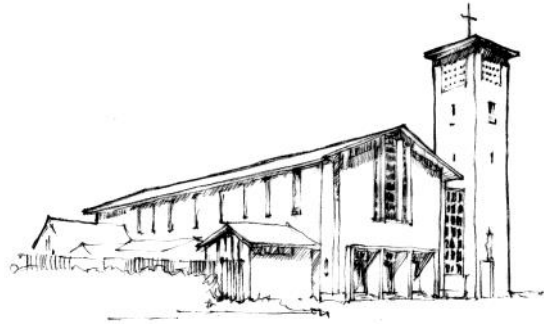


Welcome to

St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 6 NOV 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

Schools:

SJOA Primary:

Principal: Des Fox

P: 9798 9780

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Principal: Antoinette McGahan

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St Joan of Arc Parish General Meeting

Date: Thursday, 10 November 2022

Time: 7.00pm for light refreshments, with meeting commencing at 7.30pm sharp

Venue: St Joan of Arc Primary School Hall, 88 Dalhousie Street, Haberfield

What will happen at our Parish General Meeting?

This is your chance to hear from Fr Phil and the Parish Pastoral Council about what is happening at SJA, including progress on our strategic plan and exciting proposals for the future.

There will also be updates from the Social Justice Group, Finance Committee, Liturgy Committee, Welcome and Events Committee, Haberfield Conference of St Vincent de Paul and SJA School.

After the formal part of the meeting there will be time for discussion and questions.

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

Welcome and Events Committee

Our Christmas function this year will be held on Saturday 10 Dec with a bilingual Mass at 5pm followed by dinner (savory finger food and dessert) and Carols in the Church. Santa will also make an appearance. This event is free to parishioners but we need to know numbers for catering.

**Please place your name and number
attending on the list in the front foyer
of the Church.**

If you are able to bring something sweet for dessert this would be welcomed.



Sydney Street Feast - Friday 18 November

at St Mary's Cathedral, 12pm-2pm

Street Feast returns in 2022. The Archbishop will be hosting a luncheon for the homeless in the forecourt of the cathedral. **Volunteers are needed** to serve food and provide conversation for guests.

[Click here to express interest.](#)

Weddings in St Joan of Arc Church

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."

A Communion with the Saints

In 1979, Sheldon Vanauken published a book, *A Severe Mercy*, within which he tells the story of the death of his wife, Davey. The book is a vivid account of a most powerful romance - one cut down while still in full bloom by Davey's premature death.

This story has intrigued many people, both because of the extraordinary relationship which he describes between himself and Davey before her death and because of the relationship between them after her death.

Subsequent to her death, Vanauken describes how he still felt very strongly and vividly Davey's presence. She was gone, in that brutal and irrevocable way that death always takes people away, but he felt her presence - as really as he ever had before she died.

In the early months after her death, her presence to him was constant, warm, guiding, sure, consoling, and on the same plane as it had been while she was alive. She had died, but, in the silence of his heart and soul, he felt her present to him - as wife, lover, best friend, moral companion.

During those months, he carried always in his pocket her wedding ring which he fingered tenderly many times each day. Touching it always helped centre him and make him aware of her presence.

One day, while on a ship crossing the Atlantic, he felt her presence change. In the silence of his heart and soul, it was as if she was speaking to him, telling him that, up to now, he had needed that kind of presence from her, but that now this needed to change. They needed to move to a different plane in their relationship.

To do this, she was "letting him go" in the way she had been present to him and she was asking him to "let her go" in the way that he had had her. It was a difficult moment, but Sheldon understood its meaning. He took the ring from his pocket and quietly dropped it into the ocean.

From then onwards, Davey was still present to him, but in a new way. Her presence now was more inchoate; not more distant, but less the presence of the earthly wife, lover, best friend, moral companion and more the presence of a person who loves you and holds you in a way that is harder to describe.

Thousands of persons who have lost loved ones to death, including myself, identify with that story, both in terms of feeling the presence of a deceased loved one within the silent recesses of heart and soul and in terms of feeling this relationship gradually develop and move to a new plane.

In my own case, I lost both parents when I was 22 years old. Initially, for a period of more than a year, like Sheldon Vanauken, I felt their presence inside of me as sure, guiding, and parental (they were still very much my mum and dad and they were still very much with me); though, in my case, it was not a fully consoling and warm presence, the pain of their loss would occasionally bring me to a type of tears that cannot be described as warm.

