sat & Sun weekends 15th, 16th, 22nd & 23rd.

**RECONCILIATION** Year 2 and older.  
 Enrolment Date Saturday 27th October 2018 at 4pm.  
**Sacrament Date:** Thursday 29th November 6.30pm.

**ROSTERS**  
 The new extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to the sick, and cleaners rosters are now available for collection at the entrance of the church under the Pope Francis photo. Please collect your new rosters.

**ROSARY & STATUE OF OUR LADY THIS WEEK**  
 Will be with Derick Chaves, 83 Portland St, Enfield. Please call Derick on 9747 5168 if you would like to attend and pray with the group.

**PRAYER GROUP**  
 Prayer group resumes Wednesday 24th January 2018.  
**HEALING MASS CHOIR PRACTISE**  
 Will be held Friday 29th December 7:15pm.  
**HEALING MASS** Friday 5th January 2018.  
 For more information contact Rose 0412 115 961.



**CHOIR PRACTISE**  
 Calling all musicians and singers who want to take part in Midnight Mass to come to our first music practice this coming Sunday 10 December after 6pm Mass. The following music practice will be discussed on the night.

**A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION 2017 Friday 15 December 2017**  
 Celebrate the beauty and wonder of Christmas with the St Mary's Cathedral Choir and the Orchestra of the Antipodes Including congregational carols and music to lift your spirits in the joy of the season! For tickets and more information please visit [www.achristmascelebration.com.au](http://www.achristmascelebration.com.au)

**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE MASS Sunday 17 December 2017 at 7:30pm**  
 Everyone is welcome to be part of the Christmas remembrance service at St Mary's Cathedral to pray for all those who have died and whose memory we cherish over the Christmas season.

**CELEBRATIONS TO COMMEMORATE THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**  
**Will take place on 12 December, Tuesday**  
 Good Shepherd Parish Church, 21 Twentieth Street, Hoxton Park  
 6:30pm adoration of the Holy Eucharist, Rosary & Reconciliation  
 7:00pm Mass, Veneration of Our Lady of Guadalupe's relic icon & offering of roses  
 7:45pm Viewing of Our Lady of Guadalupe video  
 8:15 pm light refreshments  
 Everyone is welcome.



**ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CAROLS & TWILIGHT MARKETS**

Come along and join in some Christmas cheer on the St Joseph School oval. Live music, singing, BBQ, Raffle, Cake stall, Gelato, Gift stalls and much more! All welcome this coming Thursday, 14th December starting from 5:50pm.

**THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY APP**  
 The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney had released a Smartphone App (for iPhones and Androids only) for parishioners in the Archdiocese, featuring parish Mass times, the latest news from the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Catholic Church in Australia, information about upcoming Archdiocese events, as well as announcements from the Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney. The App is available to download for free - search for "Archdiocese of Sydney" in the Google Play and App stores.

Dear friends in Christ,  
 In the time scale of human salvation history, the time is arriving when God himself will be among us in the person of Jesus. The birth of Jesus, the incarnation is the greatest event of love in history splitting history into two since God has entered human history to be a player in its outcome. God obviously didn't want anyone not to be aware of this event, since it was planned from the beginning of the world to become human and enlighten us on the mystery of life. His last preparation, calling and warning comes from the voice in the desert, John the Baptist.

*"Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, Makes his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." Mark 13: 33.*

The baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, is about not having to carry the weight of sin in your life around for eternity, the guilt and shame would be too much. The good news is God wants to lighten our burden. God wants to carry it for us through Jesus Christ. The mystery of God's love in Christ will incorporate the mystery of sin and death in it. The love of God in Jesus will embrace sin and death so we can be free of their damming powers.

We do need to see our lives and society at large being held captive by evil temptations. The words we sing during Advent season: *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel. That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel, Shall come to thee, O Israel.* These words are not just about being free from Roman oppression but free from all forms of oppression.

Jesus will not only take away the sins of the world, but give to all who believe in life and love the perfect life, and the perfect love, himself. The joy Jesus gives will be the greatest joy and happiness in the world and that nothing can take this away, and this joy is worth every sacrifice ever made by human beings. When our life is in total conformity of God's plan for us, we enjoy this joy and peace the world cannot give. This is the true meaning of Christmas, that fullness of joy, peace and love has come in the birth of Jesus. This year, when we wish each other Merry Christmas, we truly know the joy in the Merry we want to give each other.

