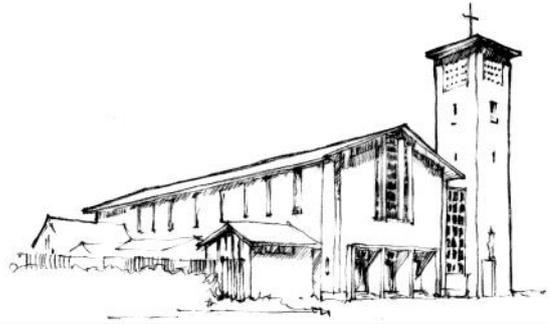


Welcome to

# St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A - 12 FEBRUARY 2023**

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## Office hours:

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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:** Amanda Gahan

**P:** 9798 9780

### Domremy College:

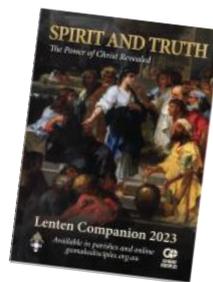
**Principal:** Antoinette McGahan

**P:** 9712 2133

## Lenten groups

*Time is running out to form your groups - Lent commences on 22nd February. Once again we have the Lenten books from the Wollongong Diocese and a number from the Sydney Diocese. Each of these programs can be done individually or as a group. The Wollongong book offers a reflection for each day, while the Sydney book offers reflections for Sundays of Lent. Lenten groups usually work with the Sunday readings.*

*It would be wonderful to have Lenten groups running again in the parish. If you would be interested in leading a group or getting a group of people together please contact Maria - Pastoral.Associate@stjoanofarc.org.au*



*The books will be available next weekend for a gold coin donation.*

## BLESSED PALMS

Please bring, by Sunday 19 February, any blessed Palms/branches from Palm Sunday last year and leave in the container provided. These will be used to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday.



## Ash Wednesday - 22 February

Masses at 9:15am & 7:30pm



## Baptisms

We welcome into the Church through Baptism this weekend

Luna Giuliana Angilletta

Emilie Younan

Chloe Eve Kagaras

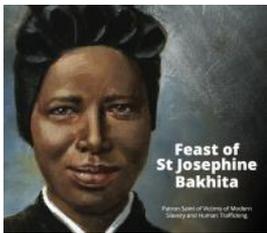
## Weddings in St Joan of Arc Church

18 February 2023 - Emilio Domenic Battaglia & Jessica Aiello



## 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."*



**St Josephine Bakhita**

We celebrated the feast of St Josephine Bakhita on 8 February. St Josephine was born a slave in Sudan and is the patron saint for victims of human trafficking and modern slavery. You are encouraged to learn more about St Josephine and pray for all those affected by modern slavery and human trafficking, and the people working to eradicate this crime against humanity.

As part of learning about St Bakhita and modern slavery some lucky St Joan of Arc Catholic Primary School students took a trip to Haberfield’s own Chocolate Artisan shop. Where the owner Jessica Pedemont explained about FAIRTRADE chocolate and the importance of supporting industry fairly in developing countries. And of course there was a taste test and the vote was unanimous - FAIRTRADE chocolate **REALLY** does taste better!



**PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF MODERN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

We pray for the victims of human trafficking that they may be brought to freedom and rebuild their lives after the traumatic experiences they have suffered.

We pray that St Josephine Bakhita, sold into slavery as a child, intercedes with God for those trapped in a state of slavery, so that they will be released from the shackles of captivity.

We pray for all those who are dedicated to eradicating modern slavery and human trafficking that they will have the courage and strength to reach out and overcome challenges.

We pray that by our actions as consumers we always reject as gravely wrong any goods or services tainted with slavery.

We pray for our governments that their laws will protect victims of human trafficking and reject goods and services from sources associated with slavery and forced labour.

We pray that the Church will continue to defend and free victims of human trafficking and be a source of love, hope and faith to bring the vulnerable and enslaved to find healing for their wounds. Amen.

St Josephine Bakhita, Patron Saint of Slavery Victims, Pray for Us.

