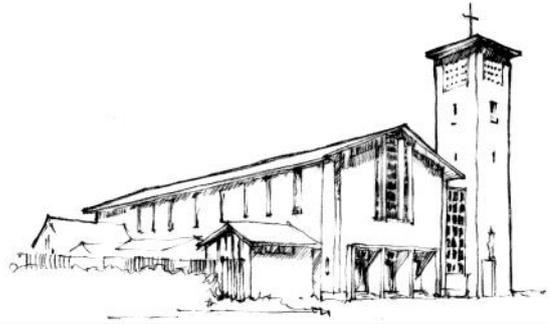


Welcome to

St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR A - 8 JANUARY 2023

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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

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Principal: Antoinette McGahan

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Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI RIP

Pontifical Requiem Mass will be held on Thursday 12 January 2023 Memorial Mass at St Mary's Cathedral 5.30pm. (Please be seated by 5:15pm)

For those who are unable to attend, the Requiem Mass will be live-streamed on the St Mary's Cathedral YouTube Channel.

Please continue to pray for the repose of the soul of the late Holy Father.



Papal red: Pope Benedict XVI acknowledges the crowd at the end of the final Mass of World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia, on 20 July 2008. Photo: CNS, Mick Tsikas, Reuters

Children's Liturgy and Altar Servers

After a hiatus due to Covid it is time to recommence these ministries in 2023!

We need adults committed to being on a roster to run the Children's Liturgy. There will be training and support.

If your child has received their First Holy Communion and would like to become an Altar server committing to a regular roster we would love to hear from you. The children will receive training in the ministry.

For more information please speak to either Fr Phil or Maria or contact the office on 9798 6657 or email Maria - Pastoral.Associate@stjoanofarc.org.au

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."

REFLECTION

“We saw his star as it rose.”

Guidance systems on modern planes are incredibly powerful and extremely complicated. Designed to ensure the safety of passengers, and using information from both satellites in space and sources on the ground, they are able to pinpoint the position of the plane with precise accuracy and avoid other planes or hazards in the vicinity and obstacles on the ground. From holiday flights, through cargo journeys, to aid and rescue missions, our modern world would be very different without them. To a large extent, we depend on such systems to ensure the viability of our modern way of travel.

The magi were guided on their journey to Bethlehem by a more ancient form of travel guidance: a bright shining star. That journey involved them in leaving the familiarity of their homelands and embarking on a risky, uncertain voyage to an unclear destination. Trusting in the star, and in their own insight and instincts, they were invited to take a risk. They travelled from town to town, as did the trading caravans in that part of the world. Some of those routes were familiar, well-trodden paths; others were less well known, poorly signposted or difficult to follow. No doubt, too, they met individuals offering helpful, and not so helpful, advice on the route they should take; and others fascinated by the story and purpose of their journey. The questions asked of them by King Herod seem at first motivated by interest, but we know there was an ulterior motive to his enquiring. Fear and jealousy were at the root of his interrogation.

On reaching their destination it turned out that they were guided not to a place, but to an individual, the newborn infant king, Jesus Christ, who was revealed to them as the one whom they should worship. That worship was underpinned by the offering of gifts symbolising his nature as well as the ultimate gift he was to offer – his very life on the cross. But the difficulties of their journey were not over, as they were then warned in a dream that they faced severe danger if they returned by their original route. So they travelled home, not along the roads they had come by, but by another, alternative and probably unfamiliar, way.

One can only imagine their arrival back home in their own country, exhausted by their travels, amazed and intrigued by what they had seen, and changed through their experience. It is reasonable to assume that they might have retold their story many times, opening with the words: “Well, once we saw this star...”

On any journey we need reference points to stay safe or to avoid getting lost. For Christians, guidance is provided not by a star or a satellite but by an individual, Jesus Christ. We are followers of him, his teaching, his example, his inspiration. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we are invited to leave the comfort of our familiar surroundings and travel through a world that can be quite hostile and in which we will find much to concern us, challenge us and sometimes even scare us. However, with our hearts and minds fixed on Jesus – who has been revealed not only to the magi but to us and to all people – we have a sure, safe and certain means of travelling through life. Sharing the gifts he has given us with others, opening the treasures of our faith, hope and love, we can traverse the landscape of life, bringing the light of Christ to others. Wherever life takes us, if

we keep our eyes fixed on Christ, we will truly be his disciples, making our way, sometimes by unexpected routes, back to our heavenly homeland.

How do we pinpoint our position in life as we seek to witness to Christ? How do we navigate our way along the journey of life trying to avoid obstacles and pitfalls? How do we offer the gift of our lives as an encouragement and example to others? Today perhaps we can learn from the magi, continuing our travels with trust in the guiding light of Christ in word and sacrament, and believing that he really is the way, the truth and the life.

The Living Word

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.

Weddings in St Joan of Arc Church

8 January 2023 - Adrian Marques Fletcher & Rachel Fang 

COVID RULES

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

Saints Days/Coming Events

Monday 9th January The Baptism of the Lord

Recently Deceased:

Horace Guarrera, Ignazia Batticciotto, Caterina Marino, Arturo De Grazia, Maria Catena Giannetto, Gaetana Loschiavo, Angela Defina, Antonio Di Girolamo, Maria Panucci, Paola Ribera, Natalia Guerrieri, Bruna Pagura, Robert Harrington.

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

Rest in Peace: Salvatore Giarratano, Joe Di Marti, Mary Attard, Luciano Frisone, Elisa Procopio, Salvatore Procopio, Monika Fisi'hoi, 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 Fragiacomano, 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



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.