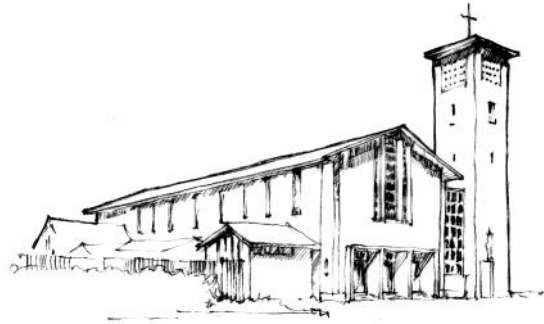


Welcome to

# St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



**SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION - YEAR A - 9 April 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:**

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**Domremy College:**

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## Happy Easter

## Buona Pasqua

Happy Easter/Buona Pasqua to everyone.

Easter, rather than New Year, is a good time to look back over the past year and reflect on what we have learnt, how we might have changed, how close we have come to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour; how close we have let him come to us.

Easter is when our faith, our baptism and our belonging to God's people redeemed in Christ, are all refreshed and renewed.

Following Christ is always challenging, because he offers us a freedom that we scarcely dare to accept. We prefer to hang on to our fears and griefs and hurts because we don't know what we'd do without them. Yet Christ offers us another path, not a path that forgets things, but a path that heals the hurts.

"Take up your cross and come follow me" is not a path to misery but a path to light and hope and healing and peace.

Blessings to all

Fr Phil

PLEASE NOTE: if anyone you know is looking for a Mass on Easter Sunday evening, both St Mary's Concord and St Mark's Drummoyne have Mass scheduled for 6.00pm that day.



**Easter Sunday  
9 April**



Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2023. If you still have your Project Compassion envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), and donate online or by calling 1800 024 413.

Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty.

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

**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."*

## 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

Student who is supported by St Joan of Arc Parish. (Profile provided by John Berne School)

The student, to be referred to as 'J', lives with his mum, step father and sister who is also a student at the John Berne School. J is an Indigenous student enrolled at the John Berne School in 2021, commencing as a year 7 student after attending Jarjum College

Redfern. During J's early life, J lost his father to suicide and there have been ongoing concerns regarding parental substance abuse and mental health. There has been involvement with child protection services throughout the years to address concerns that have had a significant impact on J and his sister.

From an early age, J's access to education was intermittent and his academic ability therefore falls well below others of the same developmental capacity. There are also concerns that he may have a learning disorder and he is currently receiving treatment for ADHD.

J is kind, empathetic, funny and intelligent. Despite much early life trauma and disadvantage, J has been observed to make wonderful progress since commencing at the John Berne School. J is a well regarded member of the school community who always upholds our school values with great integrity. J's growing independence and maturity highlights how much potential he has, and the more support he has access to during these critical teenage years, the more likely he will be able to overcome some adversity he is faced with and continue on with a positive trajectory.

## 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



## Welcome Pack

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 census form and do not have a copy of one you may do so by i) taking a Welcome Pack, ii) going to the parish website, or iii) contacting the office on [admin@stjoanofarc.org.au](mailto:admin@stjoanofarc.org.au)



to all those who gave of their time last Saturday morning to clean the church and grounds in preparation for Easter.

If you weren't able to help this time, there will be other opportunities throughout the year.

## 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/)



Please note that Maria Condello will be absent from the Parish after Easter Sunday until 18th April.

## REFLECTION

**“The other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed.”**

It might have been expected that when Jesus rose from the dead he would have appeared to multitudes of people, incontrovertibly proving himself to be the Son of God. But Jesus had once resisted the temptation to win followers by the spectacular feat of jumping from the top of the Temple. Unbelieving people who saw him after his resurrection would not become true followers either. He might have generated amazement, a nine-day wonder, but not real followers. In one of his first sermons, St Peter explained: “God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.”

On many occasions Jesus had told the disciples that he would be put to death and rise again. But what did that mean? What would it have meant to us? “Rise from the dead.” Rise where? Rise how? What did he mean by “rise”? Bodies don’t come back to life. Did he mean coming back as a sort of ghost? Without the benefit of hindsight, how could anyone have understood what he meant? The first clue was when Mary Magdalene, Peter and John found the tomb to be empty; no body, with the grave clothes left behind. Tentatively they began to understand something of what he meant by “rising from the dead”. But where was he? Questions still hung in the air.

Soon they would see him, but the mystery remained. The first one to see him was Mary Magdalene. She hung around the empty tomb, and he appeared to her. But she didn’t realise it was Jesus; she mistook him for a gardener, until he spoke her name, “Mary”. On the evening of Easter Day, he appeared, apparently without opening the door, to the apostles gathered in the upper room, and showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. Clearly it was him. Later that same evening he joined two disciples who were on their way to the village of Emmaus, but we’re told that “something prevented them from recognising him”. They invited him into their house for refreshments and as he broke bread “their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight”. It was so perplexing that they raced back to Jerusalem to inform the apostles about it, who told them that it was true. Jesus had risen. He had appeared to Peter. A week or two later at the Sea of Tiberias the disciples were still finding his presence mystifying; at first they “did not realise that it was Jesus”.

