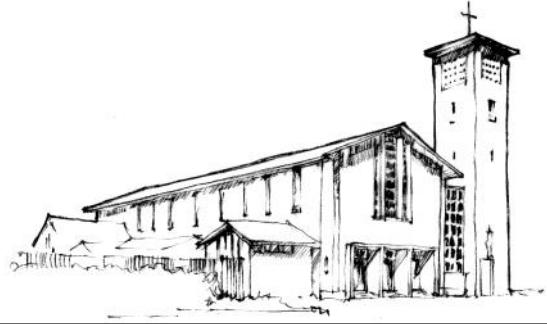


Welcome to

# St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

YEAR A

21 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

## Pentecost Sunday - May 28th

*Please wear a splash of red.*



**Aboriginal Catholic Ministry -  
Sydney**

Sydney, NSW, Australia

Members of the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry will join St Joan of Arc faith community at the 9am Mass on Sunday 28th May as part of National Reconciliation Week.

## Feast of St Joan of Arc.

This will be celebrated at 9.15am Mass on Friday 2nd June.

It would be wonderful to gather afterwards for some refreshment and good company.

If you intend staying after the Mass please let us know by putting your name on the list in the foyer or by emailing Maria Condello at

[Pastoral.Associate@stjoanofarc.org.au](mailto:Pastoral.Associate@stjoanofarc.org.au)

## BIG MORNING TEA



**Many thanks to everyone** who donated funds for the Cancer Council's good work in fighting Cancer. Thank you also to Fr Phil for his support, to the Welcome and Events Committee for organizing the event, to the members and other parishioners who provided the Morning Tea delicacies, to the students who manned the doors for the collections and to anyone else who assisted in any way. Together on a very wet morning which caused sudden rearrangements of venue,

**we raised \$1,130.70 for Cancer Research**

another wonderful result indicative of the generosity of our Parish members.

## SVDP CLOTHING DRIVE

Another very successful event, our clothing drive on May 13th was very well supported by 32 parishioners and their families. Thank you so much for gathering up so much clothing etc. to ultimately support others who need assistance now &/or in the future.



## 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."*

## *Fear of God as Wisdom*

Why don't we preach hellfire anymore? That's a question asked frequently today by a lot of sincere religious people who worry that too many churches and too many priests and ministers have gone soft on sin and are over-generous in speaking about God's mercy.

So why not preach fear? Because it's wrong, pure and simple. Brainwashing and physical intimidation are also effective, but fear is not the proper fuel for love. You don't enter a love relationship because you feel afraid or threatened. You enter a love relationship because you feel drawn there by love.

More importantly, preaching divine threat dishonors the God in whom we believe. The God whom Jesus incarnates and reveals is not a God who puts sincere, good-hearted people into hell against their will, on the basis of some human or moral lapse which in our moral or religious categories we deem to be a mortal sin.

What kind of God would underwrite this kind of a belief? What kind of God would not give sincere people a second chance, a third one, and seventy-seven times seven more chances if they remain sincere?

A healthy theology of God demands that we stop teaching that hell can be a nasty surprise waiting for an essentially good person. The God we believe in as Christians is infinite understanding, infinite compassion, and infinite forgiveness. God's love surpasses our own and if we, in our better moments, can see the goodness of a human heart despite its lapses and weaknesses, how much more so will God do this. We've nothing to fear from God.

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This year's theme for Laudato Si' week is "Hope for the Earth. Hope for Humanity".

### **What is Laudato Si' Week?**

Laudato Si' Week began as a way to celebrate the first anniversary of Pope Francis' papal encyclical letter, "Laudato Si': On Care For Our Common Home." Since then, the annual celebration has become a way for all Catholics to unite and rejoice in the progress we've made in bringing Laudato Si' to life and to commit ourselves to further prayer and action for our common home.

For more information visit the [laudatosiweek.org](http://laudatosiweek.org) website, and fill out the form to register your interest and receive the latest news.



Loving Creator,  
You have placed us on this earth to cultivate a communion of love within the web of life. We thank you for the gift of humanity's interdependence with our common home.

Infuse us with your mercy and strength so that we may grow painfully aware of our ecological sins and the cries of the earth and the cries of the poor.

