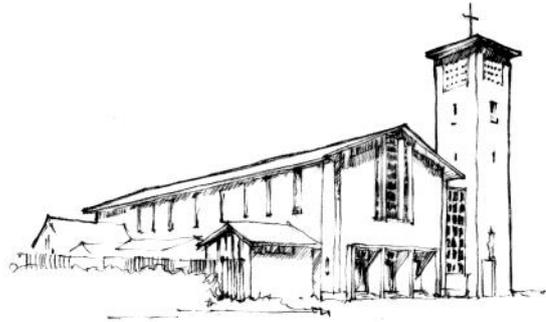


Welcome to

# St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A - 19 FEBRUARY 2023**

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## Office hours:

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## Parish Team:

### Secretary:

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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

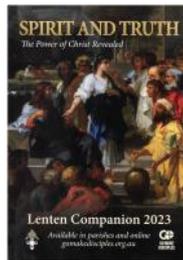
**We welcome, at the 9am Mass this weekend, the children and their families who will be preparing for their First Reconciliation in coming weeks.**



**Ash Wednesday - 22 February**

Masses at 9:15am & 7:30pm

## Lenten Books



The Lenten books from the Wollongong Diocese and a number from the Sydney Diocese are now available. 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.



Please place a gold coin donation in the box provided.



**Caritas**  
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**Project Compassion Sunday**  
**18 & 19 February**



Please take home a set of Project Compassion donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and *For All Future Generations*. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.



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You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

## Weddings in St Joan of Arc Church

18 February 2023 - **Emilio Domenic Battaglia & Jessica Aiello**  
18 March 2023—**Samuel Norman Fletcher & Tina-Marie Tesoriero**



## 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."*



*Preparation for the Synod on Synodality continues around the world. Oceania region met recently in Suva, Fiji. Let us keep the process and outcomes in our prayers.*

## Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.  
With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.  
We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance  
lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.  
Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together  
to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth  
and what is right.  
All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.

## Sacramental Programs 2023

### 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. The limit will be estimated depending on number of candidates.*

***Enrolments will be open from Wednesday 22 February. Please go to Parish website to complete online form. Closing date for enrolments is Friday 31st March.***

### Saints Days/Coming Events

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.
Saturday	11th March	1pm - Fashion Parade
Saturday	18th & 25th March	Mental Health First Aid (both sessions need to be attended to complete the course)

### -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.

## Listen to God

Everything we know about Jesus indicates that he was concerned with only one thing: to do the will of his Father. Nothing in the Gospels is as impressive as Jesus' single-minded obedience to his Father. From his first recorded words in the Temple, "Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?" (Luke 2:49), to his last words on the cross, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit" (Luke 23:46), Jesus' only concern was to do the will of his Father. He says, "The Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees the Father doing" (John 5:19). . . .

Jesus is the obedient one. The center of his life is this obedient relationship with the Father. This may be hard for us to understand because the word obedience has so many negative connotations in our society. It makes us think of authority figures who impose their wills against our desires. It makes us remember unhappy childhood events or hard tasks performed under threats of punishment. But none of this applies to Jesus' obedience. His obedience means a total, fearless listening to his loving Father. Between the Father and the Son there is only love.

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## REFLECTION

**“You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.”**

In Nathaniel Hawthorne's tale *The Birth-Mark*, the brilliant scientist Aylmer falls in love with a beautiful young woman called Georgiana. She is beautiful but has a birthmark like a small hand on her cheek. It is attuned to her emotions, becoming almost invisible when she blushes, but standing out when she is pale. Other lovers have thought this a sign of beauty, telling her that a magical fairy must have touched her cheek, but Aylmer sees it as a blemish, an imperfection that challenges his scientific skills. He becomes unable to appreciate his wife's beauty clearly as he becomes obsessed with what he sees as her imperfection. He urges her to let him remove the mark.

Georgiana realises that Aylmer is disturbed by her blemish. He cannot see beyond the blemish to the beauty that is within her. She is deeply hurt but, out of love for him, agrees to submit to whatever experiment he devises to render her beautiful again in his eyes. She drinks a chemical potion destined to remove the birthmark but finds that the mark is linked to her life. As the mark disappears, her life drains from her. Aylmer has achieved his idealistic dream of a perfect wife, but in the process he has destroyed what he failed to love and accept.

The Gospel for today, from Matthew, may seem as harsh and burdensome as the urge to have the perfect image of oneself or another. How can sinful people like ourselves measure up to the exacting standard of perfection that Jesus seems to put before us? Is there any point in even trying to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect? How could we ever hope to reach such a state of perfection in this life and not be destroyed in the attempt?

Luke's Gospel echoes the same teaching but makes a crucial change in the wording. We are told by Jesus to be compassionate as our heavenly Father is compassionate. That in itself is a tall enough order, but it avoids the tyranny of that word "perfection". Yet here Matthew faces us, without escape, with the challenge of Jesus. There must be a key to this, as Jesus does not place impossible burdens on our shoulders nor make demands that will lead to inevitable failure. The key lies in the promise of God's grace and in the very fact of the incarnation. God does not demand the impossible of us. Instead, we are offered a share in God's own life – a life that is lived in us by Jesus himself. His becoming human transforms our human nature from within, making it possible for us to be holy because Jesus himself is our holiness and our healing. When we make space for him in our lives and try our best to follow his teaching, his grace comes alive within us.

Christian life is never about trying to achieve some impossible state of perfection. It is always about intimacy with God. This means allowing God to become a familiar part of our lives. Most of us are only too conscious of our own sins and imperfections, and even more conscious of

those of others. Being harsh and judgemental with ourselves or with others is never the answer, and when we hear that note in our own voice or that of others, we know it is not from God.

