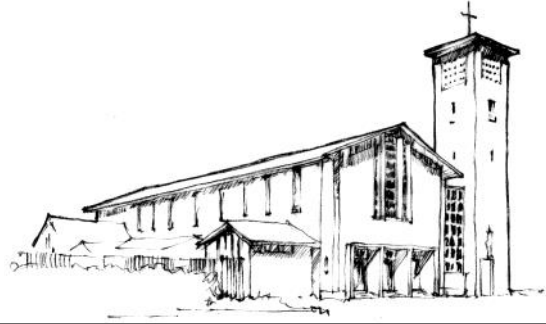


Welcome to

St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR A

7 May 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



This weekend the children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation and their parents will be making their commitment to the preparation program. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for the reception of the Sacrament on June 25.

Renewal and Support for our Community

At St Joan of Arc, we celebrate a welcoming, outreaching, justice-orientated community, seeking to prioritise our young people with the families of our primary school, develop our pastoral care, and to ensure we keep our worship and life in Jesus Christ at our heart. All these dimensions are highlighted in our strategic plan, and we seek to become a stronger faith community through achieving the goals of our plan.

Lasting renewal in our complex and fast-changing world is a challenging prospect. As such, after consultation with our Parish Pastoral Council, we have engaged the services of Lisa Bright and Richard McMahon from *Synodal Consulting*. Each brings rich experience and expertise in parish renewal and will be working closely with Maria and myself and our Council to support us in our endeavours. Richard previously facilitated our Parish Planning Day in February 2020 out of which came our Strategic Plan.

I know you will join with me in welcoming them as they accompany us on our journey of strengthening our faith and building up our community.



Mass of Anointing

20th May 2023 @ 10:30am
Followed by Morning Tea

All welcome

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."

The Sydney Archdiocese Committee, of the World Apostolate of Fatima invite you to our May Celebration in St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday May, 13th Honouring our Lady and intercede for peace in the World and the welfare of Australia.

To commence at 11.30am with entrance procession (inside the Cathedral) with the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima (with the Immaculate Heart) Rosary, Litany of Loreto & Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary followed by Holy Mass at Noon.

We look forward to you joining us in Prayer.

Gardening Machinery – All 2-Stroke

Victa VC300 Mower with catcher, Ryobi whipper-snipper, and Echo PB2455 Professional portable petrol-powered blower/vac with bag.

All available – none has been started or used in at least 7 years. They look in good condition, no broken panels or wiring etc, but will need fuel service. The carburettors will all have gummed up with old fuel and will need a bit of handyman work. If you are interested, please contact Fr Phil to arrange inspection.

Mary MacKillop Place is looking for Volunteer Gardeners !

Mary MacKillop Place, situated in North Sydney, accessible by public transport, is currently seeking enthusiastic volunteer gardeners.

Are you someone who enjoys being surrounded by nature's beauty while spending time outdoors? Mary MacKillop Place is a welcoming sacred space, a unique oasis away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Our extensive and stunning gardens are an essential part of this peaceful spiritual haven.

We are currently seeking volunteers to help us maintain these beautiful gardens. No prior gardening experience is necessary, and all the training, supplies and support you need will be provided.

If you are someone who would welcome the opportunity to garden, be it for couple of hours, a day or two a week or fortnight, we need you!

Please contact Sr Annie Bond, Ministry & Mission Manager or email annie.bond@mmp.org.au.



Laudato Si' Week (21 - 27 May) 2023 Online Event

This year to celebrate Laudato Si' week, Catholic Earthcare is hosting an online 'Action' event. The theme for Laudato Si' week this year is 'Hope for the Earth, Hope for Humanity.' And what better way to have hope and give hope than through action.

In 2 hours, participants will engage in 10 actions, designed to help bring forth an Integral Ecology and care for creation. All 10 actions are in some way inspired by Laudato Si' and can be done from the comfort of your own home. The event will be held over zoom and is FREE!

Date and time: Wednesday 17th May 2023 4pm – 6pm AEST.