(from <https://www.acan.org.au>)

**Lullabies and Laments**

An invitation to a 3 part online series by Mary Diggins and Trisha Watts entitled "Lullabies and Laments - A tear and a smile in the eye." Wednesdays on February 8th, 15th, 22nd.

Lullabies and Laments are songs for the journey of life. They provide support for moments of transition and bring peace and ease. This series will help you continue to discover the beauty of your own story through song. No singing prerequisites required - just come as you are and learn to sing some beautiful songs for your life!

As the new year begins, join us for something gentle, fun and nourishing!

Via the bulletin on the parish website you will be able to access a short video invitation and the information and booking link below.

Video - [Lullabies and Laments Invitation](#)

For more information (including cost) and booking: <https://lnkd.in/g7rF8xen>

**Saints Days/Coming Events**

Tuesday	14th February	Sts Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop
Sunday	19th February	9am Mass - First Reconciliation Commitment Mass followed by morning tea
Wednesday	22nd February	9:15 & 7:30pm - Ash Wednesday Mass
Friday	3rd March	World Day of Prayer (hosted by Baptist Church)
Saturday	4th March	3:30pm ‘Ashes to Easter’: Lenten Concert-Reflection with Peter Kearney
Sunday	5th March	9am - Kindy Welcome Mass followed by morning tea.

**-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 details.

## REFLECTION

***“If your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.”***

We have a strange reaction to people in power and their systems. If we have directly suffered at their hands we have a natural revulsion and desire for revenge. We will be only too aware of how they use their systems to line their own pockets and ensure their control over anyone who challenges them. If we have been reasonably comfortable under the same systems, we will tend to defend them and even revel in the supposed glory of the worlds they have created. We commend the Roman Empire for its organisation and engineering triumphs, forgetting that this came at the cost of a ruthless destruction of other civilisations and a vast system of slavery in support of the few. We even colour that ruthlessness with a pretence of virtue: for example, David Livingstone, the famous Scottish physician and missionary, one of the great heroes of British nineteenth-century history, sought the spread of the British Empire in Africa under the headings of “Christianity, commerce and civilisation”. Many people, then and since, have turned a blind eye to the violent means the empire used to achieve and maintain its control.

Such practices are in no way a monopoly of the past. The Russian and Chinese governments operate to a similar pattern today as do some others, whether in Asia, the Middle East, Africa or South America. As the adage warns us: those who do not learn from history are bound to repeat it.

Jesus came into confrontation with both the civil and religious authorities of his day. He was to end his time on earth by being put to death by the civil authorities, but most of his arguments were with the religious authorities. The scribes and Pharisees were not necessarily the hardliners they sometimes appear to be in the Gospels, but what Jesus objected to in them was their hypocrisy and abuse of power. St Matthew’s Gospel draws together the teaching of Jesus into five substantial sermons, which can be connected to the five great feasts of Judaism. He is writing for an audience of Jewish converts to Christianity and so wants to highlight the relationship between the world his listeners grew up in and the differences introduced by Jesus.

Today’s Gospel is taken from the first of these sermons, the Sermon on the Mount as it is usually called. This sermon began, as we heard two weeks ago, with the declaration of what we call the Beatitudes. These are sometimes seen as the Christian charter. They are not commandments. The Greek word *makarioi* has often been translated as “blessed”. In the Jerusalem Bible, as used in the Lectionary, it is “happy”, and in a more recent version the translator has come up with “congratulations”. The idea is that if this is what you are doing in your life, you are doing the right thing. In the rest of the sermon Jesus takes challenging examples from the Bible and Jewish tradition and shows what will happen if you apply the practice of the Beatitudes in such individual matters. In all this he does not consider

that he is undermining the Jewish tradition, the Torah and the Prophets. Rather he is uncovering their real meaning.

In the words of the nineteenth-century Catholic historian and politician Lord Acton, “Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.” What happens in any organisation, whether civil or religious, is a tendency to turn inspiration into dictatorship. Underlying the teaching of Jesus is his desire to free us from such patterns in our own lives and also in the systems that surround us. He does this by revealing the true meaning of God’s relationship with God’s people and encouraging us to take that as our guiding star. The accepted truths we first encounter may not be as truthful as some claim.

