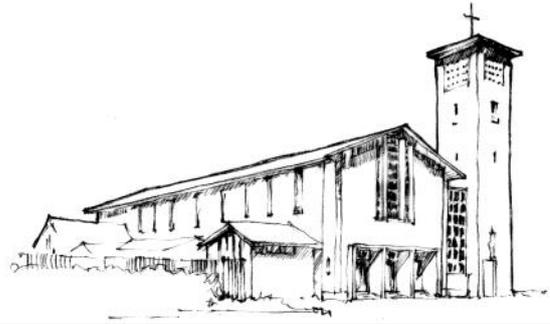


Welcome to

St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

YEAR A

6 August 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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Domremy College:

Principal: Antoinette McGahan

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Mary of the Cross MacKillop

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop was born in Melbourne on 15 January 1842. Mary was the eldest of eight children. To help her family financially, at the age of 16, she commenced work as a clerk in Melbourne. Later she took a job as a governess for her aunt and uncle's children in Penola, South Australia. Being conscious of helping the poor wherever possible she included the other farm children in the lessons. It was during this time that she met Fr Julian Tenison Woods.

A few years later, although Mary had moved away from Penola, Fr Tenison Woods invited her and her two sisters to return to Penola and open a Catholic School. Eventually others joined them and they began to be called the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart.

The community began to grow and more schools were opened, particularly in rural settings to provide education to all the poor.

The Sisters of St Joseph went on to open many more schools around Australia and to teach many Australian children.

Mary died on 8 August 1909 at the Josephite convent in North Sydney.

The cause for Mary's sainthood commenced in 1920. In January 1995, Pope John Paul II beautified Mary MacKillop. She was canonized on 17 October 2010. She is Australia's first saint.

There will be **Mass on Tuesday 8 August at 9:15am**. If you would like to find at the events happening at Mary MacKillop Place North Sydney go to <https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/whatson/we-invite-you-to-the-st-mary-mackillop-feast-day-celebrations/>



Donations sought for CatholicCare Op Shop in Wilcannia

St Joan of Arc Parish community is supporting the Catholic community of Wilcannia in Far West NSW and Sr Elizabeth Young, who is providing a church presence as a parish coordinator in the community. Wilcannia is located 200km east of their Parish Priest, who is based in Broken Hill.

Donations will be collected at masses on 12 & 13 August 2023

- New underwear (briefs, knickers, singlets and socks) – all sizes, please keep tags on
- Religious items (prayer cards, devotional images, small statuettes)

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."

A Eucharistic Prayer Over an Awakening World

On the Feast of the Transfiguration in 1923, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin found himself alone at sunrise in the Ordos desert in China, watching the sun spread its orange and red light across the horizon. He was deeply moved, humanly and religiously. What he most wanted to do in response was to celebrate mass, to somehow consecrate the whole world to God. But he had no altar, no bread, and no wine. So he resolved to make the world itself his altar and what was happening in the world the bread and the wine for his mass. Here, in paraphrase, is the prayer he prayed over the world, awakening to the sun that morning in China.

O God, since I have neither bread, nor wine, nor altar, I will raise myself beyond these symbols and make the whole earth my altar and on it will offer to you all the labors and sufferings of the world.

As the rising sun moves as a sheet of fire across the horizon the earth wakes, trembles, and begins its daily tasks. I will place on my paten, O God, the harvest to be won by this renewal of labor. Into my chalice I will pour all the sap which is to be pressed out this day from the earth's fruits. My paten and my chalice are the depths of a soul laid widely open to all the forces which in a moment will rise up from every corner of the earth and converge upon the Spirit.

Grant me, Lord, to remember and make mystically present all those whom the light is now awakening to this new day. As I call these to mind, I remember first those who have shared life with me: family, community, friends, and colleagues. And I remember as well, more vaguely but all-inclusively, the whole of humanity, living and dead, and, not least, the physical earth itself, as I stand before you, O God, as a piece of this earth, as that place where the earth opens and closes to you.