I am on retreat this weekend at Marian Valley Brisbane, to deepening on the joy of Christmas, to experience the original Christmas of Mary and Joseph.

We pray for good weather and God's blessings on the Catholic Youth Festival in Sydney. May God fill all young and eager hearts with his love and joy.

Bishop Anthony Fisher has cancelled this weekend Saturday Vigil Mass to give all priests and people a chance to come together to celebrate our faith at the Domain. I am sorry for the inconvenience.

I thank Bishop Robinson for celebrating all the Masses this weekend and two baptisms. I wonder how many Masses Bishop would have offered during his lifetime. Someone should do the maths. Fr. Kim

Week 3 - 16/17 DEC	5.30pm	9.00am	10.30am	6pm
<b>Acolytes</b>	Allen	Tom	Domenic	Chris
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reader</b>	Maria	Tania	Monique	Chris
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reader</b>	Lalita	Simran	Rose	Donna
<b>EMHC</b>	Rose C & Jenny	Kate & Julie	Rosetta & Marie-Ange	Sonia & Carla
<b>Music (Please advise the parish office)</b>	To be advised	Justine & Choir	To be advised	Volunteer
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Louois, Mateusz, Gideon & Grace	Annabella & Savannah	Daniel	Isabella, Nate & Morgan
<b>Counters</b>	Stephanie Smith & Maria Dight			
<b>Ministers to the Sick</b>	Beryl Henneberry John Pestana <b>Clover Lea - Permanent Commitment Amy Alarcon</b>			
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Cara & Cassandra			
<b>Church Cleaning 11-17</b>	Linda Praum, Liz Reardon, Barbara Manduca, Belinda Miguel, Tim Endicott			

**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**School Motto**  
 Live Justly, Love Tenderly and Walk Humbly with Our Loving God.

For all new enrolments please call 9744 2811, or email school at [info@stjenfield.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@stjenfield.catholic.edu.au)

Principal Mrs Maria Maiorana

With St Joseph we pray ...

- For the sick**  
 Lee Tilliam  
 Fedorowicz Family  
 Sokolowski Family  
 Sharon Holliday  
 Sarah Holliday  
 Zachary Marsh  
 Sue Brancatisano  
 Bishop Geoffrey  
 Nikranicz Family  
 Waslowicz Family  
 Michael Abou-Antoun  
 Douglas Edwards  
 Helen Bache  
 Lan Fon Yu  
 Anna Pezzuto  
 Sonia Grigoriou  
 Chris Dimitriadis  
 Barbara Mitchell  
 Lina Grande  
 Michael Tucker  
 Antoniette Serci  
 Sean Da Silva  
 Alfonso Costantini  
 Joseph You  
 Martin Fleming  
 Sam Shepherd  
 Patrick Morris  
 Rocob Shi  
 Haishong Andy Shi  
 Theresa Lee  
 Urban Fernandez  
 Beatrice Fernandez

- For the Souls of**  
 Mary Burford  
 Elsie Hyde  
 MacDonnell Williams  
 Domenico Ingrati  
 Antonio Pignataro  
 Mary Clifford  
 Rosa messori  
 Vincent Cheng  
 Mary Bolton  
 Aldo Amarino  
 Ruth Pierce  
 Maria Gerace  
 Ronald peak  
 Josephine Vozzo  
 Carmelo Chisari  
 Paul Dapp  
 Anna Seeto  
 Marie Bow  
 Elizabeth Eadie  
 Giuseppe Rinaldi  
 Maria Musumeci  
 Vincenzo Vurichio  
 Roberts Family  
 Webber Family  
 Nicotina Family  
 Ferraro Family  
 Lello Family  
 Santoro Family  
 Biviano Family  
 Moschella Family  
 Panarello Family  
 Cucinotta Family  
 Souls of the unborn children  
 All Holy Souls in Purgatory

- Recently Deceased**  
 Carmelo Calandra  
 Gennaro Ruggiero  
 James Baca  
 Victor Liew  
 Elena Lorenzato  
 Dolly Gock

- Special Intentions**  
 Pezzuto Family  
 Grigoriou Family  
 Dimitriadis Family



# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT/B

10 DECEMBER 2017

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**

## HOMILY

**PROFESSION OF FAITH** APOSTLES' CREED  
*Or the Nicene Creed may be said.*

**I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:*

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**R. It is right and just.**

## PREFACE I OF ADVENT

*After the Preface, we sing or say:*

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

**All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

## COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...**

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray ...

