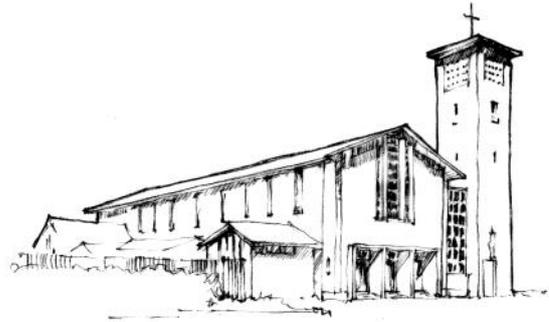


Welcome to

St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A - 26 FEBRUARY 2023

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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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Principal: Antoinette McGahan

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SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 9-11AM
WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH 4-6PM**



**First Sunday of Lent
25 & 26 February**



After losing her father when she was just 10-years-old, **Laxmi** was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty. But with the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club, became a leader in her school and is now a mentor to other children in her village.

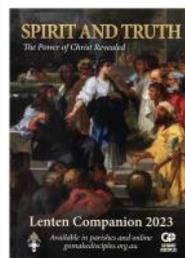


Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations.*

You can donate through Project Compassion envelopes available on table in church, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413

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.

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 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. 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

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.

THE PATTERNS OF LENTEN PRACTICE.

There were three focal points to Lent in the Roman tradition: **prayer, alms, fasting.**

Lent is the great time of **prayer** — not necessarily more prayer as much as better prayer. There are various kinds of prayer that can bring new vitality and repose to our communion with God.

Almsgiving is basically sharing. It is more than the sharing of money; it can involve an extension to others of our time, our life experiences or our spirituality. Almsgiving reminds us of a broader world and lifts us from the narrow compass of our problems to the wider world of wrenching need around us.

Finally, **fasting** is much more than dieting. it means eating, drinking, smoking less. Its purpose is to enable us to regain control over our appetites, something that is especially difficult in a consumer-oriented society. If we cannot control our bodies, we will find it extremely difficult to control our spiritual selves. The effort to fast reminds us how closely we are tied to bodily gratification. It seems to be a part of universal wisdom, East and West, that fasting is vital for spiritual self-mastery. The Lord himself, in Matthew's Gospel 9:14-15, refers to fasting as a way of deepening our spiritual experience of the Father and Son. Since the Lord is physically absent from among us, fasting is a way of reaching deep down within toward the God who dwells there.

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REFLECTION

“You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.”

Yeb Saño was a talented young Catholic Filipino diplomat – a Commissioner of the Philippines’ Climate Change Commission – when a disaster in his home region of the Philippines prompted a career change. He had been attending a UN climate summit in Poland in 2013 when the news came that Typhoon Haiyan had devastated the city of Tacloban and surrounding areas. He wept and fasted for two weeks, as he heard news from family and friends in the area, before deciding that his life needed a change of direction.

The following year, he gave up his career as a diplomat. “I will be working with different faith groups across the world, as part of the larger global climate movement,” he said. He had seen communities suffering because of severe weather. Yet political and industrial leaders internationally were failing to act seriously on climate change to secure a safe and just future for all. Later that year he was part of a People’s Pilgrimage, which culminated in a sixty-day walk from Rome to Paris to arrive in time for the landmark UN climate change summit that saw the first serious international agreement to tackle climate change. He had a clear mission to work with people of faith on the climate crisis, which he felt hurt poor communities the most. He saw it as a moral issue.

In today’s Gospel, we see a Spirit-filled Jesus standing at the crossroads of his life. He enters the Judaean wilderness. At that time this would have hosted lions, leopards, bears, jackals, foxes and antelope – this was before humans had driven most of these creatures into extinction in the Near East. It was here in the wilderness, away from human society, that Jesus accepted his messianic ministry. But what drew Jesus to the wilderness? The natural world played a key role in his teachings and life. He regularly returned to the hills to pray and commune with the Father, especially before making important decisions.

The devil knows that when Jesus leaves the wilderness he will embark on his public ministry, so now is the time to try to seduce him away from his mission. But Jesus shows his resolve. He uses this time to clarify his identity and the direction and work of his life. The devil challenges Jesus to produce bread from a stone, potentially solving poverty and hunger as a show of his strength. Instead, Jesus will offer himself as living bread, to help transform his followers into people who would share the material resources they had with those in need. Jesus taught that wealth should not be hoarded but shared, and that frugality and living simply should go alongside caring for the natural world. Jesus rejects the temptation of political power, of becoming a leader who would overthrow the occupying Roman rulers. He resists the use of violence. And while he is urged to use a miracle to prove unambiguously that he is the Messiah, he rejects power again.

Lent is a time of repentance and new beginnings. Jesus’

experience teaches us that there is nothing wrong with being tempted. It’s how we react to the temptation that matters. Temptation is less about a choice and more about our identity and direction in life. Think about the decisions before you at the moment. What are they? What is it you are really seeking? What brings you peace?

This Lent, let us look at the signs of our times, particularly the damage being done by destructive human behaviour to those who are poor and to the community of living things on earth. Christian churches have been waking up to the moral imperative to address justice, peace and care for creation. Could we get more involved in local initiatives, working for the common good of humanity and of the whole earth community? A transition to a more sustainable life will mean opting for a new way of living based on simplicity and sufficiency rather than endless consumption and the greed-driven accumulation of material possessions. We need to make a move to escape the materialism that seeps into our minds through incessant advertising. Somehow, we have to break this cycle because it makes us sin against our needy brothers and sisters and God’s creation. Let us reject temptations of greed, selfishness and indifference towards our neighbours. God expects from us a maturity to accept responsibility for the future of our lives and the communities of which we are part.

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, Ignazia Batticciotto, 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, Kalamah 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 Fragiacommo, 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.

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 11th

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.

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



The destroyed Cathedral of Iskenderun. Photo: Caritas Turkey.



donate now

Thank you to all who contributed to the Caritas appeal for Syria and Turkey a couple of weekends ago. \$1454.90 was raised.

"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

In the front foyer, there is 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.

