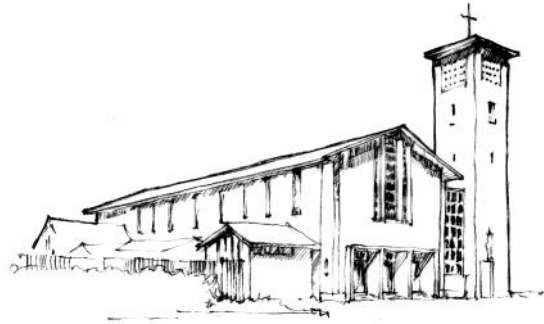


Welcome to

St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

25 June 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

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SJOA Primary:

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Principal: Antoinette McGahan

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Thank you to the priests of All Hallows Five Dock, and St Marks Drummoyne who are assisting with Masses at St Joan of Arc while Fr Phil is unwell.

We congratulate the children of St Joan of Arc Catholic Community who are Confirmed this weekend. May they continue to grow in their faith and use the gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety & Fear of the Lord) they have received to help others and proclaim God's Kingdom.



Holy Father's Appeal 2023

Our parish, in union with all parishes around the world, will hold the annual Holy Father's Appeal next weekend - 1 & 2 July - for which we ask your support. Through your gift, you can help Pope Francis bring hope, faith, and the spirit of Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you.

Donate by visiting

www.ourfaithhourworks.org/give-to-holy-fathers-appeal

phone 1800 753 959 or through our parish collection.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Please collect your new set planned giving envelopes for 2023 - 2024 from the Foyer.

Note that they are in alphabetical order.

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."

Lucky Sevens

From the bible to casinos, seven is often considered to be a magical, perfect, and lucky number. Jesus told us to forgive those who hurt us seventy times seven times. Clearly he meant that to mean infinity. Genesis speaks of the seven days of creation, scripture speaks of seven archangels, and the Book of Revelation speaks of the Seven Seals of Revelation. The bible is saturated with the number seven. It would take several pages just to list the references.

What is true for the Christian bible is paralleled elsewhere: There are seven lucky gods of good fortune in Japanese mythology, and the Buddhists believe that Buddha walked seven steps at his birth. In Judaism, there are seven days of mourning, the weekly Torah is divided into seven special sections, there are seven blessings recited at a Jewish wedding, the Jewish bride and groom are feted for seven days, and there are seven primary emotions attributed to God. In the Islamic tradition, there are seven heavens and seven earths, seven fires in hell, seven doors to heaven, and seven doors to hell.

And then there are these facts connected to the number seven: There are seven continents in the world, seven colors to the rainbow, seven days in a week, seven basic musical notes, seven stars in the Big Dipper, and seven celestial bodies visible to the naked eye. Seven is the calling code for telephones in Russia. In North America, major-leagues baseball, basketball, and hockey all decide their final championships through a seven-game series, and seven is the jersey number chosen by many elite athletes, including Mickey Mantle. Casinos too like the number seven. Lining up a row of sevens is the route to many a jackpot.

Jesus, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, nature, the measurement of our weeks, Russian telephone codes, major league sports, Mickey Mantle, and casinos – now that’s an audience! It’s no accident that there are lots of lists of “sevens”:

For example: we have all kinds of theological and church-lists of seven:

Christian theology speaks of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Council, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. Of Seven Deadly Sins: Pride, Envy, Wrath, Sloth (Acedia), Greed, Gluttony, and Lust; and of Seven Corresponding Heavenly Virtues: Humility, Kindness, Patience, Diligence, Charity, Temperance, and Chastity. It also speaks of the Seven Last Words of Jesus: “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do”; “Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise”; “Father, into your hands, I commend my spirit”; “Woman, this is your son ... This is your mother”; “My God, my God, why have you forsake me?”; “I thirst”; “It is finished”.

Mohandas Gandhi spoke of Seven Social Sins: Politics without principle, wealth without work, commerce without morality, pleasure without conscience, education without character, science without humanity, and worship without sacrifice. To this, Roman Catholics have added Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching: The life and dignity of the human person; the call to family, community, and participation; rights and responsibilities; the option for the poor and vulnerable; the dignity of work and the rights of workers; solidarity; and care for God’s creation.

