

Welcome to

St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A - 22 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:

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George Cardinal Pell RIP

A Requiem Mass will be held for Cardinal Pell at St Mary's Cathedral on Thursday February 2 at 11am (Cathedral doors will be open from 9am).

See Notice Board in Church Foyer for full details.

*Please continue to pray for the repose of the souls of Pope Emeritus Benedict and
Cardinal Pell.*

Sacramental Programs 2023

FIRST RECONCILIATION

- Commitment Mass – Sunday 19th February (9am)
- Session dates – Wednesdays 1st & 15th March (7pm)
- Celebration – Wednesday 29th March (5pm & 7pm)

Enrolments for First Reconciliation are now open. Please go to parish website for more details. Closing date for enrolments for First Reconciliation is Friday 10th February 2023

CONFIRMATION

- Commitment Mass – Sunday 7th May (9am)
- Session dates – Wednesdays 17th & 31st May, 14th & 21st June 9 (7pm)
- Celebration Sunday 25th June (11am & 2:30pm)

Choice to be made by families which time is preferable and limit to be estimated depending on number of candidates.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

- Commitment Mass – Sunday 15th October (9am)
- Session dates – Wednesdays 18th & 25th October, 8th & 15th November (7pm)
- Celebrations Sunday 19th & 26th November (11am) or one of the regular parish Masses for those two weekends (Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9am or 6pm)

Choice to be made by families which day & time is preferable and limit to be estimated depending on number of candidates

Please continue to monitor the bulletin for further information and the website for enrolment forms for Confirmation and First Holy Communion and for commitment forms for all Sacraments.

Welcome & Events Committee

Happy New Year to all. Our first meeting for 2023 will be held on Tuesday 24th January @ 7pm in Presbytery or via Zoom. Anyone is welcome to attend. If you can't attend but would like something added to the agenda please contact Rhonda on ralbani1952@tpg.com.au Thanks

Weddings in St Joan of Arc Church

28 January 2023 - Nicholas Hanania & Romina Torrisi



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."

Soul-Chained to Things Beyond Us

In his novel, *Clowns of God*, Morris West suggests that there are deep reasons why we are so incurably restless: "The fact is that we live only in communion – not only with our present, but with the past and future as well. We are haunted by a whole poetry of living, by lullabies half-remembered and sounds of train whistles in the night and the scent of lavender in a summer garden. We are haunted by grief, too, and fear, and images of childhood terror and the macabre dissolution of age."

Living, at least living with a certain restfulness and peace of soul, is not as simple as we think. We shouldn't be so surprised at our perpetual disquiet and pathological restlessness for we are haunted, as West puts it, by a whole poetry of living that doesn't allow us to be easily inside the present moment. Too many things that have nothing to do with the present moment constantly invade our consciousness. We are, in the words of Toni Morrison, "soul-chained" to things beyond us. Our hearts sense things, remember things, and connect to things in ways that we do not necessarily want and these half-remembered, half-thought, and half-felt feelings forever keep us from being comfortably inside our own skins. They bring the past and future into our present and they chain our hearts to worlds beyond us.

We feel this most clearly and painfully whenever we suffer a heartache or an obsession for someone we love but can't have. Whenever that happens, as we know, the ache in our hearts makes for a heaviness, an emptiness, and a restlessness that robs us of virtually all of the joy we might experience at a given moment. There are so many times when we have every practical reason to be happy and content, but, because of a heartache, simply cannot give ourselves over to the moment or be content inside of its simple joys. Our heartache, coming from somewhere beyond, colors everything with its restlessness.

And it isn't just romantic heartaches that do that to us. We suffer through obsessions of all kinds. Memories, regrets, hurts, intuitions, nostalgia, and daydreams of all sorts, are forever impaling themselves inside of us and leaving us deeply restless. Karl Jung once said that energy isn't always friendly. Whenever we have a heartache, a regret, or an obsession that spoils our day and leaves us too restless to sleep at night we experience what he meant.

This is both good and bad: Some of the things we are chained to produce pain and restlessness in ways that rob us of sunshine, freedom, and sleep. Often, when we are restless, the thoughts and feelings that have invaded us are unwanted. We wish we could be free of them in order to enjoy our lives, without these thoughts and feelings roaming around inside of us like ghosts inside a haunted house. But, painful as this can be, we really wouldn't want the opposite.

