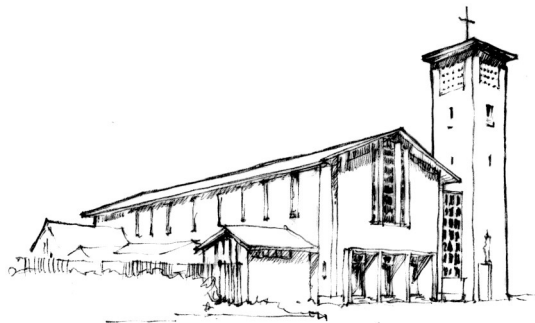


Welcome to

St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 2 OCT 2022

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Weekend:

Saturday evening: 5.00pm

Sunday: 9.00am & 6.00pm

(Check for changes on special
Feast Days)

Weekdays:

Wednesday & Thursday: 9.00am

Friday: 9.15am

Tuesday evening may be available
for memorial Masses.

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 4:30pm - 4.50pm

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Principal: Antoinette McGahan

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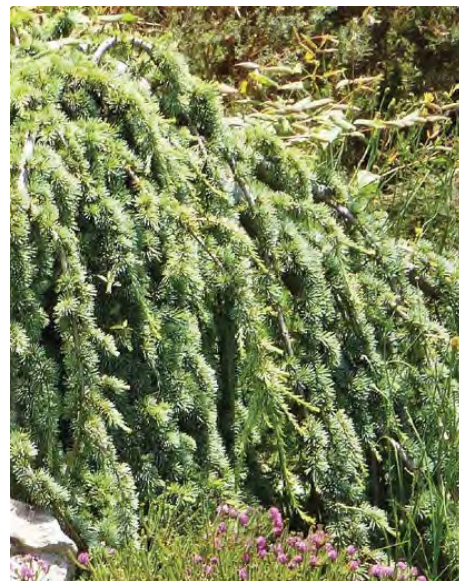
Season of Creation

The same mindset which stands in the way of making radical decisions to reverse the trend of global warming also stands in the way of achieving the goal of eliminating poverty.

Pope Francis Laudato Si' #175

St Francis asked that part of the friary garden always be left untouched, so that wild flowers and herbs could grow there, and those who saw them could raise their minds to God.

Pope Francis Laudato Si' #12



Ecological Insight

French winemakers developed the term terroir by observing variations in wines from different regions, vineyards, or even different sections of the same vineyard. It described the unique aspects of a particular place. Planting the right vine in the right place is a story for all - how to wisely grow humanity as well as preserve land - a vision of harmony and peace.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terroir>

Annual General Meeting of St Joan of Arc Social Committee

held on Tuesday 27 September.

At the meeting the following were elected as office-bearers for the Committee

Chairperson Carmel McKeough

Deputy Chairperson Frank Capra

Secretary Rhonda Albani

Thanks to those who took on the responsibility for Social events in the Parish over the last disturbed Covid years. Please support the committee which will handle this responsibility for the next year. From now on the Committee will be known as the **Welcome and Events Committee** as outlined in the parish strategic plan.

Weddings in St Joan of Arc Church

08 Oct— James Blok & Reham Soro

09 Oct—Tara Nguyen & David Ramjan

15 Oct—Erica Toscano & Marco Sama

23 Oct—Vanessa Camilleri & David Murray

Our Vision as presented in our Strategic Plan

"...a welcoming and modern Catholic community grounded in faith and spirituality, we want to engage with and build a broader community, particularly among the young and with the families of our local Catholic school as well as providing pastoral outreach to those in need within our Haberfield community and also reach out to deliver broader social justice in our community, our nation and beyond."

FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

Decree 2: CHOOSING REPENTANCE – SEEKING HEALING *(extracts)*

1. As the Plenary Council of the Church in Australia, we express our profound sorrow that children and young people and vulnerable adults have been abused by clergy, religious and lay workers of the Catholic Church, and that religious leaders have failed to act sufficiently to prevent or respond to abuse. To the victims and survivors of abuse, their families, and communities, we offer our unreserved apology. We commit to doing whatever we can to promote healing for those so gravely harmed and to make the Church a truly safe place for everyone.....
2. The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse highlighted the extent of abuse in the Church and in our society as a whole. The Royal Commission also made recommendations about what should be done to ensure justice and compassion for those who have been abused and to create a safer Church and a safer society. The Church's annual reports to the National Office for Child Safety provide an account of how Church organisations *(are responding to)* the recommendations of the Royal Commission.
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3. In responding to the call to become a more Christ-centred Church, the members of the Plenary Council are keenly aware of the cases in which the Church has failed to follow Christ's example of such care and we acknowledge the need for repentance.
4. As a Plenary Council, we recommit the Catholic Church in Australia to responding transparently, with justice and compassion, to those who have been abused, whether they approach the Church directly or through the government's National Redress Scheme or through civil litigation.
5. For the safeguarding of children and adults at risk, and for the prevention of abuse, we recommit the Catholic Church in Australia to implementing the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards.(and) regularly reviews their procedures for keeping children, young

people, and vulnerable adults safe, in the light of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards, as well as the requirements of canon and civil law.

6. We affirm the practice of an annual Day of Prayer (currently called "Safeguarding Sunday") on which Church communities throughout Australia pray for God's healing for those who have suffered abuse and dedicate themselves to care for children and all those who are vulnerable, following the example of Christ.
7. In this introduction, the Plenary Council:
 - a. says sorry to the victims and survivors of abuse, their families and communities;
 - b. recommits the Church to respond with justice and compassion to those who have suffered from the trauma of abuse, including where appropriate, ongoing pastoral and spiritual support and accompaniment;
 - c. encourages the practice, where appropriate, of local memorials in various forms, as a tangible recognition of the harm done through abuse and the need for special care for children;
 - d. reaffirms the commitment of the Church in Australia to the work of implementing and improving safeguarding standards and practices;
 - e. calls on all Catholics to commit to ensuring that Church environments are safe and respectful; and
 - f. requests the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Catholic Religious Australia and the Association of Ministerial Public Juridic Persons, with assistance from appropriate experts, to study, acknowledge and address systemic factors which have facilitated abuse within the Church.

The Plenary Council then issues its decrees that flow from the above under the following condition:

In accordance with canon 446 of the Code of Canon Law, this decree is not to be promulgated until it has been reviewed by the Apostolic See. It will be promulgated in *Australasian Catholic Record* and the website of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in accordance with its usual practice. The decrees will oblige six months after promulgation.

(This condition applies to all the decrees of the Fifth Plenary Council)

Alpha at St Joan of Arc

Our third Alpha course has commenced and is now pausing for the School holidays. If you become interested in what it's all about, it's worth noting that Alpha, as its name suggests, is a beginning. It isn't about any specific Christian church



or denomination but rather about the foundations of all Christianity.

If you would like more details please click on the link www.alpha.org.au/try

Please continue to **keep in your prayers** those leading and participating in the current Alpha program .



A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Reflection

"Fan into a flame the gift that God gave you"

A priest answered a late-night call to administer the "last rites" or sacrament of the sick. He was tired after being at the hospital for much of the day and had just fallen asleep when his pager had gone off. He struggled out of bed and up to the hospital, feeling as though he was on autopilot. He was called to the special care baby unit. But when he arrived, he did not find the family or even a patient.

The ward was all in darkness. A senior ward sister materialised in the gloom: "The baby died," she said, rather gruffly. The family? Not coming in until the morning. "Goodness, why call me out?" the priest thought. "I'll say a prayer," he said. So the nurse led him to the corner where the little bundle lay and he began to pray. Suddenly he became aware that the woman at his side was heaving. He stopped and put his arms round her while she sobbed. "So, this was the person I had come for," he thought, "this nurse who had lost a patient and still had tears to shed, bless her." She couldn't break down in front of a junior but she was broken-hearted at the unexpected death of the baby. It had got to her and she needed someone there. "So that's what it was all about," thought the priest, "this is why I am here."

