

Welcome to

# St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - YEAR C - 20 NOV 2022

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### Eucharist:

#### 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

#### Domremy College:

Principal: Antoinette McGahan

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**Welcome** to the children receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend and their family and friends. We pray that their love of the Eucharist continues to grow from today onwards and that they develop a strong relationship with Jesus.



## Advent Resources



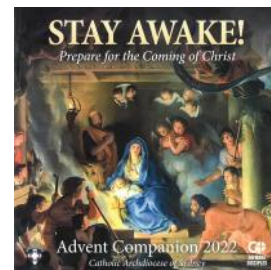
This year's Advent books "Incarnate" are from the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong. This program has daily reflections throughout the Advent period. Advent is a preparation for Jesus' coming at Christmas. Through the use of the reflections it helps us to focus on the real meaning of the Christmas season.

The Sydney Archdiocese has also provided some copies of their Advent Program: Stay Awake!

Prepare for the Coming of Christ. This contains reflections for the Sundays of Advent.

You might like to use either book individually or join with some other parishioners to reflection during Advent.

**Both available from this weekend for a gold coin donation. Please place donation in the container provided.**



## Thank you



**Jesuit  
Social Services**  
Building a Just Society

to all who contributed to the appeal to assist the Ignite Food Store. If you were unable to bring a bag of items but would still like to support the great work of Jesuit Social Services you can donate online by clicking on link, <https://jss.org.au/donate/>

### 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."

## 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.*

## 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.](#)

## Acting in God's Name

The first questions are not "How much do we do?" or "How many people do we help out?" but "Are we interiorly at peace?" . . . Jesus' actions flowed from his interior communion with God. His presence was healing, and it changed the world. In a sense he didn't do anything! "Everyone who touched him was healed" (Mark 6:56). . . .

When we love God with all our heart, mind, strength, and soul, we cannot do other than love our neighbor, and our very selves. It is in being fully rooted in the heart of God that we are creatively connected with our neighbor as well as with our deepest self. In the heart of God we can see that the other human beings who live on this earth with us are also God's sons and daughters, and belong to the same family we do. There, too, I can recognize and claim my own belovedness, and celebrate with my neighbors.

Our society thinks economically: "How much love do I give to God, how much to my neighbor, and how much to myself?" But God says, "Give all your love to me, and I will give to you, your neighbor, and yourself."

We are not talking here about moral obligations or ethical imperatives. We are talking about the mystical life. It is the intimate communion with God that reveals to us how to live in the world and act in God's Name.



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## FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

### DECREE 9 - THE IMPLEMENTATION PHASE OF THE FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL

This decree sets up the procedures and protocols for the implementation and review of the Plenary Council decrees.

### DECREE 10 - THE DECREES OF THE FOURTH PLENARY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

This decree recognizes the need to review the decrees of the 4<sup>th</sup> Plenary Council of 1937 to see which still apply and how they are to be applied.

All the decrees of the Fifth Plenary Council of the Catholic Church in Australia can be found at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>. It is emphasized throughout that none of the decrees can be promulgated until they have been reviewed by the Apostolic See.

## Caring for the Worship Environment

On 9th December at 1pm in the church, there will be a meeting to develop a rostered team to look after caring for the worship environment. This task usually occurs in the background and those who are involved go unseen. It is a very important ministry because it is more than just ensuring that the flowers are kept watered and tidy. For quite a while this has fallen to a select few people, for which the Parish is extremely grateful. We need more volunteers to assist. Please join us if you are interested or would like more information

## Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP invites you to CHRISTMAS at the Cathedral

PRESENTED BY **paynterdixon**

**8-25 DECEMBER 2022**

Festivities begin at 7pm with:  
Christmas market stalls, food, fun activities for the kids and live entertainment



## 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](mailto: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

**“Above him there was an inscription: ‘This is the King of the Jews.’”**

Do we look forward or back in life? We are told that the ideal is to live in the present. But as human beings our lives are coloured by our memories. If we were hurt badly or received little love when we were young, much of our lives may be spent in trying to heal those wounds. If we were loved and helped to be secure by our parents, families and friends, we tend to be more confident and face our world with trust and openness.

It may seem odd, but if we are happy as children, we tend to leave home more easily. If we are sad, the break can be more difficult, as though tentacles of unresolved issues and guilt tie us to the past like rampant bindweed. It can also be more difficult to see alternative ways of being. It is as though our imaginations are dulled, the freedom of our spirits curtailed. We look forward fearfully. Whatever we do, we feel things are likely to go wrong, and we will repeat the patterns of our childhood. Sometimes, in contrast, we react by becoming wildly optimistic. This time I will get it right. This time all will be well. But such hopes are often based on what we desire others to do for us and not upon an awareness of ourselves or how we might make things different. We swing between fond hopes and near despair. There is little acceptance of the mixture of good and bad in each of us, knowledge of which helps us move forward realistically with patience and humour.

