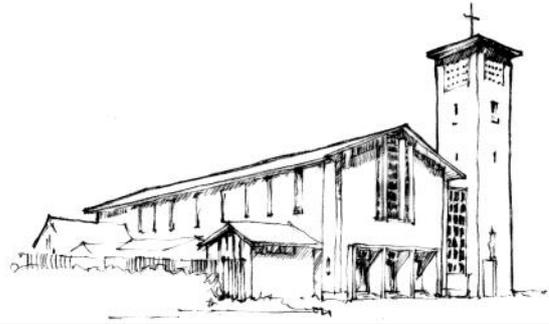


Welcome to

St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A - 5 March 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: Amanda Gahan

P: 9798 9780

Domremy College:

Principal: Antoinette McGahan

P: 9712 2133

We welcome the children who started kindergarten this year and their families to the 9am Mass.

Volunteers Needed

St Joan of Arc Catholic Primary School is looking for parishioners to help with reading, maths, gardening, painting etc. If you are available to help we'd love to hear from you!

Email or call now

0407 667 701

amanda.gahan@syd.catholic.edu.au



**Second Sunday of Lent
4 & 5 March**



Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. Through the Baabayn Mums and Bubs Group, Tereesa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children.

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 the church, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

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."



Strong Women -
May we know them,
May we be them,
May we raise them!



Join us at 9am on
Wednesday 8th March, in
the school hall for a
women's boxing class run
by Anytime Fitness,
Haberfield!

Saints Days/Coming Events

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

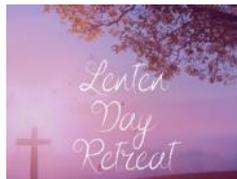
Healing mass and Lenten Healing Day Retreat

Fr Justin Torres will be celebrating a healing mass at All Hallow Church, Five Dock on **Thursday, 16th March, 2023 at 6pm.**

He is also facilitating a Lenten Day retreat at All Hallows Church, Five Dock on **Saturday, 18th March 2023** in preparation for Easter. The program for the day retreat is as follows:



9am - Rosary
9:30am - First talk
10:30am - Break
11am - Second talk
12pm - Lunch break
1:30pm - Third talk
3pm - Healing Mass



All Welcome!

For all enquiries, please contact the All Hallows parish office on
02 9713 7960 / admin@allhallows.org.au.
All Hallows Church - 2 Halley St, Five Dock

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.

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 at each of the Confirmation celebrations 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.

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REFLECTION

“Do not be afraid.”

Sometimes even good things that happen to us can cause us to be fearful. We might be glad to have a new job, but worry that we might not be up to it. Parents are delighted to be expecting a baby, but nervous about the responsibilities. A priest may look forward to his new parish, but wonder if he has the pastoral skills to do the job. Even something beautiful can be overwhelming: the emotions we experience listening to stunning music can be almost too much to bear. People climbing a mountain experience such emotions; edging upwards on difficult terrain is something they want to do, yet it can be worrying too – they might slip and fall. And then, when they reach the top, the spectacular view evokes all kinds of powerful emotions. Many of these difficult experiences are about trust: do we trust ourselves to take on something and do it well? Do we trust those who have chosen us? Our senses can seem to be overwhelmed by the challenge.

These are the kinds of emotions that the three disciples, Peter, James and John, seem to be experiencing when they are with Jesus on the mountain. He entrusts them with seeing a particular vision of him. Today’s Gospel describes how he was transfigured, with his face shining like the sun, his clothes like light, and Moses and Elijah appearing alongside him. Although these disciples have been following Jesus for some time, nothing has prepared these former fishermen for this sight – it is beyond anything they have seen before. Matthew describes their sense of wonder, and also their bafflement. But their most powerful emotion seems to be fear.

Jesus reassures them with a simple phrase that appears on several occasions in the Gospels: “do not be afraid”. Mary is told “do not be afraid” when the angel appears to her to tell her she is to have a child. The shepherds are told “do not be afraid” when they see angels in the sky, heralding Jesus’ birth. They are words of reassurance at moments that are transformational. The people who see such astonishing things realise that their lives are to change for ever. No wonder they are fearful, overwhelmed not only by an extraordinary vision but by how their life is changing and at what cost. For while they experience a vision, it is also part of a call. Right at the heart of the moment, which causes them to hide from what is before them, the disciples receive a message from God the Father – not only that Jesus is his beloved Son but that they should listen to him. Listening is more than just hearing sound. It is about absorbing what is said, embracing it and acting upon it. Listening to Jesus is vital for the disciples if they are to truly become his followers.

Just as Abram in the first reading was called and had to make a choice about leaving all that was familiar, so the disciples here are hearing Jesus being affirmed as the Son of God; following him is to be following God. In the

second reading, Paul also speaks of Christians being called, and warns of the hardships that might follow that call.

The story of Christ’s transfiguration might seem otherworldly, nothing to do with our experience of faith. Yet even if we do not go up a mountain and see Christ transformed, we can still undergo remarkable experiences because of our faith. That the disciples saw this vision indicates their openness to do so and their readiness to follow Jesus. If we receive a sign, would we be open to it, or would we dismiss such a thing as peculiar or irrational? The disciples, of course, are only human themselves and when they see this extraordinary vision of Jesus – this sight that indicates that he is divine – they are fearful. Jesus responds to their fear with human tenderness, reassuring them both by touching them and by simple words – “do not be afraid”. When we are faced with something overwhelming – perhaps illness, or loss of a job, or taking on a new challenge – we, too, can be reassured by the Lord’s words: “do not be afraid”. Life, with all its difficulties, and the Christian vocation with its hardships, can be overwhelming if we try to tackle them alone. But if we place our trust in the Lord, we need not be afraid. God is with us.

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 details.

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’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 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.

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 Fund Raising for 2023

All fund raising this year will go towards a scholarship fund to support an Indigenous student at the John Berne school at Lewisham. This school meets the special education needs of students in the Marist tradition. It is a privilege for us to assist in the education of an indigenous young person. So far, since December 2022, we have raised approximately \$1500. Please support us this year. *Thank you*

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.



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KNOWLEDGE	CONFIDENCE	DE-STIGMATISING	SUPPORT
Improves knowledge of mental illnesses, treatments and first aid actions.	Increases confidence in providing first aid.	Decreases stigmatising attitudes.	Increases the support provided to others.

"Excellent - a course that as many people as possible should be doing. Should be mandatory in all workplaces to have mental health first aid officers." - Pia

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- Recognise common mental health problems
- Provide initial help using a practical, evidence-based Action Plan
- Seek appropriate professional help, and
- Respond in a crisis situation

This is a 12-hour educational course, not a therapy or support group.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Email Maria Condello - Pastoral.Associate@stjoanofarc.org.au
Closing date for registration: 11th March

DATES 18th & 25th March

TIMES 9:30-4:00 (lunch provided)

COST Donation (\$20)

VENUE St Joan of Arc School Hall
88 Dalhousie Street
Haberfield

FACILITATOR/S
Sr Ruth Davis
Minimum number required

For more information, visit mhfa.com.au/courses



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Registration for the Mental Health First Aid training is essential to determine numbers and for catering purposes.

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 was 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.