God's compassion is infinite, as is God's grace, which comes to us new every morning. Every day is a day for a new start, and no one is more willing to help us than God. Whatever temptations and difficulties we face, whatever defects of character we may think we have, God looks on us and finds us very good. God has faith in us, loves us and has hopes for us. It is that faith, hope and love that give us the strength we need to face each day with its challenges, knowing that God's grace is perfection enough for each one of us from our birth to our dying day. Addicts in recovery often encourage themselves with sayings such as "one day at a time". If we can take up this attitude and spend a little time with God each day, reviewing the choices we have made and seeing where we have been present to or absent from God's loving presence in our lives, we will begin to see where the path to goodness lies for us, and will find the grace to respond.

The Living Word

## COVID RULES

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

### Recently Deceased:

Sia-i-Fatima Murray, 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'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](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.

**Our Parish Piety Store** is situated at the rear of the Church on the Presbytery side near the Dalhousie Street entrance. It is open often before and always after each Weekend Mass (unless something unforeseen prevents this).

Religious goods sold in the store include - books, holy cards, candles, statues, rosaries, crosses to be worn or displayed, gifts for children receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation and other special occasions such as Christmas & Easter. Various other items, Greeting cards for all occasions and catalogues to peruse for out of stock item orders are available.

### Welcome & Events Committee Fashion Parade

You are invited once again to join us for an enjoyable afternoon featuring lovely clothes, bubbles, nice food and a great, friendly atmosphere.

WHEN: Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup>

WHERE: SJA School Hall

TIME: commencing 1pm

Tickets \$10 on sale after all Masses.

We also need models – notice on the noticeboard in the Church Foyer

### 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.

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The destroyed Cathedral of Iskenderun.



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*"Let us not grow tired of doing good in active charity towards our neighbours. During this Lent, may we practise almsgiving by giving joyfully (cf. 2 Cor 9:7). God who "supplies seed to the sower and bread for food" (2 Cor 9:10) enables each of us not only to have food to eat, but also to be generous in doing good to others. While it is true that we have our entire life to sow goodness, let us take special advantage of this Lenten season to care for those close to us and to reach out to our brothers and sisters who lie wounded along the path of life." - Pope Francis*

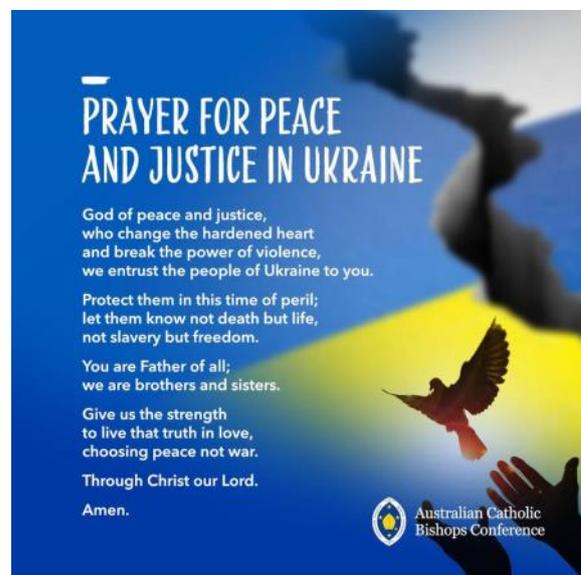
### Project Compassion Prayer

God of all generations,  
We thank you for those who have gone before us,  
Especially those who have cared for your earth and  
Who inspire us to help respect your creation  
And contribute to its healing.  
We thank you for those with whom we share our lives today,  
Especially those who work for justice and peace.  
May we welcome the opportunity that Lent brings  
to walk more closely with you,  
especially through fasting, almsgiving and prayer.  
We thank you for the challenge of the future.  
May the cross of Jesus remind us that only love finds the way  
forward.  
As we work with big hearts, may we join with Mary in her  
hope  
that from now on all generations will experience  
the great things you will do through us.  
We ask this in Jesus' name.  
Amen.

### Lenten Cards

From Ash Wednesday, in the front foyer, there will be a bowl with cards. Each card contains a scripture passage. Please take one, as often as you like, and use for reflection during Lent.

*The first anniversary of the war in the Ukraine is next Friday 24th February. 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.*



**World Day of Prayer 2023**

# Taiwan



**Date and time: Friday, 3rd March**

**Service 9.30am; Morning Tea 10.30am**

**Location: Haberfield Baptist Church**

**96-98 Dalhousie St., Haberfield**

**Contact: for any other enquiries please call**

**Grace: 0452 513 017 or Beatrice: 0425 309 699**

# ASHES to EASTER



## CONCERT-REFLECTION with PETER KEARNEY

A prayerful sequence  
of songs and stories  
on  
Lenten and Easter themes.

**Saturday 4th March**  
**3.30pm**  
**St. Joan of Arc Church**  
97 Dalhousie Street  
**Haberfield**  
Donations welcome

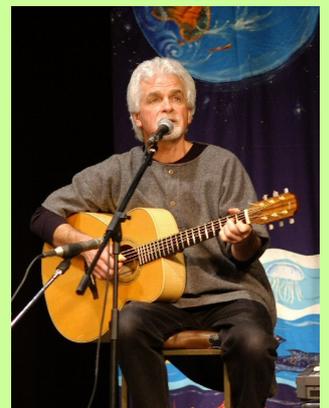
*The program includes traditional / contemporary Easter carols and remarkable songs by the great English songwriter, Sydney Carter (who wrote 'Lord of the Dance'). The concert program is mainly for adults though upper-primary and older students could also enjoy it.*

*Peter's CDs , DVDs & Music available at concert.*

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#### TIMES

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