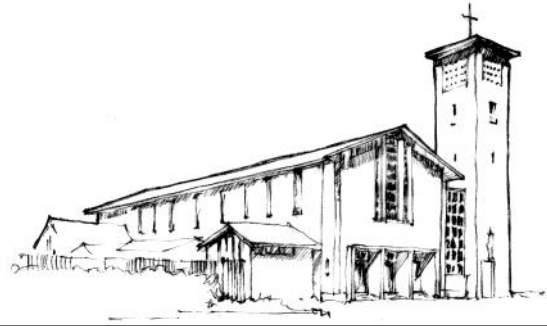


Welcome to

St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A - 16 April 2023

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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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Principal: Antoinette McGahan

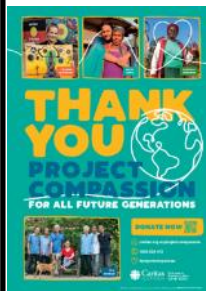
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Thank You

I trust that everyone has found many blessings through these days of Resurrection joy and will continue to be blessed, particularly during the full seven weeks of the Easter season. With that wish, I would like to thank all who offered their services for the different celebrations that made up all of Holy Week. It is clear that our celebrations of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and both the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday morning all benefitted from the generosity of extra Readers, Acolytes, Singers and Musician, Flower Arrangers, Altar of Repose preparers, extra Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Server, Welcomers at the doors for each ceremony, stewards of the Easter Fire (not easy in the gale that was blowing on Easter Saturday evening); Church Cleaners; students and staff at St Joan of Arc School for filling the vials of water that was blessed at the Easter Vigil and many of you took to bless your homes. Isn't there a lot that happens! So thanks for everyone! And thanks too, to all those who, as part of the congregations, helped each other and all of us to be a family that praised God together.



Thank you



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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

CALIX: Catholics maintaining total abstinence using the 12-steps.

Are you, or a friend, working a 12-step program?

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REFLECTION

“Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.”

Detective series are very popular on television at the moment. We, the viewers, often have the advantage of knowing exactly what has happened and we then watch the less informed police trying to work out who committed the crime. Sometimes, when confronted with reports of what a witness has said, the officer in charge will exclaim in exasperation something along the lines of “That’s only hearsay. It’s not evidence.” Witnesses have to have been present and have reliable information about what they have observed. It is not enough to mention what someone else has told them, even if that turns out, in the end, to be accurate. That, in a nutshell, is what the resurrection appearance stories in the Gospel are all about. Hearsay is not enough. Elsewhere, the Gospels tell us that the male apostles at first did not believe the testimony of the women who visited the tomb of Jesus and reported that he was risen. But today’s story makes the point that to be a true witness *to*, not *of*, the resurrection, the person has to have had a personal experience of the risen Jesus.

Gospel Teaching

In John’s Gospel account, there are no apostles. An apostle means “one who is sent”. In John’s version of the Jesus story, Jesus is the sole actor: his followers do not share in his ministry. For example, in the story of the feeding of the crowd, it is Jesus who distributes the bread. Jesus does not send out others to preach and heal. There are no apostles, only disciples. It is this group who are locked away, fearful that what happened to Jesus might happen to them as his followers. The risen Jesus makes himself present among them and bestows on them peace, which removes the fear of the Jewish authorities that has locked them away. To overcome any remaining doubt, Jesus shows them his wounds from the crucifixion. Fear turns to joy and Jesus sends them as the Father sent him. It is at this point that disciples become apostles. Jesus then breathes the Holy Spirit on them: those who receive their message and confirm this publicly by being baptised will have their sins forgiven; those who do not will remain as they were. The second scene occurs a week later when Thomas, the sceptic, is present. There is an important point here that, in the Gospel tradition, no one comes to believe in the risen Jesus purely on the word of other people. The official witnesses to the resurrection all have to experience the risen Lord for themselves. Hearsay is not enough. Thomas represents all those who have heard about the resurrection but are not yet sure. It is this questioning, this desire to know for himself, which brings him to his personal encounter with Jesus and leads to his making the ultimate declaration about who Jesus really is: “My Lord and my God!”

