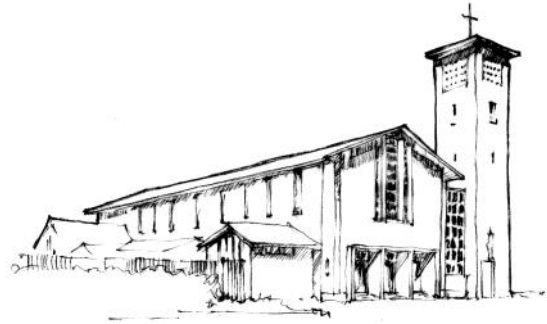


Welcome to

St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A - 26 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

Pastoral Council

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

Carmel McKeough - Secretary



Carmel McKeough joined SJA Parish in 1997. She is currently Chairperson of the Welcome and Events Committee, vice-president of the Haberfield Conference of St Vincent de Paul, secretary of the SJA Social Justice Group and a member of the Alpha Team. Carmel is also a reader and Minister of Communion.

A key focus is a deeper understanding of Catholic Social Teaching, and Carmel recently completed a course run by BBI – The Australian Institute of Theological Education.

Carmel always planned to increase her commitment to parish life following her retirement from full-time work and her plans have become reality!

Easter (Palm Sunday and Easter Triduum) liturgies sign up sheet is in the Sacristy. Please place your name on the sheet for ministries. Please note:- to give others the opportunity to indicate a ministry, please only place your name once on the sheet at this stage.

Parish Working Bee - Many hands make light work!

To have our church and grounds looking beautiful for Easter there will be a working bee on Saturday 1st April - 8:30 to 10:30am.



Fifth Sunday of Lent 25 & 26 March



Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

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

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."



On Tuesday, 14th March 2023, at the invitation of the Mayor of the Inner West Council, Darcy Byrne, and hosted by St Columba's Parish, North Leichhardt and the Sydney Alliance, representatives of a wide range of religious communities gathered together to be informed a little better about the coming Referendum regarding the Indigenous Voice to the Australian Parliament.

Each person present said who they were and what was their faith community. Then all had an opportunity to say a few words about what their particular religious faith might be able to offer to the community in learning about the referendum and about the Uluru Statement. It was an encouraging gathering that affirmed the human dignity of all and the need to support indigenous people as the first peoples of this continent.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL **CLOTHING DRIVE**

We will be holding a clothing drive on **Saturday 13 May.**

If you wish to donate to this collection please write your name, address and telephone number on the list which can be found on the table outside the Piety Stall. You can take a bag or you could also use your own as the traditional Vinnies bags are no longer available.

Our Parish Project – John Berne School Scholarship for an indigenous student

Dear Parishioners

We're nearly through the first quarter of the year and I thought it would be a good opportunity to again highlight our parish project which is funding a scholarship for an indigenous student.

John Berne School (JBS) is a Marist school located at Thomas Street, Lewisham. It has 45 students in years 7-10 and about a quarter of the student population is indigenous.

The school was established in 1998 to meet the needs of students who are unable to continue their education in mainstream schools. This may relate to issues such as attendance, behaviour and learning difficulties. After completing Year 10 students often continue their education at Southern Cross College, Burwood. JBS has a high teacher to student ratio, onsite counsellors and offers individualised learning programs. The school doesn't refuse a student needing this form of educational support. However, some families are unable to pay the fees which are around \$5000 per annum.

The challenges in Aboriginal education are well documented and completing secondary schooling is key to breaking the cycle of poverty and disadvantage. According to the most recent Closing the Gap Report the proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 20-24 years who have attained Year 12 or equivalent is 63.2% compared with 88.5% for non-indigenous people

A proposal to fund a scholarship for an indigenous student at JBS for four years (Years 7-10) was developed by the Social Justice Group and approved by the Pastoral Council. The Welcome and Events Committee is leading the parish fundraising effort to support the scholarship. To date nearly \$2000 has been raised through morning teas and the recent fashion parade.

This project is a wonderful example of how we as a parish can come together and act to address a need in our local inner west community.

My thanks for your support.

Fr Phil

I Love You, I Love You, I Love You

The voice of despair says, "I sin over and over again. After endless promises to myself and others to do better next time, I find myself back again in the old dark places. Forget about trying to change. I have tried for years. It didn't work and it never will work. It is better that I get out of people's way, be forgotten, no longer around, dead."

This strangely attractive voice takes all uncertainties away and puts an end to the struggle. It speaks unambiguously for the darkness and offers a clear-cut negative identity.

But Jesus came to open my ears to another voice that says, "I am your God, I have molded you with my own hands, and I love what I have made. I love you with a love that has no limits, because I love you as I am loved. Do not run away from me. Come back to me - not once, not twice, but always again. You are my child. . . . I am your God - the God of mercy and compassion, the God of pardon and love, the God of tenderness and care. Please do not say that I have given up on you, that I cannot stand you anymore, that there is no way back. It is not true. I so much want you to be with me. I so much want you to be close to me. I know all your thoughts. I hear all your words. I see all your actions. And I love you because you are beautiful, made in my own image, an expression of my most intimate love. Do not judge yourself. Do not condemn yourself. Do not reject yourself. Let my love touch the deepest, most hidden corners of your heart and reveal to you your own beauty, a beauty that you have lost sight of, but that will become visible to you again in the light of my mercy. Come, come, let me wipe your tears, and let my mouth come close to your ear and say to you, 'I love you, I love you, I love you.'"