Roman Catholics have Seven Sacraments: baptism, confirmation, Eucharist, reconciliation, healing of the sick, holy orders, and matrimony. Seven Corporal Works of Mercy: Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. And Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy: Instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, admonish sinners, bear wrongs patiently, forgive offenses willingly, comfort the afflicted, and pray for the living and the dead. Moreover, Roman Catholics venerate the Seven Sorrows of Mary: The prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the child Jesus in the temple, meeting Jesus on the way of Calvary, Jesus dying on the cross, receiving the body of Jesus in her arms, placing the body of Jesus into the tomb.

And of course, not least, we have the famous Seven Wonders of the World, though now there are arguments as to what precisely constitutes that list: Some argue for the original list, The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, others propose The Seven Wonders of the Modern World, some speak of The Seven Wonders of the Contemporary World, and still others affirm that the real wonders of this world are constructed by nature and they list instead The Seven Natural Wonders of this World.

So what’s the true list? What, in fact, constitutes the Seven Wonders of the World?

Recently this story appeared on the internet: A teacher asked her students to name The Seven Wonders of the World. A number of students, with the help no doubt of electronic gadgets, quickly produced the various lists. One young girl, however, without any electronic research, produced her own list. The Seven Wonders of the World, she submitted, are: seeing, feeling, tasting, smelling, touching, breathing, and loving. That list, I believe, trumps all other lists and includes all the sacraments.

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Sacramental Programs 2023 Holy Communion



Enrolments are now open for those children in year 3 and above who are baptized and have made their First Reconciliation. Please complete the online form by clicking the link <https://forms.gle/5QRyoqtr2fFYTTeM7> or visit the parish website for link to online form and other details.

- Commitment Mass – Sunday 15th October (9am)
- Session dates – Wednesdays 18th & 25th October, 8th & 15th November (7pm)
- Celebrations Sunday 19th & 26th November (11am) *Choice to be made by families which day & time is preferable and limit to be estimated depending on number of candidates*

Enrolments close Friday Midday 28th July.

REFLECTION

“Do not be afraid.”

A mother took her little baby to the doctor. “He won’t stop crying,” she told him. The doctor looked at her and replied, “All the Jewish babies are crying now.” The year was 1944 and German tanks were rolling into Budapest, Hungary. The anxiety gripping mothers was contagious and causing their little children to live in fear as well. Fearing for her child, the mother later gave him away to a stranger to look after for a month. This event caused the child to feel that he had been totally abandoned. As things turned out, mother and child survived and, in 1956, they made a new life in Canada. The child grew up and became a teacher, then a family doctor and then a psychologist. He became familiar with human pain and suffering, both in his patients and also in his own life and behaviours. He began to understand the root cause of our addictions in our suffering and in our attempts to overcome that suffering. Understanding trauma became his life’s great work. Trauma is not the event that occurs in our life but what happens to us inside as a result of that event.

An old man now, this doctor is the Hungarian–Canadian psychologist Gabor Maté. He has shared his knowledge and understanding in books and lectures and in online videos, helping us to understand better the meaning of our addictions, and of our struggles to be simply human. His teaching echoes the words of Jesus today: “Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear.”

“Do not be afraid” is a frequent and consoling saying on the lips of Jesus. He says these words to us because we are often afraid: very afraid. We fear the unknown. We fear what we cannot control. We fear what other people may think, say or do to us. We fear to have arguments with people. We fear losing their approval or their love. We fear illness and disease. We fear what tomorrow may bring. We fear death. There are so many things in this world to fear. Simply being told not to be afraid does not sound like a remedy for our fear, but the Lord gives us a great reason not to be afraid. Someone is watching over you. Someone knows you very well and loves you for yourself. Every hair on your head has been counted. You are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. Jesus is telling us that we are not abandoned children. We are greatly loved by God, who is our Father. That is why we say the greatest words it is possible to say when we pray the Lord’s Prayer. We express our belief in God as a Father who cares completely for us. Our strength is in God our Father, and we are all his children. There is a family of God and we are members of it. In his own life Jesus attracted opposition and eventually hostility. Because of his confidence in God his Father, he did not fear his opponents. He willingly engaged with them. He felt confident to stand his ground. It was only when his enemies closed in on him, in the garden of Gethsemane, that Jesus felt fear, the fear of the physical torment he was about to meet. His sweat fell like drops of blood. Luke’s Gospel tells us that in that moment an angel was sent to

comfort him, to strengthen him and to recharge his resolve. John’s account of the passion tells us that when the soldiers came, Jesus asked them boldly, “Who are you looking for?” From that moment his fear subsided and his self-awareness returned as, in the greatest test of his life, he stood before Pilate and his court, on trial for his life. If we are loved in life we have every reason not to be afraid, for love drives out fear. Our attachment to those who love us – parents, husband, wife, children, relatives and friends – gives us the warmth that scatters the cold. In our turn it becomes our vocation to free others from the fears that threaten them. Many of those fears are deeply buried inside people, unseen by us yet robbing them of peace. It is in our power, the power of God’s love, to pray for one another and by our kind-heartedness to help people not be afraid.

