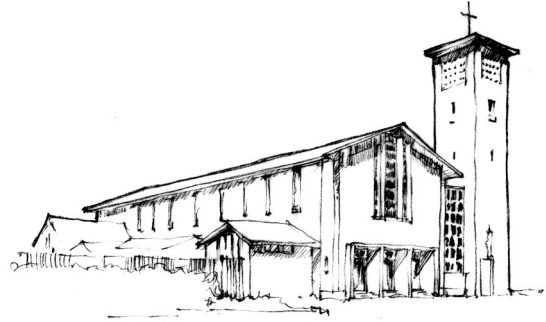


Welcome to

St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 16 OCT 2022

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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

Schools:

SJOA Primary:

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Principal: Antoinette McGahan

P: 9712 2133

*Welcome to the children preparing for their First Holy Communion
with their families.*

**STOP PRESS - Haberfield Conference of St Vincent de Paul
Clothing Drive Saturday, 5 November 2022**

Do you have clothes, books, toys, handbags and other accessories in good condition which can be donated to assist people in our community who are experiencing difficulties and need support and assistance?

Members of the Society will call at your home to collect donations. Items need to be placed outside and ready for collection from 7.30am onwards.

Please leave your details in the church foyer and collect a bag for donations.



SAVE THE DATE

Parish General Meeting

Thursday 10 November - 7pm

Please mark in your diaries - more information to follow.



Uluru Statement from the Heart

The Australian Catholic Bishops supported the Uluru Statement at their biannual meeting in November 2021 and through the deliberations of the Plenary Council.

The SJA Social Justice Group has now learned that Inner West Council plans to run a civic education program to build awareness about the Uluru Statement and is seeking to train 1000 volunteers.

If you would like to find out more information and register your interest in the training program please visit:

<https://yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/volunteer-uluru-statement-heart-and-referendum>

Registrations close on Wednesday 26 October 2022

Weddings in St Joan of Arc Church

15 Oct—Erica Toscano & Marco Sama 23 Oct—Vanessa Camilleri & David Murray

5 Nov—John Da Silva & Rosanna Ligato 26 Nov—Christopher Fiorini & Stefania Mirarchi

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 4: WITNESSING TO THE EQUAL DIGNITY OF WOMEN AND MEN

1. God's word speaks clearly of the equal dignity of women and men: "So God created humankind in his image . . . male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:27). For Christians specifically, "there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28). In the Church, all people receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit that are mediated through our baptism: "There is one faith, one baptism, one God and father of all" (Ephesians 4: 4-6).

2. Scripture calls the Church to recognize the equal dignity of women and men and to esteem their contributions. Throughout history, the Church has looked to Mary the Mother of God as a model for every human person and *the* model for Christian discipleship. At the close of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Saint Paul VI spoke of the "hour of woman," (Paul VI, Address to Women, 8 December 1965) recognizing the unique contribution that women make in the life of society and the Church. This has been true in the history of the Catholic Church in Australia. Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Eileen O'Connor, Mary Glowrey, and Caroline Chisholm are examples of faith-filled women who have made outstanding contributions to society and to Catholic life, often against significant odds.

3. In his Letter to Women, Pope Saint John Paul II apologised for harm caused to women, and he called us to ensure the personal dignity and rights of women are protected and upheld as well as recognising the unique gifts they contribute to building up a healthy Church and society. In particular, he called us to work to overcome the cultural assumptions of inequality:

Women's dignity has often been unacknowledged and their prerogatives misrepresented; they have often been relegated to the margins of society and even reduced to servitude. This has prevented women from truly being themselves and it has resulted in a spiritual impoverishment of humanity. Certainly, it is no easy task to assign the blame for

this, considering the many kinds of cultural conditioning which down the centuries have shaped ways of thinking and acting. And if objective blame, especially in particular historical contexts, has belonged to not just a few members of the Church, for this I am truly sorry. John Paul (*John Paul II, Letter to Women, 29 June 1995, n. 3*)

4. From the beginning of the twentieth century, a growing awareness of the equal dignity of women and men has reshaped Australian social and political life. Nonetheless, disregard for the equal dignity of women and men persists in society and the Church. There is still much to be done.