REFLECTION

“He cried in a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, here! Come out!’”

“There was a man named Lazarus” is what we’re told in the opening sentence of today’s Gospel. The way Lazarus is introduced suggests that he was well known to many people in the community for which the Fourth Gospel, the one attributed to John, was written. Lazarus has two sisters and this just about tells us all there is to know about Lazarus. Today’s Gospel story is told from the perspective of Jesus and his disciples making their way to Jerusalem, presumably for Passover. There is also the suggestion of this being the lead-up to Jesus’ own passion and death. They are approaching the town of Bethany. This was what we might call the “bed and breakfast” district for those who were travelling to Jerusalem, especially at the time of Passover.

There is a cloud hanging over the gathering as Jesus receives important information: “Lord, the man you love is ill.” This message had been sent by Lazarus’ two sisters, Martha and Mary. There’s a strange piece of editing going on here, because the evangelist tells us that Mary was the sister of the sick man Lazarus, and it was Mary who anointed Jesus’ head and wiped his feet with her hair. The problem is that, in John’s account, we have still to hear that story. The raising of Lazarus will be the final “sign” in the Gospel of John – there are no “miracles” here, the writer of this Gospel calls them “signs”. Jesus says to the disciples, “Let us go to Judaea”, where Bethany was located. The disciples are not happy about this because, as they say, “the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?” The short answer is that they do go back to Judaea.

When Jesus and his disciples reach Bethany – a place that was used for overnight accommodation by pilgrims travelling to Jerusalem for major feasts like Passover – they are met by Martha, one of the sisters of Lazarus. Martha appears in two Gospels: this one, obviously, and in Luke where Jesus visits the sisters. Martha has a lot to say for herself in both cases. Here, she tells Jesus that her brother would not have died had he, Jesus, arrived earlier. She does concede that even now God will hear Jesus’ prayers. Jesus reassures her that Lazarus will live, and Martha replies that she knows he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day. Jesus tells her that he himself is “the resurrection and the life”. Whoever believes in him will never die. Martha’s responses to Jesus have been very impressive, and now she tops them all: “I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.”

That statement sounds very impressive – no one has referred to Jesus in these terms before. Unfortunately Martha’s profession of faith is not quite good enough. Jesus gives instructions to the people at the tomb to take away the stone covering the opening, and Martha is horrified: “Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.” So much for Martha’s protestation that she knew that God would do whatever Jesus asked. Clearly she did not think for a moment that this could involve her brother truly coming

back to life. In fairness, how could she understand what Jesus was about to do? We’ve already gathered that the faith of the two sisters was quite remarkable for its time, but Jesus’ intended action has no precedents. Martha has said that she believes God will do anything Jesus asks. The statement suggests that she hasn’t fully taken on board Jesus’ full identity and relationship with his Father.

The Living Word



Pope Francis has called for 2025 to be a Jubilee Year.

2024 will be a year of prayer and spiritual preparation. The Jubilee Year itself is a time of pilgrimage, prayer, repentance and acts of mercy. Jubilee means rest, forgiveness and renewal.

Saints Days/Coming Events

Wednesday 29 March - First Reconciliation Ceremonies 5pm & 7pm



2nd Rite of Reconciliation

All Hallows - Five Dock

Thursday 30 March at 6:30pm

-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:

Giuseppe Terranova, 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 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. 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.

HOW TO BE A 'Good Egg' THIS EASTER

Feel good about the chocolate you purchase and consume this Easter:



for these symbols on your chocolate branding.



Be Slavery Free's Chocolate scorecard!
www.chocolatescorecard.com. Look at the scorecard when shopping and buy Easter eggs and chocolate that are produced without child labour.



Your chocolate (only online). Be an influencer in your community.

1. Take a selfie/or photo of you with your Easter chocolate.
2. Upload it on your favourite social media platform with the following text: "I'm a good Egg! I've joined ACRATH's 'Good Egg' Easter Campaign and have committed to buying only Easter chocolate from brands that commit to making slavery-free chocolate!" (don't forget to tag us @acrath)

JOIN US!



www.acrath.org.au
Photos are NOT for sale

Have you thought about whether the chocolates you buy at Easter are ethically produced? Let's use our Easter gift giving as a way to make a difference on the lives of others.

Pope Francis said that, faced with the tragic reality of modern slavery, "no one can wash their hands of it, without being in some way, an accomplice to this crime against humanity".

Thinking of buying Easter eggs? Use your money justly – please. Australians will purchase over \$200 million in chocolate this Easter. A 2018 report by IBISWorld found that Australia's chocolate spend had risen by \$26 million over the previous five years.

But some of this chocolate is tainted by slavery and comes at the cost of a child's health, education and sometimes his or her freedom. Much of our chocolate is made using cocoa beans harvested by children, often in the West African region. Many of these children are forced into labour. We can help change this.

For information on Slavery-free Easter chocolate and resources, go to:
<https://acrath.org.au/take-action/chocolate/>

Easter Liturgies

Holy Thursday

6/4/22

7:30pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

7/4/22

10am - Stations of the Cross
3pm - Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday

8/4/22

7pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

9/4/22

9am - Mass

(Please note there will be no Sunday evening Mass for Easter Sunday)

PALM SUNDAY

Please plan ahead and provide for yourself a Palm or Olive branch to bring to Mass on Palm Sunday.



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.

Sacramental Programs 2023

CONFIRMATION

Enrolments now open. Please go to Parish website for information and to complete online form.

Closing date for enrolments is this Friday 31st March.