Bookings are essential, please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/CHVPE>

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Suffering and illness have always been among the greatest problems that trouble the human spirit. Christians feel and experience pain as do all other people; yet they know from Christ's words that sickness has meaning and value for their own salvation and for the salvation of the world. They also know that Christ who during his life often visited and healed the sick, loves them in their illness. In the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick the Church continues the ministry of healing exercised by Christ himself.

The anointing is offered in the case of serious or chronic illness that is often debilitating to the sufferer. It is appropriate to anoint the elderly who have become weakened; sick children may be anointed if they can sufficiently understand what the Sacrament offers them. Anointing can be given more than once even in the same illness.

When serious illness afflicts someone, the Anointing of the Sick should not be delayed.

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

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

The Calix Society is an association of Catholic alcoholics, drug addicts, and family members and friends affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12 Step program. We welcome anyone concerned with the illness of alcoholism or addiction who wish to join with us in prayer for: *total abstinence, spiritual development, and sanctification of the whole personality.* Provide your number to calixsydney@outlook.com for a confidential return phone call. Or visit <https://www.calixsociety.org>

'We are substituting the cup that sanctifies for the cup that stupefies'

REFLECTION

“I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.”

Builders will be familiar with the term “cornerstone” or “keystone”. In building terms, the keystone or cornerstone is what keeps the structure from collapsing. It forms the bedrock and core of the building and the soundness of the whole structure depends on it. In the ruins of many large Middle Eastern cities, despite past earthquakes, one can still find certain ancient buildings standing. This is due to the fact that the keystone was so well placed, and in times when cement and mortar were not in use, this was a major feat of architecture.

In today’s second reading, we are given a picture of Christ as the keystone, as the foundation of our faith and the one who builds a spiritual house for God using “living stones”. As members of the body of Christ, we are those living stones, and Christ is our foundation. Christ is the “precious cornerstone” for us as believers and we are “a chosen race”, and “a people set apart”. Today’s Gospel goes on to reassure us that Christ himself will prepare a place for us, close to the Father, and to remind us that whoever believes in Christ will “perform even greater works” than Christ himself.

Our world is troubled by many things and so are our hearts. Life does not present us with constant joy. Jesus’ words at the beginning of today’s Gospel offer us comfort. He says, “Do not let your hearts be troubled.” Jesus himself knew what it felt like to be troubled. He knew disillusion and despair. Prior to Jesus’ betrayal, and again in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus uses the word “troubled” to describe how he feels. At these times Jesus is troubled deeply, or as he himself says, his “soul is troubled”. Even Jesus, the cornerstone of our faith, had to call on the Father in his moments of doubt and struggle. Jesus had to live his faith with the weight of the world bearing down on him, as we ourselves do. Honesty in our relationship with Christ and his Father are vital to keeping the foundation of our lives and our faith secure amid the earthquakes of life. If we seek to follow Christ faithfully, we can be reassured that he understands what life is like for each one of us.

So who is this Jesus we are seeking to follow? As the Gospels relate it, we believe in Jesus, a human being like us who walked the earth; who suffered loss, both of friends and family, during his lifetime; who was a friend of those who were poor and marginalised; a healer of those who were sick; and a person of deep compassion. If this is the Jesus we follow, these realities will be part of our life of discipleship here on earth. Jesus points the way when he says: “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.” Jesus’ “Way” is the way of love and compassion. Jesus’ “Truth” is that he, the Son of God, is our brother and is alive in our suffering brothers and sisters. The “Life” we are being offered in today’s Gospel is one where we will no longer be troubled, where we will see the Father and inherit eternal life. Jesus has gone to prepare a home for us. In this going is the suggestion that the life we live now is not the fullness of life for which we are destined. There is another, fuller life for those who believe, who love, who offer the goodness of God to others. This life in Christ is one we get glimpses of here on earth when we do the work of God, and find ourselves at one with God’s ways. In moments of joy and union with our God and with one another, we see the promise of this new life which Christ offers to us.