Remind us how hope is the foundation of our faith, so that the certainty of the resurrection inspires us to greater action for a just and sustainable earth.

May we grow deeper in our journey of ecological conversion, as individuals and as a global community, working together day by day to bring more hope for the earth and hope for humanity.

We ask this in Jesus' name and through the fire of the Creator Spirit,

Amen

## **National Reconciliation Week 27 May to 3 June**

This year's theme is: ***"Be a voice for Generations"***

National Reconciliation Week is held every year from 27 May to 3 June. It is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The two bookend dates have significant meaning. 27 May is the anniversary of the 1967 referendum where Australians voted to remove clauses in the Australian Constitution that discriminated against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People. 3 June marks the historic 1992 Mabo decision recognising native title.

National Reconciliation Week provides a focus for working towards our goal of a just equitable and reconciled Australia. For more information please visit the National Reconciliation Website - <https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au/>

Members of Aboriginal Catholic Ministry will join us at 9am Mass on 28th May to mark National Reconciliation Week.

## REFLECTION

**“Know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.”**

A person's last words before they die are often regarded as being particularly important and significant. Friends and relatives will sometimes go to great lengths to carry out the final wishes or instructions of the one who has left them. These may be directions as to how their funeral is to be conducted, or messages of love and appreciation for individuals who mattered to them.

Sometimes the dying person may ask for an apology to be made to someone they feel that they have offended but with whom, for some reason or other, they have had no chance to put things right. Once this is done, the individual feels that their life's business has been concluded and that they can, in truth, depart in peace.

In today's first reading, Luke introduces the second part of his scriptural writings, which we know as the Acts of the Apostles. The “earlier work” to which he refers is his version of the Gospel, and he begins by giving an account of Jesus' appearances to his disciples after the resurrection and his promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit to empower them to continue his mission once he is no longer among them physically.

Our Gospel for today brings the account of the earthly story of Jesus to its end by relating the tradition of what is, in Matthew's account, the one and only meeting of the risen Jesus with his remaining eleven male disciples in Galilee – he has previously appeared only to the women. Matthew follows Mark in depicting his male followers as deserting Jesus and returning to their home region of Galilee: perhaps they were thinking that thus they would avoid the fate that befell their Master. We might note that Jesus does not scold them for their behaviour, but looks to the future and the part that they will play in the continuation of his mission and the spread of the Gospel. Jesus commissions these reconciled disciples for mission: they are to “make disciples of all the nations”, and the sign that someone has accepted the message is that they will be baptised. Celebrating baptism, along with the Eucharist, means that we are declaring publicly that we are disciples of Jesus.

We might remember that at the beginning of Matthew's Gospel the annunciation of the birth of Jesus is made to Joseph by an angel, the messenger of God. The child to be born is to be given the name Emmanuel, which means “God is with us”. This title does not occur in the Gospel again. But its meaning returns in the final words of Jesus: “I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.” The theme introduced by the angel at the beginning of the story is restated at the end: that God is with God's people, now in the person of the risen and glorified Jesus.

Jesus' ascension may suggest that he has departed from this world, and other parts of the New Testament refer to his coming again in glory at the end of time. Today's Gospel reading emphasises that Jesus is still very much present with and among his disciples, as is shown in his symbolic name Emmanuel. In one of the accounts of the appearances of the risen Jesus, he says to Mary Magdalene, “Do not touch me,” which some scholars express as “Let me go!” Mary has just referred to Jesus as “Rabbuni”, meaning “Master”, or

“Teacher”, which shows that she is thinking of him in the way she knew him before. The Gospel text is suggesting that she, and therefore we ourselves, should be prepared to imagine Jesus in a different way and relate to him accordingly.

Jesus has not left us: he is present to his disciples today, as he was to Mary Magdalene and the other disciples, though in a different way. His final words are addressed to us: that we should continue his work of revealing what God is like by the example of our lives. Most of us are not called to go elsewhere and make disciples, but we are all called on to preach the Gospel: this will not usually mean by what we say or do, but rather by the kind of person we are.

