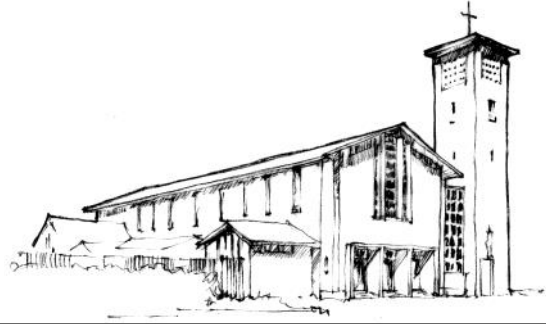


Welcome to

# St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A - 2 April 2023

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### Office hours:

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#### 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

## Easter Liturgies



### Holy Thursday

6/4/22

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



### 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**)*



### Good Friday

7/4/22

10am - Stations of the Cross

3pm - Passion of the Lord

## First Reconciliation times during Holy Week

Monday 3rd April: 7-8pm

Tuesday 4th April: 6:30-7:30pm

Wednesday 5th April: 6-7pm

*Easter liturgies sign up sheet is in the Sacristy. There are still some vacancies for all liturgies. Please place your name on the sheet for ministries.*



## Sixth Sunday of Lent

(Palm Sunday)

1 & 2 April



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water.

With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through the Project Compassion appeal.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

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](http://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."*

# 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](http://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!



ACRATH  
People and 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.**

**'We cannot ignore the fact that there is as much slavery in the world today, as there was before, or perhaps more' Pope Francis**

A 2021 report by the International Labor Organisation (ILO) found that 152 million children (64 million girls and 88 million boys) are involved in child labour – that's almost one in 10 of all children worldwide

Use your buying power to change this injustice. Be guided by the Chocolate Scorecard or purchase chocolate displaying the Fairtrade of Rainforest Alliance logos. In doing so you are supporting companies working towards the elimination of slavery in the cocoa industry.

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



## 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

## Project Compassion Envelopes



If you haven't returned your envelopes there is still time. They can be placed in any of the collections at Easter.



## REFLECTION

*“Every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord.”*

The “fight or flight response”, also known as the acute stress response, is a physiological reaction that occurs in the presence of something that is terrifying, either mentally or physically. The response is triggered by the release of hormones that prepare the body either to stay and deal with the threat or to run away to safety. The term “fight or flight” represents the choices that our ancient ancestors had to make when faced with danger in their environment. First described in the 1920s by American physiologist Walter Cannon, a chain of reactions inside the body helps to mobilise the body’s resources to deal with threatening circumstances. We can all probably think of a time when we experienced this phenomenon: in the face of something frightening, the heartbeat quickens, breathing increases and the body becomes tense and ready to act. It is normally an automatic reaction, but it can be overcome with training or determination.

St Matthew’s account of Jesus’ passion draws heavily on the account given in St Mark’s earlier version, yet St Matthew recasts the narrative in order to highlight his own distinct themes: that the Jewish scriptures foreshadow the death in which Jesus fulfils his God-given destiny to bring about a new period of history filled with resurrection life. Jesus is also shown to be the obedient Son of God, utterly faithful and trusting even when confronted by appalling suffering, proving that his trust in God, having passed the ultimate test of death, is not in vain. The message of complete confidence in God, heard in our first reading from Isaiah, is vividly lived out in the non-resistance of Jesus, who offers his back to be scourged, his face to be slapped and spat upon. His trust in God allows him to go to his death knowing that he shall not be shamed.

St Paul, writing to the Philippians, quotes what many scholars believe to be the oldest piece of Christian prose in the New Testament; namely that Jesus showed utter trust in God, emptying himself of his own will to allow the will of the Father to be accomplished. He accepted that this was his fate, not for himself but on behalf of us and out of pure love for us. Humility of the first order is displayed by Christ as, during his passion, he moves inexorably to the point of feeling utterly alone: “My God, my God, why have you deserted me?”