**All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said ...

**R. Amen.**

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*All exchange a sign of peace*

## LAMB OF GOD

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

 Bar 5: 5; 4: 36

**Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, through our partaking in this mystery, you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and hold firm to the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

## REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

### PREPARING THE WAY OF THE LORD

Today the focus lies upon John the Baptist, whose appearance and voice in the wilderness indicate the fulfilment of what Isaiah foretells in the First Reading: the 'good news' ('gospel') of the coming of the Lord, for whom 'a way' has to be prepared. 'The Lord' is, of course, Jesus himself, Messiah and Son of God. The 'way' that has to be prepared for him is no longer, as in Isaiah, a road back to Jerusalem for those who have been in exile. It is the 'way' of conversion of heart called for in John's message and enacted in the baptism he celebrates for the crowds.

Beyond the summons to repentance, John points to the One who is to follow him as a 'more powerful One' who will 'baptise', not with water, but with the Holy Spirit. This prediction foreshadows Jesus' ministry in Mark: he will be the 'stronger One' who will bind up the 'strong man' (Satan; see 3:22-27) who currently holds human beings in thrall, alienating them from God and from their own true humanity. Empowered by the Spirit (1:9-11), Jesus will reclaim human lives from all the captivities (sin, ignorance, disease, etc.) that hold them bound, and draw them into his own life-giving intimacy with God.

The 'good tidings' of homecoming from exile that Isaiah proclaimed to Israel now becomes the 'gospel' of humanity's return to its true home within the family of God. Each Advent invites us to revisit the longing in the depths of our being for that homecoming to God.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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The season of Advent falls into two parts. The first, which continues to 16 December, evokes the themes and persons of the Old Testament who prepared the people of Israel for the coming of the Messiah. During the second stage the mood of preparation intensifies and becomes one of anticipation for the birth of the Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Cf. Is 30: 19, 30

**O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.**

## GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**R. And with your spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. P. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

*The Gloria is not said during Advent*

## COLLECT

P. Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING** Isa 40:1-5, 9-11

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah.*

*Prepare a way for the Lord.*

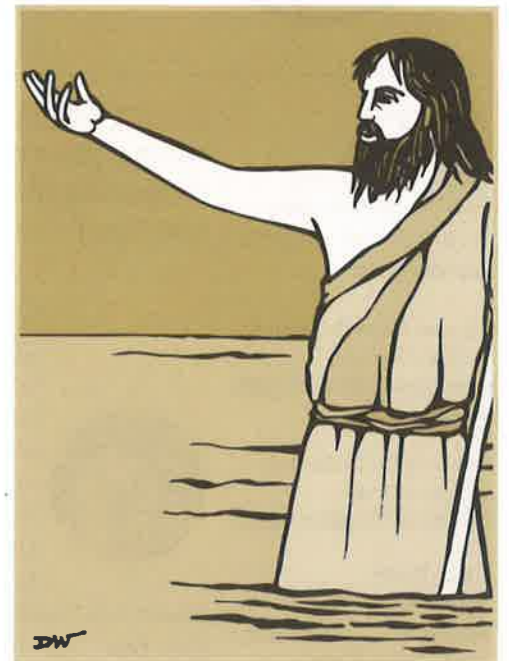
'Console my people, console them' says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her

that her time of service is ended,

that her sin is atoned for,

that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for her crimes.'



carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised; the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Lk 3:4, 6

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

**GOSPEL** Mk 13:33-37

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit**

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Make his paths straight.*

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley;

then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion.

Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah,

'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms,

holding them against his breast

and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 84:9-14

**R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, / a voice that speaks of peace, / peace for his people. / His help is near for those who fear him / and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**  
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; / justice and peace have embraced. / Faithfulness shall spring from the earth / and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

3. The Lord will make us prosper / and our earth shall yield its fruit. / Justice shall march before him / and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

**SECOND READING** 2 Pet 3:8-14

*A reading from the second letter of St Peter.*

*We are waiting for the new heavens and new earth.*

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to