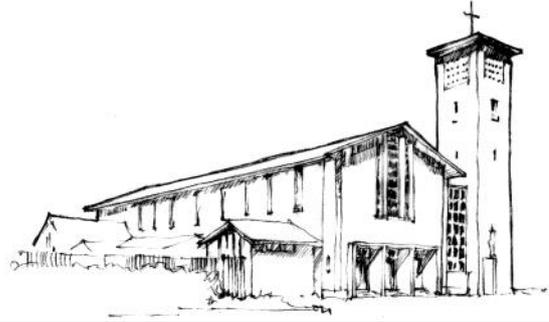


Welcome to

St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A - 12 March 2023

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Secretary:

Antonella Pesci

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0413 481 039

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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

Pastoral Council

Who are the members? Each week a council member will be featured so you can get to know them.

Peter Doyle - Chairperson



Peter has lived in either Ashfield or Haberfield for most of his life.

He is married to Margaret Cassidy, and they have 2 adult sons, Patrick and Brendan.

Peter is a consulting project manager/engineer, with a focus on planning, heritage and environmental approvals.

He is President of the St Joan of Arc Haberfield Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, and is passionate about the work of the Society.

Peter is an adult officer with the Australian Army Cadets, and a Justice of the Peace for the state of NSW.

He is interested in a number of sports: in particular rugby, AFL, and cricket. He is a recreational road cyclist. In his remaining spare time, he likes DIY, model railways and going to the theatre.



Third Sunday of Lent 11 & 12 March



Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought, exacerbated by climate change. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis.

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.

Weddings in St Joan of Arc Church

11th March - Luigi Barbera & Isabella Ingegneri
18th March - Samuel Norman Fletcher & Tina-Marie Tesoriero
1st April - Sharni Roberts & Lenny Volpicella



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."

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



Saints Days/Coming Events

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| Friday | 17th March St Patrick, bishop |
| Saturday | 18th & 25th March Mental Health First Aid (both sessions need to be attended to complete the course) |

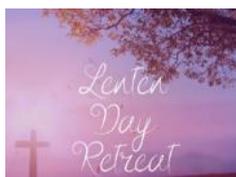
Healing mass and Lenten Healing Day Retreat

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

Sacramental Programs 2023

CONFIRMATION

- Commitment Mass – Sunday 7th May (9am)
- Session dates – Wednesdays 17th & 31st May, 14th & 21st June (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 now open. Please go to Parish website to complete online form. Closing date for enrolments is Friday 31st March.

Holy Year 2025

On 11th February 2022 Pope Francis announced the theme of the Jubilee Year of 2025 as “Pilgrims of Hope”. The whole Church has been asked to prepare for that year by focusing in 2023 on the four constitutions issued by Vatican II and to focus on Prayer in 2024.

The four Vatican II constitutions are: **Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy** (Sacrosanctum Concilium); **Dogmatic Constitution on the Church** (Lumen Gentium), **Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation** (Dei Verbum), and **Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World** (Gaudium et Spes).

(Church documents are generally named from the first words of the Latin original text).

While we intend to take up this invitation and look forward to our Archdiocese providing materials to guide us in this, a little history will help to give a foundation.

On 25th January 1959, at the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and just 3 months after being elected Pope, Pope John XXIII spoke with a small group of cardinals and announced three key points for his papacy, firstly a diocesan synod for the Diocese of Rome, secondly the reform of the Code of Canon Law, and thirdly the convocation of a new ecumenical council.

The third point generated wide interest around the world. The previous ecumenical council, Vatican I had ended in 1870. This new initiative opened up for some a chance of reform and renewal, for others a chance to demonstrate the relevance of the Christian message to the world, and for still others a tool to condemn the evil forces at work in the world and purging the Church of movements deemed by them to be dangerous and heretical.

It was a great risk but Pope John had great trust in the Holy Spirit. Some thought it was doomed to fail from the outset but Pope John's address, at the opening Mass of the Council, in which he called for an “aggiornamento”, a ‘bringing up to date’, helped to set the stage for its progress. Also, the coming together of the bishops of the world to work together, meant that they were going to engage in ongoing education themselves, and this was a valuable opportunity. And the bishops quickly found themselves working with fellow bishops from greatly diverse parts of the world which surely broadened their vision of the Church.

The shaping of the key documents is significant and we will look at some of this in coming weeks.

Some insights from: *Keys to the Council – Unlocking the Teaching of Vatican II.* Richard R Gaillardetz, Catherine E. Clifford. Liturgical Press. 2012.

REFLECTION

“Anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again.”

Throughout the year the Atacama Desert in Chile normally receives less than twelve millimetres of rain. All that can be seen is mile after mile of dust and barren landscape. But if there is a year with unusually high rainfall, the desert blooms and is suddenly filled with flowers in vibrant colours that can be seen throughout the coastal valleys. All of these flowers have lain dormant for months, even for years, but they haven't died – they are just waiting for the water they need to turn a barren landscape into a lavish garden.