As Jesus hangs on the cross, he is surrounded by the crowd and their jeering leaders. The language is that of anger and disappointment. Some of them might have had hopes that Jesus would be the Chosen One who would free them from the yoke of the Romans. Others might have been upset by his clear teaching that the way of the Chosen One was not that of political rebellion. In both cases they are stuck in the past. Once they had kings. Once they had been an independent people. A king should have the power to save himself as well as others. The soldiers and one of the criminals join the mocking. Their limited understanding is given ironic expression in the inscription put above him: “This is the King of the Jews.”

As so often in the Gospels, the truth lies elsewhere. Jesus calls for a vision that goes beyond our ordinary way of thinking. So many of his detractors want Jesus to make their lives easy, to heal their ills and free them from oppression. There is no sense of their own responsibilities or contribution they might make. This is the difference between them and the good criminal. He understands clearly his own self. He is a criminal who is being justly punished for what he has done and accepts it. But he still has hope. Through reconciliation and through trust in Jesus he might yet be saved. In his response Jesus recognises his faith with the promise that he is already reconciled; he is already in the kingdom.

If we are to be like the good criminal, we too need to have a clear picture of who we are and also that same underlying trust in Christ. St Paul speaks of how everything in heaven and everything on earth is reconciled in Christ. Christ holds all things in unity; he takes us out of our darkness of misunderstanding, failure and despair, and makes it possible for us to join the saints and with them inherit the light. If we look back, it is to judge ourselves as accurately as possible. The aim is neither to blank out our responsibility for who we are nor to become enmeshed in a sense of guilt and failure. Sometimes we blame ourselves too much, sometimes we

blame others, but either way we become caught up in false hopes and expectations.

The miracle does not lie in someone waving a magic wand to wipe out all that is difficult in our lives. The miracle lies in our encounter with Christ that takes us forward through his healing and reconciling power. It is this power, celebrated especially in the sacrament of reconciliation but also in the whole of our sacramental life, that enables us to continue to grow in the life of faith on earth and to share in the fullness of God's glory in heaven.

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

**Monday 21th November** - The Presentation of Blessed Mary

**Tuesday 22nd November** - St Cecilia, virgin, martyr

**Thursday 24th November** - Sts Andrew Dũng-Lạc, priest, and companions, martyrs

**Sunday 20 Nov** - First Communion Mass (10:30am)

**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.*

## Recently Deceased:

Maria Panucci, Paola Ribera, Natalia Guerrieri, Mario Ferraro, Beniamino Pasquantonio, Nunziata Merlo, Teresa Cascone, Maria Nicolosi, Mario Di Biase, Bruna Pagura, Nunzio Buttitta, Anna Cavallaro, Raul de Matos, Salvatore Giarratano, Robert Harrington, Carmela Raciti

**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, Kaliannah 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

*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*



## Christmas Gift Appeal

Mary MacKillop Outreach is located in Haberfield and is a day centre and service for adults with disability who reside in Sydney's Inner West.

Mary MacKillop Outreach is asking for your assistance to make their Christmas party extra special for their participants. The giving tree will be up from next weekend and items to be brought back to the church by 3&4 December.

There will be a flyer available from next weekend, however if you are out shopping and would like to pick something up here are some tips.

- Male or female special gifts e.g., bags, sunglasses, hats purses/wallets etc.
- Male or female clothing sizes M-XL
- Sweets & treats including diabetic friendly treats

**Please bring the present in a gift bag unwrapped** - this way the staff can take a peek at the items and give it to the person who would love it the most.

**No secondhand goods please**

## 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.



Garrett Publishing is presenting a series of virtual Advent talks four Australian biblical scholars from *Yarra Theological Union, a College of the University of Divinity*. Each

week this group of accomplished guides will work together to explore the readings for the week.

Speaking to us from their own area of expertise will be:  
Prof Mary Coloe PBVM Dr Mary Reaburn NDS  
Dr Chris Monaghan CP Dr Janina Hiebel

This is a perfect opportunity to enrich your Advent journey.

### EVENT DETAILS

**WHEN:** Tuesdays – November 22, 29, December 6, 13  
**TIME:** 7.00pm – 8.00pm AEDT\*  
**WHERE:** Via Zoom meeting  
**COST:** Free

### CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE

**Online registration is essential. Zoom meeting details will be forwarded on Monday 21 November 2022.**

**THIS IS NOT AN ACCREDITED EVENT.**

## Messa di Ringraziamento “Haberfield” “Movimento Cattolico del Rinnovamento nello Spirito Santo”

Il movimento Cattolico del Rinnovamento nello Spirito Santo, invita la comunità italiana a partecipare alla celebrazione della Santa Messa che sarà 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**

## 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.

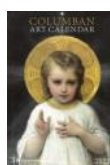
## Alpha at St Joan of Arc

This year's program of Alpha finishes on Wednesday evening.

Please continue to **keep in your prayers** those leading and



## CHRISTMAS IS COMING



**2023 CALENDARS** with a great artwork for each month which **make beautiful gifts** as well as being useful for the home, are now on sale **in the Piety Store** as are **SVP Christmas Cards** some of which have art works done by School Students from Catholic Schools across the state as well as some which are Australian themed.