*The Living Word*

### Saints Days/Coming Events

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| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>24th May 2023</b> | Mass for Mary Help of Christians<br>9:15am (Parish school attending)  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>26th May 2023</b> | St Philip Neri, priest  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>28th May 2023</b> | Pentecost - wear something red!<br>9am Mass - Aboriginal Catholic Ministry will be attending and celebrating with the community.<br>School House Mass – Orleans (Red)<br>Morning tea will follow Mass |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>2nd June 2023</b> | Feast of St Joan of Arc celebration - Mass at 9:15am (some classes from Parish school attending) followed by morning tea  |

### -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:

Cesare Marasso, Mario Rinaudo, 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 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, you can 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.

## SYNOD AND SYNODALITY.

These are ideas that are not new but are being spoken of so much in recent times. What do they mean? How do they affect me? What do they bring to the Church's self-understanding?

This event will offer a chance to explore these  
**Evangelium Forum: Lumen Gentium and Synodality** (Free Talk)

What can this landmark Vatican II document teach us in our contemporary Church today?

Guest Speaker: Rev Prof Gerald Kelly, Lecturer, Catholic Institute of Sydney

Sunday 28 May (Pentecost Sunday) 12 noon-1:30pm (including Q and A)

St Peter's Parish Hall; 235 Devonshire St, Surry Hills, (50 metres from Surry Hills light rail stop)

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL 2023


Dear Parishioners

A collection will be held after each Mass on **3-4 June** to support the work of The St Vincent de Paul Society.

Funds raised will be used to provide assistance with food, clothing, household bills and specialist homeless services. This year's appeal has a particular focus on supporting the concerning number of older women who are experiencing or are at risk of homelessness. Women aged 55 and over are the fastest growing group within the homeless population across Australia.

Members of The Society will be at each Mass to answer any questions you may have.

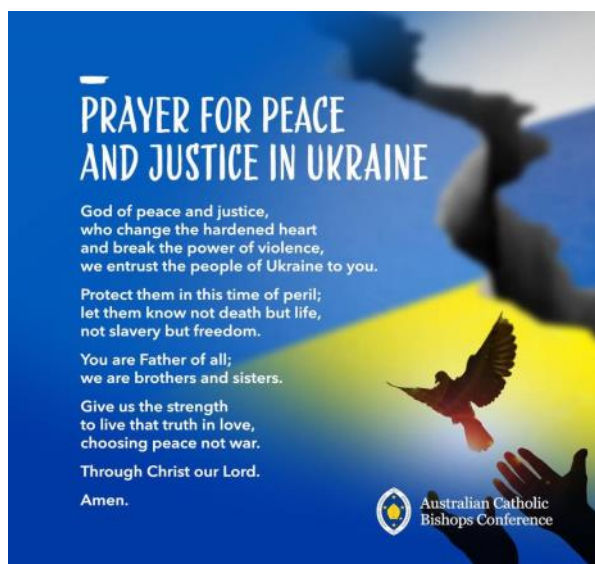
Please give generously.

 Two parishioners are participating in the Vinnies CEO Sleepout - Peter Doyle and Robert Bonotto. If you would like to support them in this worthwhile cause you can donate via their links below.

<https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/peterdoyle/nsw>

<https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/robertbonotto/nsw>

*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



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](mailto:admin@stjoanofarc.org.au) In the subject line please state "**Bulletin Notice**".

Thank you

### **The Catholic Charity** *Aid to the Church in Need*

has launched their "Nigeria: Young. Faithful. Crucified" global campaign. Did you know that in 2022 a total of 5,014 Christians were killed for their faith in Nigeria? These were not Nigerians who happened to be Christian, but rather, their allegiance to the Lord saw them face a brutal death. This is a Church being crucified with Christ. To watch testimonies and to make an offering visit [www.aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal](http://www.aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal) or scan the QR code.



### **Save the Date** **Walk With Christ** **Sunday 11 June**

Join Catholics from across greater Sydney for the Walk With Christ procession through central Sydney to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi when Christ reminds us as Catholics that He will be with us till the end of time through His real presence in the Holy Eucharist.

1pm Festival in Martin Place.  
2:30pm- Procession begins from the corner of Martin Place and Pitt Street

### **Charitable Works Appeal** **(CWF) appeal.**



**Thanks to all who contribute this weekend.**