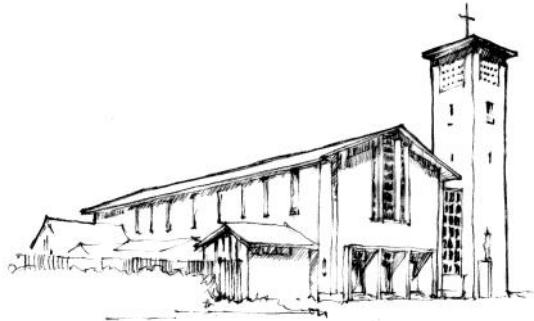


Welcome to

St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

13 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

P: 9798 9780

Domremy College:

Principal: Antoinette McGahan

P: 9712 2133

What's THE VOICE all about??

As we will be voting in a Referendum to change our Constitution, it would seem important to find out as much as possible about the topic in order to express well our both our citizenship and our faith when we vote Yes or No to the change.

Here is one resource recently held, which presents the topic and was recorded and has been made available to be viewed generally.

Catholic Social Services Webinar Series *Indigenous Voice to Parliament: Moments for healing this country*

- Session 1 – Professor Melissa Castan and Sherry Balcombe > *What is the Voice to Parliament all about?:*
<https://youtu.be/bRdG8Mgcl64>
- Session 2 – Fr Frank Brennan SJ > *The Church, Catholic Social Teaching and engagement with First Nations Peoples :*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bGU8GdOI-c4>
- Session 3 – Uncle Ron Briggs, Esmai Manahan & Cr Anne Dennis > *First Nations Voices: A Panel Discussion:*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aG7bRfOQozc>



Baptisms

We welcome into the Church through Baptism this weekend
Silas Raffaele Schuster



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."

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 Aug - Marist College - 44 Hillview Rd, Eastwood
Wednesday, 30 Aug - Patrician Brothers' College: 268 The Horsley Drive, Fairfield

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

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

Aid to the Church in Need

This month is raising money to support Sisters in Paraguay. These Sisters not only care for the young people in Paraguay but they also support the families, visit the sick and the elderly, bring Holy Communion to those in need, give catechetical instruction and support disadvantaged with practical help and advice. To learn more and to make an offering visit <https://aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject>



REACH BEYOND to new horizons.

Set out and share your skills through a long-term assignment in Asia, Africa or the Pacific.

See current opportunities at palms.org.au

Request an info pack: palms@palms.org.au

 Palms Australia

Who is Palms Australia?

With over 60 years experience, Palms Australia recruits qualified and experienced Australians who participate in an exchange of knowledge and skills to meet the requests of overseas communities seeking to reduce poverty by developing the capacities of their people and organisations.

What skills are we looking for?

The skills we recruit are determined by the requests we receive from community organisations overseas including educators, accountants, managers, tradespeople, agriculturalists, IT specialists, community and social workers, doctors, & health workers.

Where are the current opportunities?

We currently have requests from communities in Papua New Guinea, Zambia, Tanzania, Timor Leste, Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Samoa, Cambodia, Philippines and American Samoa. New requests are added regularly.

REGISTER NOW!

Register for our webinar and be inspired as Michele, Anjelica & Rofina speak about their intercultural experiences and learn about our other opportunities abroad. There might be a position that calls to you.

Scan this QR Code to register for our upcoming "Global Development Opportunities" webinar



Note from Fr Phil

Last Sunday, at all Masses, I informed the Parish that, with the agreement of Archbishop Fisher, I will be retiring from active ministry probably at the end of October this year.

That means my time here at St Joan of Arc will be coming to an end. And I would like to thank you all for your trust and acceptance and prayers. Please keep these going as will mine for you. The generosity you have shown when a good cause is put before you is a blessing. And the willingness to take on building up the Parish is very inspiring.

Retirement is a personal choice that I have made after about 40 years of responsibility for parish communities.

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.

REFLECTION

"The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'"

In August last year, more than eight thousand people crossed the English Channel in small boats from mainland Europe, attempting to reach Britain. Even in the summer such crossings can be precarious. The small boats are often in poor condition and overcrowded. In November 2021 a boat capsized, taking thirty-one lives, after the passengers desperately called for help for six hours. The dinghy floundered in choppy waters without rescue.

The 2019 film *The Flood* gives insight into the fears of passengers in a small boat on a rough sea. Asylum seeker Haile, from Eritrea, is in a boat full of refugees crossing the Mediterranean. It is buffeted by large waves and springs a leak. Despite the frantic efforts of the passengers to shovel the water out with their hands, the boat sinks. Haile survives but we later see him on a beach in Italy littered with life jackets, remnants from many similar journeys. Several thousand refugees are killed crossing the Mediterranean and seas around Western Europe every year, and thousands more face a perilous journey as the water lashing around their unseaworthy inflatable boats threatens to end their lives. Throughout Haile's trials in the water and on land he has faith in God. During his time in a refugee camp in northern France, waiting for an opportunity to travel to England, we see Haile seeking comfort in prayer at the makeshift church in the camp.