However, somewhere between the first and second year after their deaths, this changed. For me, unlike for Vanauken, there was not one clear moment when this happened. Yet, gradually and imperceptibly, their presence to me and within me changed.

Very parallel to Vanauken's experience, what I experienced was a shift in presence from one plane to another. I still felt their presence, just as before, but now something clearly had let go, even as something else had developed.

I felt their presence now as a deep consolation and their loss no longer hurt as before. I no longer felt a need to pray for them... though now I felt a need (which I still feel today, 20 years later) to pray to them.

They were still my parents, but something had changed. I hesitate to use words to describe this which sound vague and pious, but what I felt can only be characterized as follows: They were still my parents - alive, deeply concerned for me, and more present in my life than they could ever be while still in this life.

But now I felt that presence as something higher, more eternal, more universally shared with others, and more tied to God's love and presence to me. It became harder to differentiate their presence from the general feeling of divine providence that I sense about my life,

I come from a large family. Basically all of my brothers and sisters had the identical experience. As well, my ministry affords me many privileged occasions wherein people share with me their stories concerning how they continue to feel their relationships with their deceased loved ones.

Vanauken's story of our ongoing and developing relationships with those who have died is paralleled everywhere. Relationships continue to grow and develop, even after death.

Weird stuff, right? No! Not if we believe one of the essential articles of our creed which affirms that we believe in "the communion of saints... and continued relationships (life) ever after!"

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SACRAMENTS

For information on BAPTISM, FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION, MARRIAGE, ANOINTING OF THE SICK - EUCHARIST TO THE HOUSEBOUND please visit the parish website for more details.

Redefining Normal: Mental Health Advocacy Workshop Thursday 1 December

at 38 Renwick Street, Leichhardt, 8.30am-1.30pm.

A positive, bi-partisan and lived experience - honouring mental health workshop welcoming voices across faiths, cultures and generations. [Register here.](#)



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

“Being children of the resurrection they are sons of God.”

The British Prime Minister Winston Churchill was once asked what it was like to stand in the House of Commons at the despatch box and to face the enemy. Churchill said, “Do you mean the people sitting on the opposite side of the House? They’re not the enemy: they’re the opposition. The enemy are sitting behind me.” Of course it was a joke, but one that political party leaders throughout the world might understand. A variant of this is the adage, “Keep your friends close to you, and your enemies closer.” Too cynical? Perhaps, but it is wise to remember that there may not always be a great distance separating cynicism and truth. A common theme in theatrical and operatic works is the tragedy of an important figure relying on a particular friend or servant, only to find, at the end of the story, that the trusted one is nothing more than a cynical traitor, happy to betray them. Given the prevalence of this particular feature of life, it is not at all surprising to find that prominent leaders in various biblical settings suffer betrayal at the hands of those whom they had trusted implicitly. Christians are well aware of one of these in the life of Jesus: his betrayal at the hands of one of his twelve closest associates, Judas Iscariot. Perhaps the biggest shock is that religious leaders would take any and every opportunity to put an end to Jesus, whose utterances were often directed against the hypocrisy of the religious leaders of his time.

You would be forgiven for thinking that surely nothing terribly problematic should arise from a theological difference of position; but again, just think how many wars have been started with religion at their heart - crusades in the Middle Ages, the Reformation throughout Europe - and to this day people are being executed in the name of religion.

Jesus had become such a challenge to the religious authorities that they were prepared to have him killed. In today’s Gospel, we learn first and foremost that the major religious groups - such as the Pharisees and Sadducees - felt challenged by Jesus’ teaching, not least because his teaching was something he put into practice in his own life. In regard to the question they asked him today, Jesus was nearer in theology to Pharisees than he was to the Sadducees, who had no belief in the resurrection of the dead. Their reason for this was that in the so-called books of Moses, the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, there is no mention of the resurrection of the dead.

Many Pharisees believed in the resurrection of the dead, and this is a reminder to us that they were progressive in their theology, and in fact shared many insights with Jesus. The sad fact about the Sadducees, who belonged mostly to the ranks of the Temple priests, was that they clung to ancient expressions of theology. This differentiation between Pharisees and Sadducees is important to us today. It is necessary for us to recognise the wealth of the religious teaching of the past, and to recognise that through the development of theology, we can develop our own faith too. The letter to the Hebrews has a lovely expression, where it says, “The word of God is something alive and active.” It is not something printed in a book that cannot be altered; it is not some kind of monolithic structure where words carved on it can never be rewritten. The Word of God in our tradition is not a text, but a person. It is Jesus who is the Word of God made flesh. This is, of course, exactly how Jesus is described in the opening chapter of the

Gospel of John.