If you saw or walked through the desert on a normal day, it would take a considerable act of faith to believe that anything could possibly grow there. The view from the surface is anything but encouraging, but there is potential life hidden beneath the brown dust. Today's readings suggest that we are like that. To ourselves, and perhaps to others, it may seem that there is no life in us, no potential for growth or change. But God has been a gardener since the beginning, and knows what lies in our fallow ground, just waiting to flower and become fruitful.

In his encyclical on hope, *Spe salvi*, Pope Benedict wrote: “the Christian message [is] not only ‘informative’ but ‘performative’. That means: the Gospel is not merely a communication of things that can be known – it is one that makes things happen and is life-changing... The one who has hope lives differently” (2).

We see Jesus making things happen in his life-changing encounter with the Samaritan woman. His message is performative, in that it brings something to life in her that has been there potentially, although only he can see it. This woman has been living in shame, avoiding her neighbours. No woman was allowed to divorce her husband in ancient Samaria, so it is likely that she was widowed or abandoned repeatedly. There must have been a lifetime of grief and hurt in her. But Jesus is willing to make himself vulnerable to her, to be dependent on her generosity and willingness to engage, despite all the social taboos against this. He creates what Pope Francis has called “a culture of encounter”, by offering her welcome and listening to her questions. He has hope and trust in her and invites her to hope and trust in his offer of “living water”. His gift of the Spirit to her allows what has been hidden in her to grow and flourish like the desert blooming.

St Paul tells us that the three cardinal virtues are faith, hope and love, with the greatest being love, but it becomes clear that without faith there can be no genuine hope, and without these two there can be no lasting love. We are challenged by God to have hope not only in God's saving grace but in our own capacity for leadership, even when we don't feel equal to the task. Both Moses and the Samaritan woman became leaders when they learned that God's power can and does overcome our fragility. In God's eyes, whatever our weaknesses, we are enough. When we open

ourselves up to live in intimate relationship with Jesus, nothing can separate us from God's love. On our own we are powerless, and we know this. With God, all things are possible, and even our poor efforts can make a difference to how the world is and will be.

God repeatedly chooses sinners like ourselves to bring about God's saving purpose. We become people who live differently, knowing that we make a difference. This isn't done in grand gestures of spectacular sanctity but simply in our capacity to embrace the promise of richness within the present moment, even if that richness is beyond our understanding. In his apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, “The Joy of the Gospel”, Pope Francis spoke of “the joy which we experience daily, amid the little things of life” (4). When we begin to seek and find God in all the ordinary, daily encounters of life, we become open to the gift that they are to us. This is what turns us into people of hope, capable of giving hope to the world.

The Living Word

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.

-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

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, 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.

"FILL THE VAN" DAY

A ST VINCENT DE PAUL FUNDRAISER



The Haberfield Conference of St Vincent De Paul spend time servicing the community through home visits, Night Patrol and other events. We'd love your help to help those in need.

On **Sunday 26th March** from **8am - 10am**, we will have the Patrol van parked in the school driveway. We are hoping to collect donations and fill the van. The van goes out to feed the homeless every night of the week but can only run on the generosity of people like you.

Donations of items can be made to the van on Sunday 26th March or to the Parish Primary School on any weekday.

The following items are needed:

- items for snack packs (such as small chips, poppers, noodles etc)
- scarves, beanies, gloves (dark colours)
- toiletries (such as toothpaste, razors, soap)
- cleaning products
- new thick blankets and sleeping bags

If you have any household items or second hand clothes please contact us for a different drop off point.

Donations of money can also be made on the day and are **tax deductible**. For further information please contact amanda.gahanesydney.catholic.edu.au

Children's Liturgy

Recommences Sunday 19th March

9am Mass

Children in Primary school.

At the start of Mass parents will be informed where to take children and each parent will need to sign their children in. Children will rejoin their parents in the Church around the Offertory Procession time.

Monday 13th March marks the 10 year anniversary of the election of Pope Francis.

We continue to pray for him.



BECOME A MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AIDER™

is pleased to provide **Mental Health First Aid® (MHFA)** training.

About 1 in 5 Australian adults experience a common mental illness each year. Mental Health First Aid® (MHFA) training will teach you practical skills to support someone with a mental health problem. Make a real difference at work and in your personal life.

STANDARD MHFA TRAINING BENEFITS

| KNOWLEDGE | CONFIDENCE | DE-STIGMATISING | SUPPORT |
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| 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

LEARN PRACTICAL FIRST AID SKILLS

- 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.

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

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Email [Marla Condello](mailto:Marla_Condello@stjoanofarc.org.au) - Pastoral.Associate@stjoanofarc.org.au
Closing date for registration: 11th March

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



@MHFA_Australia



@mentalhealthfirstaid

Closing date for registration extended to Tuesday COB 14 March. Registration essential to determine numbers and for catering purposes.

Walking with Our Lady through Holy Week

A WOMENS RETREAT DAY WITH THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF SAINT CECILIA



1ST APRIL 2023 | 10AM - 4PM

ST. PETER CHANEL (BERALA)

REGISTRATION: TRYBOOKING.COM/CGHGO

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