And so, O God, over every living thing which is to spring up, to grow, to flower, to ripen during this day, I say again the words: "This is my body." And over every death-force which waits in readiness to corrode, to wither, to cut down, I speak again your words which express the supreme mystery of faith: "This is my blood." On my paten, I hold all who will live this day in vitality, the young, the strong, the healthy, the joy-filled; and in my chalice, I hold all that will be crushed and broken today as that vitality draws its life. I offer you on this all-embracing altar everything that is in our world, everything that is rising and everything that is dying, and ask you to bless it.

And our communion with you will not be complete, will not be Christian, if, together with the gains which this new day brings, we do not also accept, in our own name and in the name of the world, those processes, hidden or manifest, of enfeeblement, of aging, and of death, which unceasingly consume the universe, to its salvation or its condemnation. Lord, God, we deliver ourselves up with abandon to those fearful forces of dissolution which, we blindly believe, will this cause our narrow egos to be replaced by your divine presence. We gather into a single prayer both our delight in what we have and our thirst for what we lack.

Lord, lock us into the deepest depths of your heart; and then, holding us there, burn us, purify us, set us on fire, sublimate us, till we become utterly what you would have us to be, through the annihilation of all selfishness inside us. Amen.

For Teilhard this, of course, was not to be confused with the celebration of the Eucharist in a church, rather he saw it as a "prolongation" or "extension" of the Eucharist, where the Body and Blood of Christ becomes incarnate in a wider bread and wine, namely, in the entire physical world which manifests the mystery of God's flesh shining through all that is.

Teilhard was an ordained, Roman Catholic, priest, covenanted by his ordination to say mass for the world, to place bread on a paten and wine in a chalice and offer them to God for the world. We too, all of us Christians, by our baptism, are made priests and, like Teilhard, are covenanted to say mass for the world, that is, to offer up on our own metaphorical patens and chalices, bread and wine for the world, in whatever form this might take on a given day. There are many ways of doing this, but you might want to try this: Some morning as the sun is lighting-up the horizon, let its red and golden fire enflame your heart and your empathy so as to make you stretch out your hands and pray Teilhard's Eucharistic prayer over an awakening world.

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How is St Joan of Arc addressing the Safeguarding Standards?



The Parish has appointed a **Parish Safeguarding Support Officer (PSSO)** to provide assistance to Fr Phil in fulfilling his role and responsibilities on all safeguarding matters. Our PSSO is Tony Mediati and can be contacted at pssso@stjoanofarc.org.au

- The Parish has Implemented the **National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (NCSS)** and has in place a **Continuous Improvement Plan**, reviewed annually, to ensure Safeguarding remains a priority.
- The Parish ensures Staff and Volunteers have a current and valid **Working With Children Check**.
- The Parish provides **Safeguarding Training** to all Staff and Volunteers. Refresher training is required every three years.
- Volunteers sign and comply with the **Code of Conduct** for working with children.
- The Parish undertakes **Risk Assessments** on all volunteer roles and events held in the Parish.
- The Parish participates in an annual **self-assessment audit** to review the Parish's implementation of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (NCSS).

The **Parish Pastoral Council** has oversight over the safeguarding implementation and receives regular progress reports.

For more information contact Tony Mediati.
pssso@stjoanofarc.org.au

Welcome & Events Committee Fashion Parade

You are invited once again to join us for an enjoyable afternoon featuring lovely clothes, bubbles, nice food and a great, friendly atmosphere.

WHEN: Saturday August 12th
WHERE: SJA School Hall
TIME: commencing 1pm

Tickets \$10 on sale after all Masses.

Maria Condello is on leave returning to work on Tuesday 5 September.

REFLECTION

“When they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.”

Climbing a mountain can be a lonely business. Yet we don't know that there are no other people climbing the mountain on another side. It is only at the top of the mountain that we might discover other people have been heading for the same place. The mountain turns out to be the place of convergence.