Today's Gospel tells a story about fear of drowning and faith in God. It comes on the heels of the feeding of the five thousand but it was the miracle of Jesus walking on the water that, more than any other, convinced Jesus' disciples that he was indeed the Son of God. The story unfolds on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus had suggested the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side while he prayed alone, but they were not able to cross with a storm battering their boat. Peter and the disciples spent nearly the whole night struggling to get across before Jesus showed up. They were terrified, and were reassured only when Jesus walked to them across the water, pulling Peter out of the water on the way. When Jesus got into the boat, the wind ceased.

The story demonstrates that Jesus is Lord of the wind and sea, and also compassionate in serving others. It helps establish the identity of Jesus. Jesus proves himself able to take command of the elements, something only God can do. This is the first time Jesus is called the Son of God by the disciples, a statement that builds on what they had said earlier about him: "Whatever kind of man is this? Even the winds and the sea obey him." Here they answer their own question: "Truly, you are the Son of God." Christian groups such as Seeking Sanctuary and various Justice and Peace commissions have documented the plight of refugees forced to undertake perilous journeys by land and sea. Other groups reach out to seafarers who can suffer from loneliness, depression, spiritual deprivation and exploitation on the seas. Stella Maris chaplains and volunteers, for example, visit hundreds of thousands of seafarers and fisherfolk every year. They listen and chat, they arrange Mass on board ships, they offer practical help in a crisis and bring free Wi-Fi on board so that seafarers can call home.

Jesus is shown to be kind and merciful in today's Gospel, but he also

has the power to defy the laws of nature. Sometimes turbulent places are also "thin places", where God breaks through. It is the nature of faith to be willing to throw oneself into a disorderly world and hope to encounter Jesus there. And, as Peter discovered, Jesus extends life-giving stability amidst chaos and danger. He has compassion for people fearing for their lives. The story prompts reflection, about who Jesus is and about the nature of faith. Just as Jesus puts out his hand and holds Peter, he can also grasp us by the hand when we sink into our own seas of worries at times. Often we fear the difficult experiences of life such as illness, loss of loved ones, and financial hardships, only to discover that these experiences can bring Jesus closer to us. It is our mission to reach out to others who are suffering and fearful, just as Jesus did.

The Living Word

Saints Days/Coming Events

Monday	14th August 2023	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr
Tuesday	15th August 2023	9:15am & 7:30pm The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin
Sunday	20th August 2023	9.00am only—Mary Mother and Queen—bilingual 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:

Michele Mercurio, Salvatore Catania, Giuseppe Iacono, Sebastiano Montalto, Joseph Natoli, Fr Michael Mullins SM, Juan Vargas, Lisa Jennifer Amadio, Giorgia Perricelli, Sr Joan McBride SM, Liliti Si 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, Kaliannah 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 Fragiacomo, 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.

Child protection obligations at parishes

apply to volunteers as well as employees, clergy and religious Brothers and Sisters.



Key responsibilities of all Volunteers
Being caring, respectful and compassionate towards children and adults at risk.
Complying with all legal requirements relating to child protection, such as the Mandatory Reporting law and following the Reportable Conduct Scheme.

Reporting matters of concern relating to the safety, well-being and dignity of children and adults at risk to the appropriate person/authority

Parish Priest or the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office
NSW Office of the Children's Guardian Dept of Communities and Justice NSW Police.

Complying with the Archdiocese's child protection policy, protocols and procedures by undertaking Safeguarding Training every three years.

Signing and complying with the Code of conduct for working with children.

Providing a current Working With Children Check (WWCC), if your roles requires it. See the foyer noticeboard for the list of volunteer roles requiring a WWCC.

The policy, protocols and procedures can be viewed on the Sydney Archdiocese's website. A link is provided on our parish website- <http://www.stjoanofarc.org.au>

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

Special Film Screening

St Columba's Parish North Leichhardt are screening the powerful and evocative new release documentary *The Last Daughter*. This tells the story of Brenda whose first memories were of growing up in a loving white foster family before being returned to her Aboriginal family. It is a story of uncovering the truth and reconciling the two sides of her family.

Parishioners are invited to buy tickets to attend this special screening of *The Last Daughter* at the Palace Cinemas, Norton Street, Leichhardt at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 23 August.

Buy your ticket at <https://fan-force.com/screenings/the-last-daughter-palace-cinemas-norton-st/>

The Last Daughter is also available on Netflix.

Vinnies Update

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 (Rydalmer) Victoria Rd, Rydalmer NSW 2116

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

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.

To register, scan the QR code or visit:

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



We're looking forward to kicking off the next

Season of Alpha in our parish at 10am on Monday mornings from 28th August 2023.



Alpha is a great opportunity to learn more about Jesus and the Christian faith. It's open to everyone and presented in a series of videos and discussions where we get to ask some of the big questions in a welcoming, safe, and friendly environment. So far, we've had over 60 people participate in Alpha, who've found it has helped grow their personal faith, as well as build friendships with others in our community.

This season will be particularly special, as Rhonda has kindly offered to host the sessions in her home, just a short stroll from the church. Starting at 10am each Monday morning, we're hoping this time might suit parents of school aged children or others who found evening sessions difficult.

If you're curious, we welcome you to join us for the first episode. It's totally free and there's no commitment. Just come and see. For more information, contact us on 0404 88 22 77 or alpha@stjoanofarc.org.au