If we could ever be content simply with the pleasures contained in a given moment, like a contented animal munching grass in the sun, we would, by that same token, reduce ourselves from human to animal. What makes our souls different from the souls of animals is precisely the fact that our souls are infinite in their depth, infinite in their yearnings, and therefore infinite too in the realities to which they are chained. Our restlessness is, in fact, a sign of our humanity.

Sometimes of course this wears us down and we get to so

weary and tired that we want only to numb ourselves against those things that over-stimulate our souls from beyond. This numbing ourselves to depth can be healthy for a while, as a convalescent space, but in the end we need to be haunted from beyond. The ghosts that haunt us bring with them depth, spirit, and meaning.

Morris West tells us that we are always haunted by things beyond us, but he adds: "I am sure that it is in this domain of our daily dreaming that the Holy Spirit establishes his own communion with us. This is how the gift is given which we call grace: the sudden illumination, the sharp regret that leads to penitence or forgiveness, the opening of the heart to the risk of love."

What haunts us from beyond is also what drives us beyond simple, animal, satisfaction and opens us to other worlds.

In her novel, *Love*, Nobel-prize winning novelist, Toni Morrison describes a young boy who is falling rather hopelessly in love with a woman who is incapable of reciprocating that love. This, she suggests, will surely lead to heartbreak and ruin: "God help the boy," she laments, "if he got soul-chained to a woman he couldn't trust."

We all know the pain and heartbreak of that! But the reverse is probably worse: God help any of us if we become so dulled, calloused, or self-protective that we are no longer soul-chained to worlds beyond us."

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Altar Servers

Altar serving is a special ministry that allows children to assist the priest during Mass. This ministry is open to children who have made their first Communion or older. New Altar Servers will be provided with training and then added to the roster.

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



Baptisms

We welcome into the Church through Baptism this weekend

Alessia Buono

St Joseph's Parish Riverwood is seeking a part time Parish Secretary. Hours are 9:30am to 3:30pm every Thursday and Friday. The role is shared with the Parish Finance Secretary.

Responsibilities include general administration, phone enquiries and maintenance of sacramental registers. Experience preferred. MYOB experience an advantage.

For any enquiries or to request a job description or send your application, including a one-page cover letter and CV, please email stjosephriverwood@outlook.com or phone the Parish on 0490 754 963. Applications close Tuesday 31 January 2023.

-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.

COVID RULES

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

REFLECTION

“The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light.”

Charlie Bird is a retired Irish journalist. He worked for RTÉ, the Irish radio and television network, for forty years. His voice was his life. Using his voice was his daily occupation. One day in October 2021 he noticed that he had a problem. Something was wrong with his voice. A diagnosis revealed that Charlie had MND, motor neurone disease. All of a sudden he was faced with the prospect of a terminal illness. He was cast into darkness.

After shedding many tears, Charlie found himself dry-eyed and with a new determination. He was going to bring some light into this situation. He resolved to climb Croagh Patrick, “the Reek”, Ireland’s holy mountain in County Mayo, and to raise money for two special charities – for MND, from which he now suffered, and for Pieta, an Irish charity that helps those affected by suicide. In April 2022 over a thousand people across Ireland joined in “Climb with Charlie”, local groups climbing mountains all over the country, as Charlie ascended the Reek in Mayo, and raised over three million euro for those charities. In the chapel on top of the Reek, Charlie lit five candles for five special intentions. He also said, “I do not know how long I will live but until my dying day I will extend the hand of friendship everywhere.”

The prophet Isaiah spoke about a king who would come to bring light into a world of darkness. The people of Galilee and its environs had suffered badly from war, invasion and exile, and Isaiah looked forward to the day when such suffering would be swept away with the coming of a great king. When Matthew comes to write his Gospel story, he sees that ancient prophecy fulfilled when Jesus begins his public ministry.

The light begins to shine in the words that Jesus uses to announce to people that the kingdom of God is, here and now, very close to them. In synagogues all over Galilee Jesus announces his Good News to people who, like ourselves, long to hear good tidings. The teaching is backed up by the healing power that Jesus has, to cure all kinds of sickness and disease. He truly is a light shining brightly. But Jesus is no one-man band. As surely as he begins to preach and heal, he begins to recruit his own followers, in order to make them into preachers and teachers and healers in their turn. Fishermen will become fishers of humankind.