Dante in his great poem, The Divine Comedy, sees Purgatory as being like a mountain, which we must climb, letting go of our sins on the way up. The mountain is a tough climb, until we are purged of our sins, and then suddenly we may make our way to the top with ease. At the top, all are gathered together in the wonder of God and the fulfilment for which we were brought into being.

The three apostles certainly did not expect to find Moses and Elijah at the top of the mountain, yet who else should we expect to find at the end of the journey?

Christ is the fulfilment of the law and prophecy, not just in Judaism but in all human endeavours. We are always seeking a law to teach us how to live together, we are always looking for some call to something higher than this life. This is the meaning of law and prophecy, and Jesus completes them both as they find their unity and fulfilment in Christ.

Why did Peter offer to build tents for the three – Jesus, Moses and Elijah? Perhaps he expected Jesus to ascend into heaven alongside Moses and Elijah. So in saying, “it is wonderful for us to be here”, perhaps he was really saying to Jesus, “Stay with us, Lord.” We know from many sources that the Jews of the time believed that various figures, including Moses and Elijah, had been brought to heaven and become, as it were, superhuman figures. This may well be how Jesus was interpreted by some, as one of the ancient figures of the Old Testament having returned to earth. The Gospels of St Matthew and St Luke make it clear that Jesus was born of a woman.

He had not come back from the dead. Yet here on the mountain of the transfiguration, he seemed to be just such a superhuman figure and, even more, associating with superhuman figures. Perhaps indeed Peter expected him to rise up into the air just like Moses and Elijah. So building tents for them would seem like a compromise. The mountain would then become the place where the world could see the divine reality. What Peter probably did not expect at that moment was that they would descend the mountain together with Jesus, and go back into ordinary life.

Going down from the mountain was difficult for Peter, James and John. They had glimpsed the glorious reality of the one they had chosen to follow, yet now they were going back to the cold, grey world of ordinary life. They were told to say nothing to anyone about what they had seen until the Son of Man rose from the dead, but what could they say?

They didn't understand what had happened, and they didn't understand what the words of Christ meant either. Going down the mountain led to the incident where the other apostles had failed to cure a man's son, who suffered from some sort of epilepsy. Christ said, “Faithless and perverse generation! How much longer must I be with you?” Jesus will in fact answer his own question at the very end of the Gospel, when he sends the disciples out into the world, and promises them that “I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.”

Before then, he and the disciples would have to continue the struggle through the frustrating world that they lived in. It would be tempting to say that they were back to reality, but in truth they had left reality behind them on the mountain. It is this world that is full of illusions, fooling us into thinking that it is more real than heaven. Yet it is in this world of illusory rewards that we make our way to heaven. Faith tells us that there is nothing ordinary. Faith transfigures our ordinary lives.

The Living Word

Saints Days/Coming Events

Tuesday	8th August 2023	9:15am St Mary Of The Cross MacKillop, virgin
Thursday	10th August 2023	St Lawrence, deacon, martyr
Friday	11th August 2023	St Clare, virgin
Thursday	10th August 2023	7pm - Connecting Families Meeting at SJA School Hall
Saturday	12th August 2023	1pm Fashion Parade SJA School Hall
Tuesday	15th August 2023	9:15am & 7:30pm

-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:

Salvatore Catania, Giuseppe Iacono, Sebastiano Montalto, Joseph Natoli, Fr Michael Mullins SM, Juan Vargas, Lisa Jennifer Amodio, Giorgina Perricelli, Sr Joan McBride SM, Liliti Sií Kaufusi, Giuseppa Vallelonga, Bruno Brescia, Doreen Parkinson, Martin Carey.

Please note: Names of recently deceased will remain for a 3 month period before being removed.

Rest in Peace: Michael & Mary Kayrooz and Families, Marco Monaco, Nunzia Ferrara, 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: Asela Savieti, 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.



