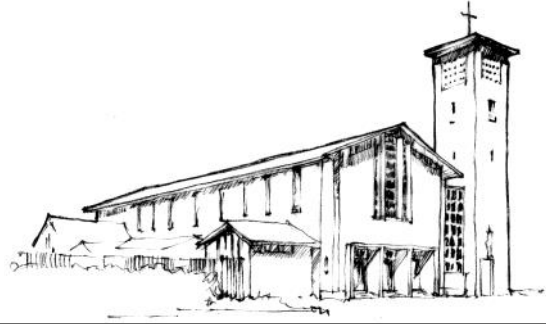


Welcome to

St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



PENTECOST

YEAR A

28 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

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Principal: Antoinette McGahan

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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



**Aboriginal Catholic Ministry -
Sydney**

Sydney, NSW, Australia

Fr Darryl Mackie, Lisa Buxton, Janice Ban Kelly Wyld and John Allen join St Joan of Arc faith community at the 9am Mass as part of National Reconciliation Week.

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/>

Baptisms

We welcome into the Church through Baptism this weekend

Sofia Cecilia Beverley Spring

Graziella Anna-Rose Cacciotti

Elizabeth Trudy Johnston

Elliott Hugh Johnston



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."

Blocking Pentecost

The church needs a new pentecost and there can be no pentecost unless there is first an ascension. Such are the dynamics of the paschal mystery.

Today, in the church, both the conservatives and the liberals are effectively blocking a new flowing out of the Holy Spirit because both groups refuse to reverently grieve a death and let a certain body of Christ ascend and give us its blessing. What does this mean?

The pre-Vatican II church is, theologically-understood, the pre-ascended body of Christ. Thus, today, for us to receive the spirit, the Holy Spirit, we must, like the original disciples of Jesus, let the church we once knew give us its blessing and ascend to heaven so that we can receive the spirit for the ecclesial life that we are actually living. And this is not happening. It is being blocked by our failure to understand what has happened in the church and to properly grieve it. Let me try to explain this:

The church that many of us grew up in, the church of the 1950s and early 1960s which was irrevocably changed after Vatican II, was, despite its flaws and imperfections, both a very beautiful and powerful expression of the body of Christ. Indeed it was, as history will show, one of the better incarnations of Christian church, especially as regards its universality and its gathering around the eucharist. It had its shortcomings, admittedly, but it gave life and mediated grace and helped millions of women and men to salvation, most of our own parents included. It gave us the faith and taught us many of the very things which we are now using to criticize it.

But it had its time and eventually it was crucified – by time, by change, by secularization, and by its own imperfections. Vatican II simply recognized this, it didn't cause it. For its part, mostly it named a death and claimed a resurrection, a new life.

We are already living that new life – enthusiastically or begrudgingly. But we have yet, on both sides, liberal and conservative, to really receive its spirit. Why?

Because none of us has really grieved what we lost. The Catholicism that so many of us grew up on was, in truth, one of the more powerful expressions of Christianity ever incarnated. It died – and nobody grieved it! Conservatives are not really grieving. They're angry and in denial. They haven't accepted that something has died. They're still trying to resuscitate it. Liberals aren't grieving either. They don't admit that the pre-Vatican II church is worth grieving! They're happy that this particular incarnation of Catholicism has died since, for them, it was not a very healthy expression of church in any case. In both cases, there is no ascension, no reverent letting go of the old in such a way that it can bless the present. The conservatives block that blessing through denial, the liberals through self-hatred.

So this is our situation: We are living in a post-Vatican II church, but the body of the pre-Vatican II church remains with us -ungrieved, unreverenced, unascended,

and unable to give us its blessing. And the atmosphere within the church precisely manifests this debilitating situation. Thus, for example:

It is no accident that Catholics my age (i.e., those of us who had an experience of the pre-Vatican II church) are, for the most part, more focussed on our own reactions to Vatican II, for or against, than we are with passing on the faith to the world at large, let alone to our own children. As we do all our infighting, and think it's important, the world and our own children are indifferent to us ... and don't really give a damn about Vatican II! We've too much internal baggage right now to have much in the way of genuine focus beyond ourselves. That shows itself too in our hardness towards each other – the rages, the anger, the bitterness, the ideology, the disrespect of others, and the plain lack of charity that emanates from both conservative and liberal circles. What is evident from all of this is that we lack fresh spirit, we lack the Holy Spirit, on all sides. There is too little of charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, long-suffering, fidelity, mildness, faith, and chastity left. We need a new pentecost.

And that pentecost will happen only when all of us, liberals and conservatives alike, with deep reverence and love, let the old ascend and give us its blessing. But this will happen only when we understand the church of the past for what it was and is, the resurrected body of Christ, waiting to ascend, calling us to the Mount of the Ascension to impart its blessing.