Today's readings are all about faith, particularly the importance of being bold and never being ashamed of "witnessing to the Lord". Faith is persistence in reaching out to Jesus and trusting in God's power and authority. Faith is giving praise to God, having confidence in God's desire for justice and being willing to ask Jesus for what we need.

Throughout Luke's Gospel, the closest followers of Jesus reveal their own mixed level of faith. They have left homes and jobs and families in order to follow Jesus. It has not been easy, as they have encountered hostility from many who oppose him. Still, they have stuck around, even for the final journey towards Jerusalem, even when they have received a warning of what is to come. In our own world's days of turmoil and fear, we can empathise with the disciple when faith wavers. It is easy to lose sight of God's Spirit at work in the world. Yet when we nurture faith we become aware of being part of something vast and intelligent and well intentioned that gives purpose to life, that leads us to seek beyond the horizons of our smallness to the hope that tomorrow, struggling and damaged as we may be today, we can all be better. Faith in God is the only ground we have for faith in ourselves, in humanity, in life. Then we can care enough about others, about the purpose of God for all human life.

Just as the priest chaplain visiting a hospital ministers to people in need-the patients, families and staff - so all called upon to witness to Christ and to use our God-given gifts to serve others and bring healing. We are called to bear witness to Jesus right where we live-in our families, at work, everywhere-even just by giving kindness and the light of a smile. This light reflects the light of Jesus. Faith inspires

some to reach out to refugees in our communities, to campaign for the protection of the local environment and to build peace. It inspires people of faith to build the kingdom of God and spread the Good News to humanity and all creation. We can demonstrate the beauty of the Gospel by the way we live. We can weave dialogue where society is experiencing tension and hostility. We can bring hospitality and solidarity where personal and collective selfishness too often prevails.

When religious faith becomes the bridge that leads to God, it stretches us to live to the limits of human possibility. It requires us to be everything God has created us to be: kind, generous, honest, loving, compassionate, just. It defines the standards of the human condition. It provides the basis for the ethics that guide our human relationship. It enables us to be fully human.

The Living Word

Please keep in your prayers all students soon to sit for the HSC exam.

Coming Events/Saints days

Tuesday 4th Oct St Francis of Assisi

Wednesday 29th Sept— St Faustina Kowalska

Thursday 30th Sept.— St Bruno

Friday 7th Oct — Our Lady of the Rosary

Recently Deceased:

Nunzio Buttitta, Anna Cavallaro, Raul de Matos, Salvatore Giarratano, Robert Harrington, Carmela Raciti, Francesco Amore, Maria Sufferini, Melina Callegari, Giuseppe Gullo, Domenico Mirarchi, Maria Fedele, Giovanni Defina, Filippo Mattarelli, Teresa BIASON, Carmel McEnally, Francesco "Frank" Fiorenza, Zina di Done', Giannino Scappin, Mafileo Tupou,

Please note: Names of recently deceased will remain for a 3 month period before being removed.

Rest in Peace: Monika Fisi'ihoi, Domenico Nicita, Kaliammah Subramaniam, Grazia Scuderi, Saverio Mafodda, Valentina Mannino, Antonio Cardillo, Helen Bedirian, Luigino De Domeneghi, Rofayla Daoud, Michael & Mary Kayrooz & families, Rocco Delfino, Rosa Delfino, Domenico Nicita, Iolanda Caruso, Domenico Catalano, Ilario Furlan, Carmela Catania, Salvatore Catania Concetta Cardillo, Maria Oppedisano, Anna Rosa Angilletta, Cosimo Angilletta, Joe Angilletta, Frank & Immacolata Angilletta, Giuseppe Aversa, Domenico & Olimpia Spadaro, Lawrence Wong, Pietro Banno, Jack McEnally, Domenico Banno, 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: Glen Dixon, Venu Uthappa, Roberto Tramarin, Vittoria Lavecchia, Carmel McNally, 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 Buda, Mario Bianco, Jozo Tadic

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

God is Mercy.