Connecting Families

Let's brainstorm ideas to connect families at St Joan of Arc Catholic Community.

**THURSDAY
AUGUST 10, 2023
7PM - 8PM
ST JOAN OF ARC
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Email admin@stjoanofarc.org.au or call 9798 6657 to let us know you'll be there!

PIETY STORE

Our Store is situated inside the front door of the Church on the Presbytery side. It is open often before and always after each Weekend Mass (unless something unforeseen prevents this).

We have several new gift items for children making their First Holy Communion in the Piety Stall as well as a variety of other Religious goods including Rosaries, Bibles, Books etc. Gifts for Confirmation, Baptism and other occasions are available too.

(Credit cards accepted—MC/Visa)

Raising Fathers Events 2023

Join us for the RAISING FATHER'S Evening as we unpack practical advice and share powerful, impactful, informative and instructional stories for fathering in today's world.

This is a partnership with Robert Falzon and MenAlive.

DATES:

Tuesday, 29 August - Marist College Eastwood - 44 Hillview Rd, Eastwood

Wednesday, 30 August - Patrician Brothers' College: 268 The Horsley Drive, Fairfield

Thursday, 31 August - St Patrick's College: Francis St, Strathfield

[Visit the event website](#) to attend one of the evenings.

Oremus: Online Prayer Series

Strengthen your faith in Christ, your prayer life, and your confidence to pray with others. Join us online for this 3-week series on the Foundations of Prayer:

When: Wednesdays 6, 13 and 20 September 2023

Time: 7:30 – 8:45 pm.

Cost: Free

Optional in-person retreat to follow on Saturday, 28 October, at St Martha's Leichhardt, 10 am – 4 pm, \$28.50 (+booking fees).

Register for either or both opportunities at www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events. All welcome.

Vinnies Update

Night Patrol

Thanks to all parishioners who recently made sandwiches for Vinnies Night Patrol & to Dominique Marturia for taking our contribution to Lewisham.

We're rostered to provide sandwiches again on 5 October & 28 December. More information will be provided shortly.

Western Sydney Community Sleepout



It's all about Locals supporting Locals

Help Vinnies break the cycle of homelessness by joining our Western Sydney Vinnies Community Sleepout and braving the cold for one night.

Event Details

Date: Friday 25 August 2023

Event Coordinator: Janice Stokes
E: janice.stokes@vinnies.org.au | Ph: 0484 100 208

Where Does the Money Go? All funds raised from this event will go towards supporting four Vinnies Support Centres in Harris Park, Blacktown, Emerton and Penrith. These Support Centres provide assistance and support to those experiencing or at risk of homelessness in our local region.

Venue: Western Sydney University, Parramatta South Campus (Rydalmere) Victoria Rd, Rydalmere NSW 2116

How you can get involved:

- Register as an individual or team
- **Dollar for Dollar Sponsor** - Sponsor provides a donation and over a 24 hour period, all public donations are matched until the sponsored amount has been exhausted.
- **Other event sponsorship** opportunities are available.

Did you know?

Vinnies in Greater Western Sydney has provided the following assistance in the past financial year:

- 7,564** people assisted
- \$765,000** financial and material assistance provided
- 77%** support with food
- 28%** seeking assistance for the first time
- 53%** experiencing housing stress
- 33%** rely on the inadequate JobSeeker rate

To register, scan the QR code or visit:

my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/western-sydney-vinnies-community-sleepout-2023



Areté 2024 Foundations in Missionary Leadership Course

Applications are open for the Archdiocese of Sydney subsidies for the Areté 2024 Foundations in Missionary Leadership course.

The Sydney Centre for Evangelisation has a limited number of partial subsidies available for parishioners of the Archdiocese of Sydney who meet the criteria of the subsidy agreement.

To apply for a subsidy or to find out more, contact parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org and register for the Areté open night at www.aretecentre.org. Places will fill quickly.