Application

The last words Jesus utters in today’s Gospel story are, “Happy [or Blessed] are those who have not seen and yet believe.” This is known as the “Johannine Beatitude” and applies to all of us today. Thomas the sceptic stands for all those who want to know more, who are reluctant simply to take other people’s word in matters of faith. It is Thomas’

personal integrity and search that bring him to a personal experience of the risen Jesus. This should encourage all those who want to know more, who are not satisfied with easy answers, to keep on asking questions, because, very often, the questions are more important than the answers. This episode is sometimes called “Little Pentecost”. There is no dramatic manifestation of the Holy Spirit; Jesus simply breathes on the disciples and sends them out. We are Jesus’ disciples today and are called, not just to continue Jesus’ mission of bringing knowledge of God’s love for human beings to others, but also to continue Jesus’ presence in our world, in our local community. This does not have to be anything dramatic or even explicit. The people mentioned in the reading from Acts recognised that the first disciples of Jesus had something special and they wanted part of it, so they came for blessing and healing. Perhaps if we live, quietly, more as disciples of Jesus, those around us might notice that we have something special and be attracted. In this way we could fulfil our calling to be missionary disciples, listening to what the Spirit is telling us in our daily lives.

Saints Days/Coming Events

Friday 21st April 2023 St Anselm, bishop, doctor
Tuesday 25th April - ANZAC DAY—Mass at 9.00am

-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:

Ester Matos, Angelo Spataro, Martin Carey, Giuseppe Terranova, 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

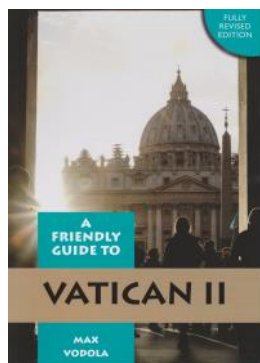
In keeping with the Privacy Act names cannot be published in our Parish Bulletin without the permission of the persons themselves or their next of kin. Please specify on your Mass Envelope your intention to include the person’s name in this Bulletin or contact the Parish Office on 9798 6657



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. 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.

“A Friendly Guide to Vatican II”



As background to any effort to take up Pope Francis's invitation to study the documents of the Second Vatican Council, we have bought 20 copies of the book "A Friendly Guide to Vatican II" and it is now available for parishioners to borrow and return on an honour system.

If you would like to read it, please treat it like a library book. To borrow, just note your name, phone number and the number of the book in the register that is beside the books.

Take a copy, read it, then return it so that others may do the same.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Pastoral Council

Pastoral Council Team Members - the following brief presentations complete the information about who's who on our Pastoral Council.

Sr Julie Brand

My name is Sr Julie Brand and I'm a member of the Congregation of the Marist Sisters. There has been a community of Marist Sisters in Haberfield since 1982. I took up my most recent appointment here in December 2018, having previously lived in Haberfield for five years from 2001 to 2005. I grew up in Sydney and have ministered as a Marist Sister in various places including Merrylands, Richmond, Sefton, Woolwich, Gladstone in Queensland, and Auckland in New Zealand. My ministry has been in Primary Education, Parish work, Congregational Administration, and Aged Care. I enjoy teaching and I'm happy to contribute to the life of the Parish particularly as a Catechist in Haberfield Public School. The Marist Sisters strive to be a Marian presence in the Parish, fitting in where we can be of service in the spirit of Mary.



Frank Capra

Frank has been in Australia since 1973 and lived in Haberfield since 1991.

He has always been passionate about the Italian community and the Italian Mass in particular.

He is married to Elisa and has to children, Stefania and Marco and a grand daughter, Allegra, 7 months old. He has been an acolyte at SJA for 31 years.

Frank is now semi-retired and loves to spend time with his grand daughter and walking the bay.



Harry Stephens

My wife Tanya and I have been in the Parish since 1972. I have been honorary architect since the early 1980's, acolyte since 1981 and was Chairman of the first Parish Council set up by Fr Frank Mecham, a position I held until (date? When Fr Frank Furfaro became PP). Our four children Tim, Amanda, Greg and Ellen have all played and/or continue to play various roles in the Parish.



Tony Mediati

I have lived in the Parish for most of my life and attended St Joan of Arc School in the late 1960's.

My wife Grace and I continue live in this Parish, raising three sons who also attended the parish primary school. We now enjoy babysitting and spending time with our seven grandchildren.

I have been an active member of the Parish for more than 25 years. I am currently instituted in the ministry of Acolyte. I am also a member of the Finance Committee and since 2017, I have been the Parish Safeguarding Support Officer (PSSO).

In my role on the Parish Pastoral Council, I aim to promote the safeguarding standards to ensure that we have a child safe parish.



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