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Multicultural Mass Sunday Celebrated By Bishop Vincent Long

For the Parramatta Diocese and Sydney Archdiocese. Open invitation for Migrant Chaplains of both Dioceses and people from all ethnic communities.

DETAILS:

Date and Time: Sunday 18th June at 2pm

Venue: St Mary's Cathedral

If you have questions please contact Fr Roland Maurer EV or Kylie Cullen at immigration@sydneycatholic.org

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

REFLECTION

“Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.”

Electricity is something that most of us take for granted. It is an invisible power on which we depend for living our daily lives. It provides us with light, heat and the ability to carry out domestic tasks such as cleaning, cooking and washing in hot water. Very often we only notice it when it is absent for some reason or another.

The presence of electric power is revealed in what it does. For example, consider the ordinary light bulb: we can hold it in our hand; it is a perfectly unremarkable object, made up of glass and metal. However, if we put it into a light socket and turn on the switch, it becomes a source of light so bright that we cannot look at it directly without perhaps hurting our eyes: it is soon so hot that we cannot touch it without burning the skin on our hands. The presence of electricity transforms the light bulb, just as it can transform our everyday lives. We might consider the Holy Spirit as such a power.

In our readings today from the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel according to John, we have two very different accounts of the event of Pentecost. In Acts, we have the vivid, and therefore more memorable, account, involving the mighty rushing wind and tongues of fire descending from heaven on the heads of the disciples, enabling them to address the crowds in Jerusalem in the pilgrims’ own native languages. But on whom did the Holy Spirit descend? The Gospel version we have just heard says that those gathered together are “the apostles”. But this is an addition by the editors of our Lectionary to help the listening congregation visualise the scene. In fact, Luke, the author of Acts, simply says, “they were gathered together”. Usually, in the Gospel account and in the early chapters of Acts, Luke has in mind the wider circle of disciples, and in the previous chapter he has mentioned among those gathered in the upper room “several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus”. So whom did the crowds in Jerusalem hear speaking in this inspired way in foreign languages? Although our version says “these men”, the text could also be understood as “these people”, thus women disciples could be among those first proclaiming the Good News of Jesus.

When we turn to the Gospel reading for today’s feast, we find a similar emphasis on the idea of being a disciple. There is no selection of the twelve apostles in the Gospel according to John, nor do the disciples have any share in the ministry of Jesus: for example, it is Jesus alone who distributes bread to the crowd; the disciples are not sent to preach or to heal, as in the other Gospel versions. The term “apostle” means “one who is sent”, so, in the Fourth Gospel, we could understand that there are no apostles... until now. So at this appearance, which John tells us took place on the evening of Easter Sunday, the risen Jesus commissions the disciples to carry on his mission, and thus they become apostles.

Jesus did not consider himself bound by the religious teachings or conventions of his day. The people with whom

he got into trouble were the synagogue and Temple authorities, not the ordinary people with whom he shared food and drink, an action more significant than most of us, perhaps, appreciate. By this sharing, Jesus was showing people what God is like, a God who accepts and appreciates human beings as they are and is reaching out to them in the person of Jesus. Recently, and as part of the synodal process, we have been encouraged to discuss what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and how to carry Jesus’ message to people who have not heard it, or who have been hurt in a way that has led them to reject the Church and its ministers. Perhaps the most important element in all this is that we *listen* to one another, that we try to understand our fellow disciples.

The Living Word

Saints Days/Coming Events

Monday	29th May 2023	The Blessed Mary, Mother of the Church
Tuesday	30th May 2023	St Joan of Arc
Wednesday	31st May 2023	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday	1st June 2023	St Justin, martyr
Saturday	3rd June 2023	Sts Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs
Friday	2nd June 2023	9:15am Mass - Celebration the Feast of St Joan of Arc 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:

Santo D'Arrigo, Cesare Maresso, 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'hoi, 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 Spataro, 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.

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.

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>

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.



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.



St Joan of Arc "Opposed to ACT Govt's takeover of Calvary Hospital"

The news of the past two weeks or so included the intention of the ACT Government to take over Calvary Hospital.

There is a petition against that move that our Archbishop is supporting and encouraging us to sign - it can be found at www.savecalvary.com.au

Two significant points about this move are that it sets a precedent for government takeovers and also endangers freedom of religion.

I also received the following message
Dear Fr Zadro,

I work with Right to Life Australia, we are very concerned with the ACT Govt's plans to compulsorily acquire Calvary Hospital. A bill is scheduled for next Wednesday 31st May.

As your parish is in the electorate of Prime Minister Albanese - can you please encourage your parishioners to email or ring his office in Canberra. Ph. 02 6277 7700 Email: pm.gov.au/contact-your-pm

People can use information from a very good article in Wed. Australian 24/5/23 Pg. 11. Written by the Catholic Bishop of Canberra Christopher Prowse.

If enough people make contact with the PM we hope he will act to prevent this happening.

Yours Sincerely
Michael Fewster

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.