The Living Word

Saints Days/Coming Events

Wednesday	28th June 2023	St Irenaeus, bishop, martyr
Thursday	29th June 2023	Sts Peter and Paul, apostles
Sunday	25th June 2023	Confirmation Mass (11am & 2:30pm)
Sunday 2nd to Sunday 9th July 2023		National NAIDOC Week
Sunday	2nd July 2023	Holy Father’s Appeal

-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:

Litili Sii Kaufusi, Giuseppa Vallelonga, Bruno Brescia, Doreen Parkinson, 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’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 Tramartin, 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.

Sacrament of Confirmation

The children preparing for Confirmation have been working diligently to increase their understanding of the Sacrament, below are some of their responses to what they are grateful for and some of the things they learnt during the first couple of weeks. The children receive the Sacrament this weekend, please keep them in

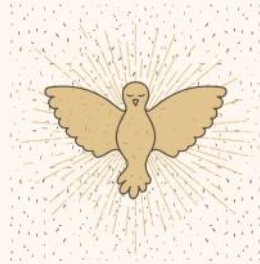
I am Grateful for...



Confirmation

What is something new I heard today or something I liked ...

- I learnt a lot more about God
- That there are four different steps in Confirmation
- That God's love is everywhere
- I learnt about a number of different saints and their work in the community
- Who people chose for their saints
- A sacrament is a visible sign of Gods love and grace
- I learnt the virtues of confirmation.
- We all got to talk and share
- The different ways that God is with us in our everyday life
- I learnt the gift of the Holy Spirit
- Confirmation is my turn to say Yes to the Church and community
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- We talked about what a saint is.
- I learnt that St. Veronica is the patron saint of photographers, and as a photographer myself, that's pretty exciting!
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- To choose a sponsor as your guide through confirmation.
- Saints are role models
- Everyone is inspired by different saints and people
- I learnt most of the sacraments including Ordination.
- That a sacrament is a special way to celebrate God being with us
- The many ways God is in our lives
- I Learnt a lot more about what will happen in the confirmation and the Holy Spirit
- We spoke about the 7 sacraments
- Confirmation is the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- It doesn't matter if we are poor or not we should all respect each other
- I learnt that the people used to go to the disciples to receive the Holy Spirit.
- It was good because we learned more about the sacraments we commit to.



All Hallows Parish is holding the WORD on FIRE Institute's Formation Program on the Mass

(www.WORDONFIRE.org). This 6-week program will help you understand how to fully, consciously and actively participate in the Mass.

"Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord, Jesus Christ. See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world into the heavenly realm, how it revolves around a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist".

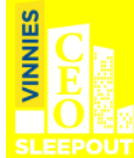
Young Adults (18-30 years) sessions will be held on Friday evenings at 7pm.
Dates: 23/6; 30/6; School holiday break; 21/7; 28/7; 4/8; 11/8
Venue: All Hallows Parish Hall
To register: contact the parish office -
Email: admin@allhallows.org.au;
Ph: 9713 7960

Pilgrimage of Hope

Fr. Brendan Murphy from Our lady of Rosary Parish, St Mary's would like to invite you for an 18-day pilgrimage, departing on 9th October 2023.

This pilgrimage features Avila, Fatima, Santiago, Oviedo, Turin, Assisi, Rotondo and Rome for an all-inclusive price of \$8940. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides.

For enquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.



Congratulations to Peter Doyle and Robert Bonotto for completing the Vinnies sleepout on Thursday night.

Annual Leave

Fr Phil will be on leave from 27 June to 20 July. Weekend Masses will be celebrated by the Missionary of the Sacred Heart fathers.

Mask wearing is strongly encouraged at Mass to prevent the spread of COVID and FLU symptoms.