Our readings today offer us an invitation to look at what is key or foundational to our lives. Were you to be asked, what is the most important thing in your life today, how might you respond? It might involve those you love, those you care for and possibly what you own. It may be worth spending some time this week asking how key your faith and your relationship with Christ is to your daily life. If it is key, how do you express this? If Christ is “the Way, the Truth and the Life”, how is that reflected in your life?

The Living Word

Saints Days/Coming Events

Saturday	13th May 2023	Our Lady of Fatima
Wednesday	11 May 2023	Mass 9:15am (Parish school attending)
Sunday	14th May 2023	Mother’s Day
Saturday	20th May 2023	Mass of Anointing - 10:30am followed by Morning Tea
Wednesday	24 May 2023	Mass for Mary Help of Christians 9:15am (Parish school attending)
Sunday	28th May 2023	Pentecost - wear something red! 9am Mass - Aboriginal Catholic Ministry will be attending and celebrating with the community. School House Mass – Orleans (Red) Morning tea will follow Mass

-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 Sousa De Freitas 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 Fragiacommo, 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

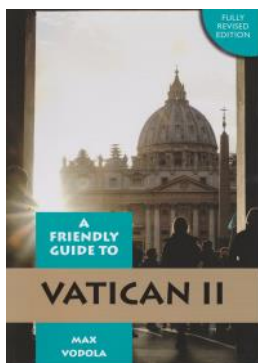
In keeping with the Privacy Act names cannot be published in our Parish Bulletin without the permission of the persons themselves or their next of kin. Please specify on your Mass Envelope your intention to include the person’s name in this Bulletin or contact the Parish Office on 9798 6657



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, you can 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.

Additional letterbox

An additional letterbox has been installed near the front door of the Parish Office (under the existing red one).

This letterbox can be used for larger items if the office is unattended. Just lift the black lid at the top and insert your item.



Bulletin Notices

If you would like to have a notice placed in the bulletin please provide details of the notice

by **Thursdays midday** to admin@stjoanofarc.org.au In the subject line please state **"Bulletin Notice"**.

Thank you

Permanent Part-time Parish Secretary St Francis Xavier Parish, Ashbury

The Parish of St Francis Xavier, Ashbury is seeking a part-time Parish Secretary 3 days a week, 4 hours per day.

The duties will vary in nature and include, but not limited to managing the parish office including correspondence, emails, telephone calls and maintaining records; liaising with parish groups and volunteers, and welcoming visitors and guests.

A sound level of computer literacy, including Microsoft Office, and administrative skills are essential requirements for this position. Experience with databases is desirable.

A link to the Position Description can be found on the homepage of the Parish Website at www.sfxashbury.org.au

To apply for this position please forward your application and resume by emailing Fr Richard Gates at pp@sfxashbury.org.au

Closing date for applications is Thursday 18th May 2023.

Mental Health First Aid Course

In March Sr Ruth Davis sm ran a 2-day Mental Health First Aid course. There were 11 participants who took part in the course. Just a few of their comments below.

Thankyou the course was outstanding

A powerful course in Mental Health. This workshop provided me with knowledge and understanding about mental health issues.

Definitely a course for everyone. Sister Ruth delivered this course with such energy and passion. I only wished, I had done this course earlier.

It was great completing the course with an excellent and knowledgeable presenter and with a familiar group of people from our Church community. I found the course informative and enjoyable and it has increased my confidence in being able to assist someone with a mental health problem.

We are hoping to run the course again later in the year and are seeking expressions of interest. If you would be interested in participating in the course please email Maria Condello - Pastoral.Associate@stjoanofarc.org.au

Catholic Theological College

Sign up for one of 18 online sessions.

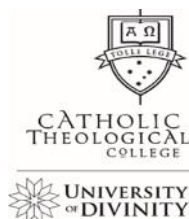
Engaging Your Faith—May 2023

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/



Charitable Works Appeal (CWF) appeal

**will now be held on weekend
of 20 & 21 May**