

Welcome to

St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A - 27 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

P: 9712 2133

An Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparation for Christmas.

We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces
to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things
look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways
long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy
seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness,
yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
Amen.

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Christmas Mass times and Rosters

24th December

5pm - Children's Mass

9pm - Vigil

Midnight Mass

25th December

9am

There will be no evening Mass

The roster for the Christmas Masses is in the Sacristy, please place your name clearly to the various ministries.



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.

Please take one for your use and if you would like to make a gold coin donation place it in the container provided.

Weddings in St Joan of Arc Church

There are no weddings for the remainder of this year.

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.](#)

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. Registrations close soon.

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>

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.

Continental Stage Document of the Synod of Bishops

The Church around the world has entered the Continental Stage for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality.

In March 2020, Pope Francis announced that the theme for the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in October 2023 would be "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission".

Australian Catholics, through the various dioceses, published their reports which were used to shape the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. Over the last few weeks the Decrees have been published in our bulletin. These will assist the Bishops in their work towards lead-up to the gathering in Rome in October 2023 and October 2024. The synod has been extended to October 2024 to allow for more consultation and feedback from the faithful.

On October 27, 2022, the Holy See published the Working Document for the Continental Stage, titled "Enlarge the space of your tent".

https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/acbcwebsite/Articles/Documents/ACBC/FINAL_Working_Document_for_the_Continental_Stage.pdf

If you would like to provide feedback https://acu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9vH94X6HeZRxxYq

St Joan of Arc Primary School.

At the start of Term 4, 2022 Mr Des Fox, principal of St Joan of Arc Primary School announced his resignation and retirement as of the end of the year. You never expect this type of news and we thank Des for his commitment and support of the St Joan of Arc community, which were marked by wisdom, openness and humour.

On Wednesday 23 November 2022 Miss Amanda Gahan was announced to the staff and school community as new principal commencing in Term 1, 2023. Amanda is currently Acting Principal at St Peter Chanel Primary School, Regents Park. We look forward to welcoming and working with her. We ask God's blessing on both of them.

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



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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

“Stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming.”

The Irish poet Patrick Kavanagh's poem "Advent" speaks powerfully to these weeks. The opening lines are very evocative: "We have tested and tasted too much, lover – / Through a chink too wide there comes in no wonder." In an age that is often focused on the next experience, seeking one "high" after another, the poet invites us to recognise the desire for pleasure and to begin a more reflective time. We are invited into the "Advent-darkened room" with the penances of "dry black bread" and "sugarless tea" which will "charm back the luxury/ Of a child's soul". It is an opportunity to rediscover wonder and surprise in a tired and overstimulated life.

Children can teach us many lessons during these weeks. They are busy preparing their Nativity plays, carol singing and end-of-term activities. They are full of natural excitement and exuberance as they look towards Christmas. Being naturally curious and wanting to explore their world, children teach us to be more spontaneous. Parents will know how one question follows another as they discover knowledge and are fascinated by what they see around them. The poem invites us to see again, like children, "the newness that was in every stale thing" and evoke wonder and praise at the mystery of the gift around us. Already small bursts of colour begin to break into the dark world of winter as some winter flowers appear. They are hopeful signs pointing us towards new life and Christ. The poem ends, "Christ comes with a January flower."

Both St Paul and St Matthew present an urgent message to us today: "stay awake". Jesus warns us that if we are complacent, then the life of a Christian can become lukewarm. We live in a half-hearted way and are only half-alive. We may be ashamed of aspects of our lives that we wish to hide in the darkness and do not want to expose these deeds to the harsh reality of light where others may see them. Rather Advent invites us to be ready to move out of darkness into the light and live with integrity and honesty. There is no room for hidden bad practices. The early Church expected Christ to return in glory very soon after the resurrection. The Gospels communicate an urgency and a warning about living expectantly for the coming of the last days. Now, well into the third millennium, we have lost our expectation for the coming of Christ at the end of time. His promise remains that he will come to judge the living and the dead at the second coming. We can trust in the promise of eternal life and the resurrection from the dead.

While we are not as aware of the second coming, the time of our death remains uncertain. We can hope for a long life but cannot guarantee it. We know so vividly and painfully that this is often not the case: sickness strikes, an accident happens, a tragedy occurs and life is turned upside down. It is like a burglar coming in the middle of the night and breaking into the house. The Advent readings remind us of our mortality. This season provides an opportunity to reassess our priorities and live with eyes open to wonder and the gifts we see around us. It is a good time to appreciate and thank those we love for their presence and place in our lives. Advent is a time of waiting in hope. The old will pass away. We can hope that Christ will break again into our lives to bring his gift of peace, for which so many people long today.

For many families the busyness of the pre-Christmas season

is a challenge to a good Advent. In contrast to this whirlwind of busyness, Advent is an opportunity to give some time to prayer and to reflect on the gifts that we have been given. At the end of the day, a period of reflection can open our eyes to the wonderful gifts around us and lead us to praise God.

Advent is a time of repentance when we are encouraged to go to confession and recognise those times when "we have tested and tasted too much" and been indulgent and selfish. Perhaps there are times when we know that we have gone beyond what was right and good. Repentance and confession open the heart again to Christ. We are called to "stay awake".

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 30th November - St Andrew, apostle
Saturday 3rd December - St Francis Xavier, priest

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:

Antonio Di Girolamo, 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 is in the foyer and there are tags which can be taken with gift suggestions and items are to be returned to the church by 3&4 December.

There is a flyer available with a bit more information about Mary MacKillop Outreach and the work they do with the following tips for gift ideas.

- 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



Thank you

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/>

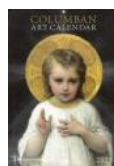
Messa di Ringraziamento "Haberfield" "Movimento Cattolico del Rinnovamento nello Spirito Santo"

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

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.



I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfaithfully each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since "no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord". [Paul XI, "Gaudete in Domino" 22] ...whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms. ... How good it feels to come back to him whenever we are lost! Let me say this once more: God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy... No one can strip us of the dignity bestowed upon us by this boundless and unfailing love. With a tenderness which never disappoints, but is always capable of restoring our joy, he makes it possible for us to lift up our heads and to start anew. Let us not flee from the resurrection of Jesus, let us never give up, come what will. May nothing inspire more than his life, which impels us onwards!

Pope Francis - Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of The Gospel) 3

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.