The older we become, the more we realize how limited we are in our ability to love, how impure our hearts are, and how complex our motivations are. And there is a real temptation to want to look inside of ourselves and clean it all out, and become people with a pure heart, unstained intentions, and unconditional love. Such an attempt is doomed to failure and leads us to ever greater despair. The more we look into ourselves and try to figure ourselves out, the more we become entangled in our own imperfections. Indeed, we cannot save ourselves. Only Jesus can save us. That is why it is so important to remove your inner eye away from the complexities of your own broken heart toward the pure but broken heart of Jesus. Looking at him and his immense mercy will give you the ability to accept your own imperfections and to really let yourself be cared for by the mercy and love of Jesus.

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Can you afford \$30 for a hand up and not a hand out?

If so, why not order a \$30 box of fruit and vegetables from Cana Farm. Cana is a farm in Orchard Hill where previously homeless people can obtain new skills for the future and get away from the city for a while.

The farm is part of the Cana Foundation which was started by an Australian Presentation Sister named Anne Jordan.

If you would like to participate in this easy simple act of outreach please use the online order form here :-<https://www.canafarm.com.au/our-shop/p/veggie-boxes>

As you order online please put in St Joan of Arc **88 Dalhousie St** as the place of delivery so that we can eliminate the delivery fee of \$10 and Cana can give us a bulk order. Enter the discount code "StJoan" in the **Payment & Discounts** section to waive the delivery fee.



Aid to the
Church in Need
ACN AUSTRALIA

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

In areas of crisis, churches are often destroyed by violence. Where the faith is growing new churches are needed. ACN supports the reconstruction in these areas because a church is the centre of the life of faith and even the smallest chapel provides people with hope and a spiritual home.

Can you help build churches to support the faithful throughout the world? Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/construction



COVID RULES

COVID-19 remains active in the community, in 7 days to 4pm, 22 September, total known cases 14170, of which 5770 detected from PCR tests, so let's keep good standards of hygiene and be tested if feeling unwell.

It is recommended that MASKS continue to be used, particularly indoors in busy or crowded places including at Mass.

General information is still available on the **NSW government website**: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: **SECOND** and **FOURTH** Sunday of the month at 11am. Attendance at Baptismal Preparation is expected.

FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION: Please see parish website for information, dates and forms.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements for a wedding will not be confirmed until 12 months before the desired date and should be made at least six months in advance. Please contact the parish office to book an appointment. Attendance at a Pre-Marriage Course is encouraged.

For Baptisms and Marriages priority is given to parishioners of St Joan of Arc, or people who have a historic affiliation with our Parish

ANointing OF THE SICK - EUCHARIST TO THE HOUSEBOUND

Please tell Fr Phil or inform the Parish Office if members of your family or other parishioners are **ill or housebound**. If they desire the **Anointing of the Sick and the Eucharist** it is only right that arrangements would be made for them to receive these Sacraments regularly. Both are Sacraments of the healing and strengthening ministry of Jesus Christ administered through the Church.

The war in Ukraine continues. Attempts to justify it produce threat and fear. Let us keep praying for the people involved and not forget other places where there is suffering because of conflict, tyranny, oppression, hunger, poverty, inequality

God of mercy,
help us to listen to your voice,
a voice that speaks of peace to all people.
Let the sound resonate within us,
until a whisper becomes a shout
which cannot be ignored.
Move us with your love,
so that our actions echo your peace,
and we may bring comfort
to those touched by conflict.
Fill us with your hope, O Lord, and
quiet the fear and hatred which divides us,
as we seek to build a future together,
of true and lasting peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Prince
of Peace,
Amen.

Catherine Gorman/CAFOD