Jesus certainly acts as our guide in digging deeper, but there is also the sense that he is encouraging us to develop what we might call a capacity for independent learning, forging these deeper truths within our hearts rather than relying on an unquestioning acceptance of what is offered us. St Luke and St John in their Gospels reflect more on how we might achieve this ability. St Paul, in today’s second reading, notes that it is a “hidden wisdom”, not a philosophy of our age, and the crucial instrument of the revelation to us of such truths is the Spirit, for it is the Spirit who “reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God”.

The Living Word

## COVID RULES

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

### Recently Deceased:

Arthur John Ciantar, Maria Germani, Horace Guarrera, Ignazia Batticciotto, Caterina Marino, Arturo De Grazia, Maria Catena Giannetto, Gaetana Loschiavo, Bruna Pagura, Robert Harrington.

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

**Rest in Peace:** Angelo Testa, 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](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.

## Sacramental Programs 2023

### FIRST RECONCILIATION

- Commitment Mass – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February (9am)
  - Session dates – Wednesdays 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> March (7pm)
  - Celebration – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 has been extended to Friday 17th February 2023 12 Noon.*

*The commitment form is now available on the website that needs to be completed and brought to the Mass on 19th February*

### CONFIRMATION

- Commitment Mass – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May (9am)
  - Session dates – Wednesdays 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> June 9 (7pm)
  - Celebration Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> October (9am)
- Session dates – Wednesdays 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> October, 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> November (7pm)
- Celebrations Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## Turkey-Syria Earthquake Disaster

Two separate major earthquakes, closely following each other, have unleashed devastation on Turkey and Syria, leaving thousands of people dead with this number expected to rise dramatically. After 12 years of war, Syria is at breaking point and desperately needs assistance.

**We must act NOW and help those affected by this catastrophe.**

Your generous donation means our partners in Turkey and Syria can respond swiftly to support the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy.

Visit: [www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey](http://www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey) or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.



The destroyed Cathedral of Iskenderun.



donate now

## Save the Dates

There are some exciting events coming next month so put the dates into your diary so that you don't miss out!!!!

### Friday 3rd March World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

This year will be hosted by the Baptist Church

### Saturday 4th March @ 3:30pm 'ASHES TO EASTER': LENTEN CONCERT-REFLECTION with PETER KEARNEY.

Peter Kearney is an Australian Catholic songwriter, singer and guitarist whose hymns and songs include 'Fill My House', 'The Beatitudes' and 'Where Is Your Song, my Lord?'. His 'Ashes to Easter' concert weaves songs and stories and reflections on Lenten themes and looks ahead to Holy Week and Easter. Mainly for adults though upper-primary and older students could also enjoy. *"A beautiful Lenten reflection ... prayerful and spiritual ... a worthwhile part of our Lenten journey"*.

### Saturday 18th & 25th March

Sr Ruth Davis will be running the **Standard Mental First Aid Course**. This will teach you how to provide initial support to other adults who may be experiencing a mental health problem or mental health crisis until appropriate professional help is received or the crisis resolves, using a practical evidence based Action Plan.

It is a 12 hour course which will be delivered over 2 days (6 hours per day). Numbers will be limited to 20 people. Both days must be attended to complete the course.

*More details will be provided in the coming weeks. If you are interested in attending either of the above please email Maria - [pastoral.associate@stjoanofarc.org.au](mailto:pastoral.associate@stjoanofarc.org.au) so that we can get a sense of numbers.*

## Inner West BBQ for the Voice to Parliament

The **Inner West Council** invites the whole local community to a BBQ to learn more about the upcoming referendum on constitutional recognition of indigenous people and the Voice to Parliament.

Petersham Park on 18 February from 2:00 – 4:00 pm and will include a free sausage sizzle, free public access to the Council pool as well as addresses from Indigenous leaders.

"We are asking local church congregations, sporting clubs and community organisations to bring their members along to the BBQ to hear from Indigenous leaders how this referendum can deliver real reconciliation for our society. "

<https://yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/volunteer-uluru-statement-heart-and-referendum>