

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 2018**  
**AT 5PM**  
**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH**



As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the children are invited to dress up like the characters from the very first Christmas, in our children's Christmas Eve mass. They will help us remember the events of that miraculous night, as we tell the story of our Saviour's birth.

**Sign up**

If your child would like to participate in the Christmas Eve mass, please contact Becky Hession; by Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018, [bectoria25@hotmail.com](mailto:bectoria25@hotmail.com) and give your child's name, age, and the character or role he/she wants to be.

**The character choices are**

Mary, Joseph, Shepherds x 14, Angels x 15, Kings x 3, Donkey x 1, Star x 1, Angel Gabriel x 1, and Innkeepers x 6.

**Please note**

If more than one child wants to be a solo character, we will choose names from a hat, drawn by Canon John in the interests of fairness. If children do not have their

name chosen from the draw, we would still very much like for them to feel they can dress up and be involved. They are most welcome to dress up as creatively as they wish, and come up onto the altar at the end of the Mass when directed, to join with all the children and sing Christmas carols together.

## Rehearsal

This year we will have the rehearsal on Sunday 23rd December at 3pm, in the Church hall, so it is necessary for each child who wishes to participate to be present at the practice please. If you have school-aged children you may leave them for the rehearsal. Parents of nursery-aged children must remain with their child during the rehearsal, even if they have an older sibling. The rehearsal will take approximately an hour and a half.

## Musicians and singers needed

Please contact Rob Cook [the5cooks44@gmail.com](mailto:the5cooks44@gmail.com) if your child (ren) would like to participate in the music section of the service, either as a singer or an instrumentalist.

**The rehearsal for musicians will be the same day and time as above.**

## For older children we will need readers and narrators

Readers must have strong, clear voices for narration, mass readings and intercessions.

*\*\*It is a lovely way to share time together on Christmas Eve, so please bring family and friends to come and watch and celebrate with us. Refreshments will be provided in the hall after the Mass, by the St John the Baptist Children's Liturgy team. \*\**

*Many thanks in advance for your support.*

Any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch on [bectoria25@hotmail.com](mailto:bectoria25@hotmail.com)