Statements like these in the Gospel seem to reflect a belief in the early Church that perceiving the risen Christ required more than eyes and ears. The appearances were mysterious, and not for all to see, but only “certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand” who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. It needed a supernatural gift of faith, not eyes alone, to see the risen Lord. St Thomas Aquinas wrote: “after the resurrection the apostles saw with the eyes of faith the living Christ, whose death they knew as an evident fact”.

The real basis of the Christian faith lies not just in the historical evidence, strong indeed though it is, that the tomb was empty and his body was not there. The real evidence of the resurrection should be sought in the fact that his disciples ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. The Jewish holy day, the

sabbath, is Saturday, the last day of the week. But because Jesus rose from the dead on the first day of the week, Sunday, that became our holy day; and every Sunday, ever since, his followers have joined together for what they first called the “breaking of bread” and we call the Eucharist or Mass. Here we listen to his word, are taught his ways and become one with him; but more than that, in the words of St Thomas Aquinas, we can come to see him “with the eyes of faith” and to recognise him in the breaking of bread. Here in the Eucharist we worship and adore Christ’s presence, risen and in glory, which we perceive in faith.

*The Living Word*

### Baptisms



We welcome into the Church through

Baptism this weekend

**Ellie Lourdes Perna**

### Saints Days/Coming Events

Nil

### -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:

Angelo Spataro, Martin Carey, Giuseppe Terranova, Sia-i-Fatima Murray, 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 Fragiaco, 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.



## RITE OF BLESSING OF THE FAMILY HOME WITH THE EASTER WATER

### Reflection

*The blessing of a house is primarily a time of prayer for the people who live in it and make it a home. It is an invitation for them to praise God for his many blessings to their family, and a moment for calling down his loving kindness upon them.*

(All family members standing in a central room in the house begin by making the sign of the cross.)

Leader: God's peace be in this home.

All: And in all who live here.

Leader: Let us pray.

Hear us Lord, we pray, in your goodness send your angel from heaven to watch over and protect all who live in this home. May we find in this home comfort, love, encouragement, peace and prayer, we make our prayer in the name of the Risen Lord.

All: Amen

Leader: Let us pray to God for his blessing.

(All pause for a moment of silent prayer).

Father in heaven, look upon this family and home in your love, and give us the blessing of your peace.

Let your Spirit of joy fill our hearts, so that we may be holy and happy.

May our concern for others reflect your love, and bring us happiness throughout this year.

All: We ask through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Bless our home Father and all who live here in peace.

(Accompanied by the whole family the Leader may go to each room of the house and sprinkle it, using a twig or similar object, with the blessed water.)

All: Concluding in the central room with the Our Father prayed together and the sign of the cross.

## BENEDIZIONE DELLA CASA

Pace a questa casa, e a tutti quelli che vi abitano.

E udii una gran voce dal trono, che diceva: "Ecco la tenda di Dio tra gli uomini! e s'attenderá tra loro. Ed essi saranno I suoi popoli, e Dio stesso sará con loro il loro Dio". (Apoc 21.3)

Preghiamo.

Padre, benedici questa casa + e riempila con la tua presenza. Possa la tua pace riposare sopra gli abitanti di questa casa, e su coloro che li visitano. Nel nome di tuo Figlio, in spirit d'amore, passano tutti I tuoi figli essere qui bene accolti.

*(Spruzza le stanze con l'acqua santa)*

La tua grazia provvede ai bisogni di questa casa:

Nel cibo,

Nel riparo,

Nella forza,

Nella pace,

E nell'amore

Insegnaci a condividere, o Signore,

Insegnaci a dare.

Preghiamo.

Tu sei venuto ad abitare tra noi, o Dio, e tu sei presente dovunque noi abitamo.

Fa che onoriamo la tua presenza; rendeci prudenti e donaci la forza necessaria al nostro vicendevole sviluppo e alla costruzione della tua cittá in questo mondo - il Corpo di Cristo - un mondo in cui si possa vivere, oggi e per sempre.

Preghiamo per coloro che non hanno una casa propria, per coloro che vivono in povere abitazioni, e per coloro che vennero in questa terra d'oltre oceano, affinché possano essere accolti con ospitalitá: e per coloro che vivono da soli.

Preghiamo pure per coloro che vivono nell'abbondanza, affinché possano mantenere le loro case e i loro cuori aperti a tutti i bisognosi.

Per Cristo nostro Signore.

TUTTI: Amen.