5. The Plenary Council has heard from women of varied experiences in the Church today. Sometimes women are joyful, happy, and thriving in their service to Christ and the Church. Other times women experience barriers and a lack of support in seeking to offer their gifts in service of the Gospel, which has caused frustration and disappointment. Authentic witness to the equal dignity of women and men requires addressing issues of power, authority, and the freedom of persons to decide and act on their decisions with informed consciences. We need to deepen our understanding of the human person, to appreciate more fully the gifts that women and men together bring to the life of the Church. This will require scriptural and theological formation and catechesis at the parish, diocesan, eparchial, and national levels. Here too, there is much work to be done.

6. In light of the above and aware of the extent of the ongoing challenges, this Plenary Council commits the Church in Australia to acting in ways that witness clearly to the equal dignity of women and men, with their diverse gifts and experiences. It commits the Church to enhancing the role of women in the Church, and to overcoming assumptions, culture, practices and language that lead to inequality.

The Plenary Council then issues its decrees that flow from the above under the stated condition: this decree is not to be promulgated until it has been reviewed by the Apostolic See.

Alpha at St Joan of Arc

Our third Alpha course continues this Wednesday.

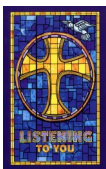
If you become interested in what it's all about, it's worth noting that Alpha, as its name suggests, is a beginning. It isn't about any specific Christian church



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

“Pray continually and never lose heart.”

Are we losing the habit of memorising? Some of us can still remember being brought up on *The Penny Catechism* with its questions and answers about every aspect of Catholic faith. The decision to abandon this approach to learning was based on the belief that such rote repetition did not bring understanding. A similar decision was made in regard to learning one’s times tables and memorising poetry. Explanation and understanding replaced memory. Yet memory plays a vital role in establishing our identity, both personally and as a society. We can’t eliminate its role altogether. Our social shaping comes through our shared learning, whether nursery rhymes or the times tables or the prayers learnt at our mother’s knee.

It is true that bad memories can haunt us, but psychotherapists work on bringing such into the light so that we can have a greater sense of confidence and control in our lives. Similarly, a neglect of learning poetry by heart leaves us without access to the shared lived wisdom of the past. Nadezhda Mandelstam wife of the Russian poet Osip Mandelstam, who died under Stalin’s purge in the 1930s, waited till better times in the 1970s to reveal his poetry to the world. Because she could have been killed for having his poetry in her possession, she had committed it all to memory.

St Luke’s Gospel constantly mentions Jesus being at prayer. It has even been called the Gospel of prayer. Jesus is found at prayer particularly when he is faced with a big decision or an important event. The consummate example is in the garden of Gethsemane. Luke links the prayer of Jesus on this occasion into what is his usual practice: Jesus went out, in accordance with his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and he encouraged his disciples twice to pray not to enter into temptation.

Jesus usually prays by himself, but he encourages his disciples to follow his example. At one point in the Gospel they ask him to teach them how to pray, and Jesus, as in Matthew’s Gospel, gives them the prayer we now know as the Lord’s Prayer. It is a shorter version than the one we use but it contains the same coupling of praise and petition. It is the petition element that dominates his teaching on prayer in today’s Gospel. The petitioner is a widow, a figure used by Jesus elsewhere as an example of poverty and powerlessness. The judge is the symbol of power as well as justice. He is pictured as acting on the widow’s behalf, not because of the justice of her claim, but because he fears that, in the original Greek of the Gospel, she will give him a black eye if he fails to act. How much more likely that God will see justice done, even if at times God does seem slow to react.

Memory and prayer have certain aspects in common. They both open us up to what is beyond or greater than ourselves. People condemn memorisation because they fear it supports indoctrination. They condemn prayer because they feel it gives a false sense of expectation. Both criticisms can be true when the practices of memory and prayer are used abusively. But to eliminate their practice on such grounds limits our ability to be open to the world and to God.