One of the great followers of Jesus in the years to come is Paul, a powerful and dynamic character. He comes to hear about division and partiality in the church at Corinth, where people have their favourites among Peter, Paul, Apollos and Jesus. He writes to them to set the record straight, urging them to be united in Christ Jesus. He also points out to them the central place of the crucifixion in our understanding of our life and our faith. We are not here to philosophise about life, but to preach the Gospel of Jesus, who endured the cross for our sake. The life of Jesus

involved the great struggle of light and darkness, good and evil. The Lord faced many foes in his short public life. He endured opposition and oppression. He was accused of doing the devil’s work. In the end he was falsely accused, condemned and put to death. But you cannot extinguish the light of God, and Christ Jesus rose from the dead.

Our lives meet with the same challenges. Our joys are mixed with sorrows. Our light is sometimes threatened with darkness. Ill health, broken relationships, depression – these and other forms of sadness come upon us. In our hard times, it is our connectedness to one another that will see us through. Charlie Bird has had the company of a dog in recent times. Charlie says, “He knows when I’m distressed. It’s incredible the love of that creature.” Charlie has rallied from his dark days. He has said that he wants to continue to shine a light in dark places. We all know the dark days. We have all been to dark places. We need a light to shine. We also need to be the light that shines. As one candle is lit from another, so let the light of Christ catch fire in you to set this world ablaze with the light of life.

The Living Word

Saints Days/Coming Events

Tuesday	24th January	St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor
Wednesday	25th January	The Conversion of St Paul, apostle
Thursday	26th January	Australia Day
Saturday	28th January	St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor

Recently Deceased:

Maria Germani, 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’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 Fragiacomio, 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.



A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

Aid to the Church in Need is asking for support to aid sisters in Kenya in building a new mother house and formation centre for their local community. Hunger, illiteracy, and lack of medical provision, combined with desperately poor roads and a lack of clean drinking water make life incredibly difficult for many people in Kenya. The diocesan congregation of the "Visitation Daughters of the Immaculate Heart" were established in order to help this needy population - but to continue their work they need your help! The sisters' work includes caring for expectant mothers, acting as midwives, providing counselling, caring for the sick and looking after the elderly and orphans who are frequently abandoned by society.

Your support will help these sisters to continue their mission by providing them with a permanent convent.

To make an offering and learn more visit <https://aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject>

As the first anniversary of the war in Ukraine draws near next month, 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.

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

Parish Census

Are you new to the parish, or have you been a part of St Joan of Arc for a long time?

It is important for the parish to have up-to-date information on its parishioners.

If you haven't already completed a form and do not have a copy of one either please contact the office on admin@stjoanofarc.org.au or go to the parish website.

Create Pastoral Care Ministry is one of the priorities of our Parish Strategic Plan. The current details of the Plan don't specifically include death and grieving even though there are many funerals each year here at St Joan of Arc.

If you agree that it would be good to explore the development of a Grief Support and Funeral Planning Ministry, please consider taking part in the formation day advertised below.

Expressions of interest are welcome even if work obligation doesn't allow you take part, so please leave your name with Maria Condello either in person or through pastoral.associate@stjoanofarc.org.au

The Christian's Final Journey:



Grief Care and Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria, and partner, the ACU Centre for Liturgy, are offering a one-day workshop on Catholic funerals on **9 February 2023**.

It has been designed for Clergy, Funeral Directors, Bereavement Teams, Pastoral Associates, Parish Secretaries and Family Faith Educators, Teachers, APRE's, School Staff and interested individuals. Catholic practices around burial and cremation will be investigated as well as preparation of a funeral (for future discussion with the funeral celebrant) and how to support the grieving. It will be held at the Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney. Time: 9am-5pm (registration from 8.30am). Registration is essential by 3 February. Cost: \$60 (includes lunch and a workbook) (\$120 for Funeral Directors who will receive certification for 5 years.)

Enquiries: CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au or 02 9701 4751. For more information, and to register, go to www.acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy/pastoral-training

I highly recommend this workshop to anyone who would like to know more about Catholic Funerals and the church's practice for them. I did this course last year and found it extremely beneficial. Maria (Pastoral Associate)

The beauty that will save the world is the love that shares the pain.

Cardinal Carlo Martini of Milan



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

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.