

## Second Sunday in Advent

9th December 2018

**Entrance Ant:** O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of His vice heard in the joy of your heart.

**First reading :** from the prophet Baruch 5: 1 – 9.

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

**Second Reading :** 1st letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 1: 3 - 6, 8 - 11.

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

**Gospel :** according to Luke 3: 1 - 6

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

### Sydney Archdiocese News

**An Advent App for Christmas!** – Meet Me in the Silence.

Walk the journey to Advent on your mobile device. Each day delivers a new video, podcast or written feature to assist you prepare for Christmas and meet Jesus in the silence, despite the busyness of the Christmas season. The Advent Calendar App is free and available on your iPhone, iPad and Android devices. Search for "Xt3 Advent" in the Google Play store or the App store, or visit [www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3advent](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3advent)

**Drawing and Giving Life** – NSW Pastoral Ministry Conference 2019

How do we renew our pastoral structures to draw and give life in the post Royal Commission Church? In what ways are we called to move forward and strengthen our ministries to serve the mission of Jesus Christ? The day includes networking with ministry leaders around NSW & two opportunities to engage with a variety of workshops with on the ground practitioners who offer strategies for renewing and strengthening our pastoral mission. Conference Rates: Early Bird \$65 (booking prior to 17 Dec). Normal rate \$75 (bookings after 17 Dec). Dooleys Catholic Club Lidcombe.

Tuesday 26th February 2019 / 9.30am To 4.30pm

**Bereavement Support Reflections Mornings.**

Third Wednesday of Every Month 10.00am – 1.00pm. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For further information please contact Bereavement Support.

Ph:(02) 9646 6908 / [bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au](mailto:bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au)

## St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

*We are a community striving for growth, unity, equality,  
love and commitment*

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Do we have to be like John the Baptist, eccentrically dressed & scavenging for food, to prepare the way of the Lord? No. You and I are called to be a John or Joan the Baptist, preparing people's hearts in our own time and place. But we have to allow God to prepare our hearts for this role. John the Baptist challenges us to 'Repent', i.e. to turn around our own lives seeking God's forgiveness. John then challenges us to see the big picture which is that 'All who live shall see the salvation of God'. Pope Francis is the exemplary universal pastor inspiring us to be 'les mercifuls sans frontieres'. And young people through social media are already saying 'We are one community of human beings on this fragile planet'. The challenge for most of us is more immediate and apparently of smaller scope. The challenge this Advent is to identify the one person whose heart you can help prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord Jesus in three weeks' time. The best method is to let that person see your faith and joy centred on that little Jewish baby lying in a manger. Do that, and who knows what may happen because that little baby is in fact the Sovereign Lord of history and of the whole cosmos. With God's grace, you don't have to be as eccentric as John the Baptist to play your part in changing the course of history!

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## Liturgy Information

Monthly Mass at Hammondcare will be held this Tuesday at 11:00am

## Parish News

Collections :

2/12/2018 - 1) \$822.90 2) \$1,274.55



### St Vincent De Paul

The St Vincent de Paul Society will be conducting its Christmas Appeal today. There are envelopes available in the church pews for Donations to our Appeal. Could you please give them to the St Vincent de Paul Society members at the back of the church when you leave Mass.

### Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) next event

Plans to celebrate our Church turning 50 next year are well under way. We are currently looking for any memorabilia available from the early years until now. All photos/documents will need to be copies to avoid losses. The celebration will be on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 at the 9.30am Mass. As the Church was built by the Defence Forces Engineers there will be Army involvement and other dignitaries. There will be a BBQ after the Mass in the grounds of the church and parishioners are invited to bring a plate, e.g., sandwiches, cakes, nibbles, soft drinks/water. For catering purposes could you please indicate your attendance on the forms available in the new noticeboard in the foyer of the church. For any further information please contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842

### Trash & Treasure

A new shipping container compliments of St Joseph's Parish, Moorebank is being delivered to the Church grounds on 15th Dec. The collection of quality saleable goods including books, CD's, children toys and homewares for the Trash and Treasure stall for our Fete on the 14th Sept, 2019 will commence on the 5th Jan, 2019. All goods to be left in the crate in the foyer of the Church. At this stage we are unable to accept electrical goods or heavy furniture. For any further information please contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842.

### Parish Flower Ministry

Do you have a spare 1 to 1-1/2 hours once every 5 to 6 weeks to help the small group of ladies who look after the flower arranging in our Parish. If you could spare some time to assist in this Ministry please contact Lorraine on 0428

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



**Tuesday 24th Dec - Christmas Eve Vigil - 6.00pm Children's Mass**  
**Tuesday 24th Dec - Carols 11:30 followed by Midnight Mass 12.00am**  
**Wednesday 25th Dec - Christmas Day - 9.30am only**

**There is no evening Mass**

## Mass Times / Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8th Dec</b>	<b>5 : 30 pm</b> .....Special Intention
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9th Dec</b>	<b>8 : 00 am</b> .....The Sick
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9th Dec</b>	<b>9 : 30 am</b> .....Mass Intentions
Monday	10th Dec	9 : 15 am.....Nicola CioVano
Tuesday	11th Dec	9 : 15 am.....Nakia Sarkis
Wednesday	12th Dec	9 : 15 am .....Mass Intention
Wednesday	12th Dec	7 : 00 pm (TLM).....Vocations
Thursday	13th Dec	9 : 15 am.....Thanksgiving Mass
Friday	14th Dec	9 : 15 am.....Souls in purgatory
Saturday	15th Dec	11: 00 am (TLM).....Thanksgiving Mass

**Reconciliation : Saturdays : 4:15 pm.**

**Baptisms :** Second & Third Sunday of the month after 9:30am Mass.

Baptism & Preparation meetings by appointment only. stchris@tpg.com.au

### Syro - Malabar Liturgies:

Sunday Mass 11.30 am (Every third Sunday in the School Hall)

**The Samoan Community** celebrates Mass in the Church on the 3rd Sunday of the Month at 11.30am.

Adoration / Benediction - 7: 00 pm first Friday of the month (Samoan)

**Adoration / Holy Hour** - Thursday evening 7:30pm (in English) except Thursday before first Friday of Month.

**Novena - Our Lady of Perpetual Help** -1st Wed of month 7:00pm. No Mass.

**No Morning Mass** on 1st Tuesday of Month

**Traditional Latin Mass** - Sat 11:00am and each 2nd, 3rd, 4th (&5th) Wednesday of the Month 7pm.

## Saints of the Week / Feasts

**Saturday 8th - The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Tuesday 11th - St. Damasus**

**Wednesday 12th - Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**Thursday 13th - St. Lucy**

**Friday 14th - St. John of the Cross**

### We Pray For The Sick

Peter Wanchalerm Srirattana, Brian Cooney,  
Cyril Ferriere, Lise Ferriere, Anne Enriquez,  
Barbara Becroft, Frank Ilankovan,  
Steven Aboud, Sofia Abener

### Recently Deceased

Varghese Alukka

### Anniversaries

T.M. Scaria, James Mascunne, Clem Noiette,  
Gabriel do Pao, Valentine Varmadevan



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