It is often said that the practice of prayer does not change God: it changes us. We become more able to understand

and follow God’s will. And, just as with a well-trained memory, we are then able to draw things out of our treasury, both new and old. We struggle when we cannot make sense of our world. Prayer takes us beyond the capabilities of our mind and heart to find the source of all meaning, God. This allows us to return to our world with greater understanding but also with gratitude. Life is a gift, but to remain open to a full appreciation of the gift of each day and what it brings we need that inner openness, which both prayer and memory bring. They act as the invisible cord that links us to the divine mystery that lies behind not just our own salvation but that of our world. And as we respond to this vision we, too, never lose heart.

The Living Word

Saints days/Coming Events

- Monday 17th Oct** - St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr
- Tuesday 18th Oct** - St Luke evangelist
- Saturday 22nd Oct** - St John Paul II
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- Sunday 6 Nov** - Memorial Mass for deceased parishioners who have died in the last year with their families invited to attend. This will be followed by a parish morning tea in the Mother Teresa Courtyard.
- Saturday 10 Dec** - Parish Christmas celebration which commences at 6pm following the 5pm Bilingual Vigil Mass. *Please put this in your diary as we have been unable to have a Christmas celebration since 2019 and it will be a great opportunity for parishioners to come together for fine food, fellowship and carol singing.*
More details will be provided closer to the date.

Recently Deceased:

Mario Di Biasi, Bruna Pagura, 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,

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

Rest in Peace: Luciano Frisone, Elisa Procopio, Salvatore Procopio, 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 Fragiacommo, 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, 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

The Grateful Life

How can we live a truly grateful life? When we look back at all that has happened to us, we easily divide our lives into good things to be grateful for and bad things to forget. But with a past thus divided, we cannot move freely into the future. With many things to forget we can only limp toward the future.

True spiritual gratitude embraces all of our past, the good as well as the bad events, the joyful as well as the sorrowful moments. From the place where we stand, everything that took place brought us to this place, and we want to remember all of it as part of God's guidance. That does not mean that all that happened in the past was good, but it does mean that even the bad didn't happen outside the loving presence of God....Once all of our past is remembered in gratitude, we are free to be sent into the world to proclaim good news to others.



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Please keep in your prayers all students sitting the HSC exams.

Plenary Council Invitation Celebration and Thanksgiving for Sydney Parishes

Hear an update on the Second Assembly by Plenary Council facilitators and a reflection on the Synod of Bishops Continental Phase Document

Saturday 19 November 10am-1:30pm

Mary MacKillop Place
North Sydney
(entrance from 80 William Street)

RSVP by 8 November

Sr Jo Brady RSJ at jo.brady@sydneycatholic.org



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.

COVID RULES

While the danger of COVID-19 has subsided, let's continue to carry with us the lessons we have learnt from it. This includes good hygiene, use of masks when necessary and greater care of each other.

Refer <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19> for more info.

NOVEMBER MASSES

Mass offerings for **November Masses for the Faithful Departed** can be placed in the **box** outside the sacristy.

Because a priest is limited to accepting one offering a day for Mass intentions, it isn't possible for me to offer all the Masses requested, so those I cannot offer I will forward either to the Archdiocese for distribution to priests who can offer them, or to missionary orders whose mission priests can benefit from the offering.

Pope Francis has called for 2025 to be a Jubilee Year.



The motto is **Pilgrims of Hope**. The official logo represents the people of God, taking up the cross to follow Christ. Christ is the anchor in the

stormy seas we all encounter. The figures represent the four corners of the globe embracing in solidarity. The rainbow colours represent God's steadfast promise to protect us (Gen 9:14).

In preparation for the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis is calling on the Church in 2023 to focus on the four Constitutions of Vatican II - the documents on the Church, Divine Revelation, the Liturgy, and the Church in the Modern World.

2024 will be a year of prayer and spiritual preparation. The Jubilee Year itself is a time of pilgrimage, prayer, repentance and acts of mercy. Jubilee means rest, forgiveness and renewal.

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

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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