Jesus’ absolute obedience and complete trust lead to the point where he breathes his last, that final breath imitating the first breath of Genesis when God breathed over the chaos to bring about the new order of creation. St Matthew anticipates that new order of resurrection life by evoking Ezekiel’s great vision of the dry bones in an explosion of triumph as the veil of the Temple is torn in two, the earth shakes, rocks split and tombs are opened. A triumphal procession of the saints who had been trapped in death enters the new Jerusalem, and the whole pagan empire – symbolised by the Roman soldiers – is astonished and can acclaim Jesus as the true Son of God.

Trust is almost the precursor of humility; it is only when we trust that we can accept that our own reactions, fears and interpretations contain within them a space which, if filled with the grace of God, has the potential to transform our desire to run away or to fight. Humility is not some kind of self-abasement, but rather an inherent strength that comes from knowing that the outcome is not in our hands alone. Miracles are not always spectacular; often miracles are silent transformations where we are not sure why we acted or reacted as we did. All we know is that something guides us forward. Trust and obedience lead us to

hope in something outside of ourselves.

The compassion we exercise, the forgiveness we offer, the sacrifices we make often happen not as fight or flight, but rather as obedient solidarity where we hope the outcome will be one of grace, not desertion; of silence, not empty words; of life, not death. Hope enables us to proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, and that death can never have the final word. Inspired by the obedience of Christ, we echo the words of the great Czech statesman Václav Havel: “Hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something makes sense regardless of how it turns out.”

*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

#### THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thursday	6 April	THURSDAY of the LORD’S SUPPER
Friday	7 April	FRIDAY of the PASSION of the LORD
Saturday	8 April	HOLY SATURDAY
Sunday	9 April	SUNDAY of the RESSURRECTION

#### -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:

Martin Carey, 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 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.

## Fill the Van



Thank you to all who generously brought items to fill the Vinnies Van last weekend. The night patrol van goes out every night of the week to feed the homeless and it is through the generosity of the community that it can provide this service.

## Holy Places - Good Friday Collection

Every year on Good Friday a collection is taken up in every Catholic church to support the people and places of the Holy Land. It provides much needed care and hope to the long-suffering Christians of the Holy Land. There will be envelopes available on the pews on Good Friday.

## Catholic Theological College

Sign up for one of 18 online sessions.

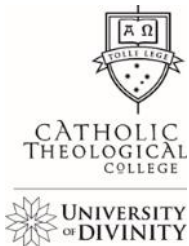
### Engaging Your Faith—May 2023

Theology, Vatican II, Scripture, Spirituality, Science & Faith.

Choose what interests you from \$25 per session.

For more information and to register:

[ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/](http://ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/)



## Parish Census

Are you new to the parish, or have you been a part of St Joan of Arc for a long time?

It is important for the parish to have up-to-date information on its parishioners.

If you haven't already completed a form and do not have a copy of one either please contact the office on [admin@stjoanofarc.org.au](mailto:admin@stjoanofarc.org.au) or go to the parish

**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. *(Credit cards accepted—MC/Visa)*

## 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.



## God's Love is Stronger than Death

Even though Jesus went directly against the human inclination to avoid suffering and death, his followers realized that it was better to live the truth with open eyes than to live their lives in illusion [of immortality].

Suffering and death belong to the narrow road of Jesus. Jesus does not glorify them, or call them beautiful, good, or something to be desired. Jesus does not call for heroism or suicidal self-sacrifice. No, Jesus invites us to look at the reality of our existence and reveals this harsh reality as the way to new life. The core message of Jesus is that real joy and peace can never be reached while bypassing suffering and death, but only by going right through them.

We could say: "We really have no choice." Indeed, who escapes suffering and death? Yet there is still a choice. We can deny the reality of life, or we can face it. When we face it not in despair, but with the eyes of Jesus, we discover that where we least expect it, something is hidden that holds a promise stronger than death itself. Jesus lived his life with the trust that God's love is stronger than death and that death, therefore, does not have the last word. He invites us to face the painful reality of our existence with the same trust. This is what Lent is all about.

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*We continue to keep the people of Ukraine in prayer as the war continues. 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.*

## PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Australian Catholic Bishops Conference