Sadducees would not accept Jesus for who he was because they were not prepared to move beyond a very literal interpretation of the first five books of the Old Testament. Their understanding of God was, therefore, very limited indeed. They avoided the insights of the prophets and others. They cut themselves off from anything new being revealed by God - in Jesus’ case, the revelation of God in Jesus. If only they could have had the openness of St Paul, who was prepared to broaden his theological outlook by listening to the one who is the Word of God made flesh, and who alone can reveal to us the things of God.

The Living Word

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.

Saints Days/Coming Events

Wednesday	9th November - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Thursday	10th November - St Leo the Great, pope, doctor
Friday	11th November - St Martin of Tours, bishop
Saturday	12th November - St Josaphat, bishop, martyr ~~
Saturday	10 Dec - Parish Christmas celebration which commences at 6pm following the 5pm Bilingual Vigil Mass. <i>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.</i> <i>More details will be provided closer to the date.</i>

Recently Deceased:

Beniamino Pasquantonio, Mario Ferraro, Nunziata Merlo, Teresa Cascone, Maria Nicolosi, Mario Di Biase, Bruna Pagura, Nunzio Buttitta, Anna Cavallaro, Raul de Matos, Salvatore Giarratano, Robert Harrington, Carmela Raciti, Giuseppe Gullo, Domenico Mirarchi

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

Rest in Peace: Mary Attard, 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 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, 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

Give the gift of digital connection

Do you have a **phone, tablet, or laptop** stashed away in a drawer that you are no longer using?

People seeking asylum in Australia don't receive government income support and can struggle to access mobile phones and computers.

You can help by **donating your second-hand devices** - which can support someone to study, apply for jobs, and get in contact with family, government agencies and organisations.

The Asylum Seekers Centre is accepting donations. Find out how you can get involved via [their website](https://asylumseekerscentre.org.au/how-you-can-help/donate-a-device/), and give the gift of digital connection!

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Alpha at St Joan of Arc

Our third Alpha course completed their retreat this weekend and then only has a few weeks before it finishes.

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



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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Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

Prince of Peace,
Once more we hear the guns of war,
Once more we see the faces
Of frightened children.
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
That they may be granted peace;
We pray for the people of Russia,
That they may demand peace;
We pray for our country,
That we may be a positive part
Of peacemaking in this world.
O Prince of Peace,
Lead us from this dark time
To a deeper understanding
Of the global human family,
So all may break bread together
In the secure embrace of peace.
Amen

Jane Deren, Ph.D. Education for Justice 2022

Messa di Ringraziamento "Haberfield" "Movimento Cattolico del Rinnovamento nello Spirito Santo"

Il movimento Cattolico del Rinnovamento nello Spirito Santo, invita la comunita' italiana a partecipare alla celebrazione della Santa Messa che sara' celebrata da Padre Filippo Zadro.

Giovedì 8 Dicembre 2022 alle Ore 14:00 pm
St Joan of Arc Parish - 97 Dalhousie St Haberfield

Per ulteriori informazioni: **Albina - 9713 8961**
Anna - 9712 2970

Not to be missed

Mary McKillop Outreach Haberfield Men's Shed Garage Sale and Open Day

Your opportunity to do some Christmas shopping and purchase expertly crafted woodwork such as coffee tables, jewellery boxes, tea boxes and more!

Date: Saturday, 19 November 2022

Time: 9am - 1.00pm

Address: 1-5 Rogers Avenue, Haberfield



Roll up your sleeves; make a difference overseas.

Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more.

Imagine yourself re-engaging your vocational passion in Africa, Asia or the Pacific. Since 1961 **Palms Australia** has been recruiting Australians able to offer mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts opportunities otherwise unattainable. Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home.

Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles.

Enquire about those roles via www.palms.org.au or by calling **02 9560 533** or **0422 472 567**.



2023 CALENDARS and CHRISTMAS CARDS

In the Piety Stall we have the **beautiful 2023 COLUMBAN CALENDARS** on sale for **\$10 each** and

CHRISTMAS CARDS - Australian Design - \$5 per packet of 10 cards and the new traditional style designs which are the art works of N.S.W. Catholic School Students' at \$7 per packet of 10 cards.



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.