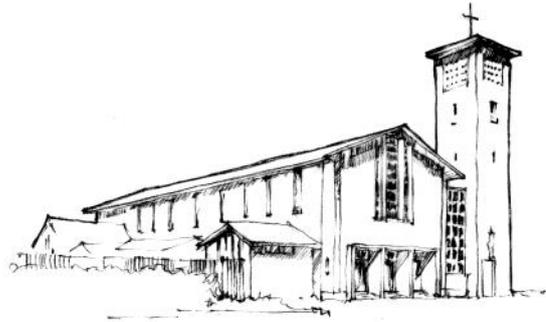


Welcome to

# St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

20 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

## CELEBRATING & SHARING OUR GIFTS

## WORKSHOP

### Our response to our God given gifts

God gifts us all in different ways with talents and abilities. This is an opportunity to explore and recognise the gifts God offers in your life, and consider how we share them with others. It is an affirming experience which may open us to new possibilities in how we offer our time in creative and meaningful ways.



WEDNESDAY,  
30TH AUGUST

6PM FOR SUPPER  
6.30 - 8PM WORKSHOP

**ST JOAN OF ARC  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

88 DALHOUSIE ST,  
HABERFIELD



RSVP



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**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."*

## 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.

Resources to help see this as Catholic Christians:

### 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/bRdG8MgcI64>
- 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, Esmail Manahan & Cr Anne Dennis >  
*First Nations Voices: A Panel Discussion:*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aG7bRfOQozc>

### Invitation - Sep 3 - Kerry O'Brien Discussion and Aboriginal Voice

Join us for an engaging and thought-provoking Q&A session with esteemed former ABC journalist, Kerry O'Brien, as we delve into the topic of the Australian Aboriginal Voice to Parliament. Participants will have the unique opportunity to pose a series of questions related to the establishment of an Aboriginal body with national representation, advising Parliament on crucial Aboriginal issues. Kerry O'Brien will offer insightful responses to questions like the specific powers and responsibilities of the Aboriginal Voice, ensuring diverse representation, potential impacts on legislation, and addressing conflicts between recommendations and parliamentary interests. Don't miss this chance to gain valuable insights and explore the path towards a more inclusive and unified Australia. Please click here for registration and more information...

[www.maristlaityaustralia.com/thevoice](http://www.maristlaityaustralia.com/thevoice)

### St Columba's Social Justice Group

St Columba's Parish North Leichhardt

Kitchen Table Conversation around The Voice

Wednesday 27 September 7:30-9:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Sr Marion Gambin rsj, - Facilitator.

#### Note from Fr Phil

Please note 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.

### 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.

### 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)*

### 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>



### Areté 2024 Foundations in Missionary Leadership Course

Applications are open for the Archdiocese of Sydney subsidies for the Arété 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](mailto:parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org) and register for the Arété open night at [www.aretecentre.org](http://www.aretecentre.org). Places will fill quickly.

## REFLECTION

### “Even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master’s table.”

“Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door.” These words come from the poem “The New Colossus”, written by American poet Emma Lazarus, inscribed on a bronze plaque inside the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty. It is the most well-known example of a country expressing a welcome to refugees to its shores. It would be rare to find its equivalent anywhere in the world today. It may not have inspired American practice for more than a couple of decades, but during those years many thousands flocked to American shores. Most were processed through the nearby Ellis Island, which had hospitals for checking out infectious diseases and different disabilities, not to refuse entry but to establish how best to care for the different conditions.

This would change by the 1920s when the economic recession and the growing influence of theories of eugenics turned this attitude of welcome round, only allowing in those who were fit and able to contribute in an obvious way to the further development of the American way of life. By the 1950s Ellis Island would be closed, and the symbol of the recent attitude towards refugees is the wall being constructed on the Mexican border.

The attitude of the people of Israel to outsiders in the Old Testament swings between two extremes. There is a fearfulness of the hostility of surrounding foes, but there is also an ongoing attraction to their gods and practices. The prophets in particular weigh against this temptation and threaten its perpetrators with exile and destruction. At the same time there is a growing sense of the universal power of their God and a sense that all peoples will be called to the recognition of God and ensuing salvation.

The playful argument between Jesus and the Canaanite woman reflects the different elements of this attitude. Jesus claims that his calling is only to the people of Israel but he is delighted when his opponent outwits him with her clever reasoning for an extension of his powers to a wider group of people. In the Gospels, Jesus seems to like such debates, especially with women. This is perhaps because women were seen as outsiders, having less status in society. Jesus’ attitude to women helps convey the message that the Gospel is for all. Whether it is the woman with a haemorrhage, the woman of Samaria at the well, Martha, or even Jesus’ own mother at the marriage feast of Cana, they all stimulate a further revelation of Jesus’ calling. And he is quite happy that in this dynamic he appears to be reluctant and they provide the spur.

How welcoming to the stranger are we? For many of us the stranger can be a source of fear and danger rather than the friend we have not yet met. Our society’s attitude towards refugees and economic immigrants is all too often unwelcoming and even hostile. Within our church practices we also face a difficult conundrum in our response to those we see as outsiders. If God’s salvation is open to all, why do we refuse outsiders full participation in the Eucharist? This could apply whether we are talking about those who may share elements of faith with us or those who are in irregular

marriage or partnership relationships. Is there a way forward? First of all, we can take heart from the fact that things are not as cut and dried as they might first appear. Many refugees and immigrants do eventually find entry and acceptance, even if that journey may be difficult and protracted. And in the Church it’s possible for outsiders now to be offered full access to the Eucharist at times such as weddings or funerals, when the desire for unity on such occasions takes precedence over the unity we have still to reach. Following the lead of Jesus, our first step may be to have the conversation with those seeking a welcome. As we come to know them better we may find shared understanding. Secondly, we are called to look forward rather than always define ourselves by the past. How could things be different in a way that would reflect greater unity rather than disunity? Looking to the past may help inform our understanding, but we also need to face the future, even if it means a step into the unknown.

*The Living Word*

### Saints Days/Coming Events

Monday	21st August	St Pius X—Pope
Tuesday	22nd August	Mary, Mother and Queen
Thursday	24th August	St Bartholomew—Apostle

### -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:

Rosaria Liotta, Giuseppe Trovato, Michele Mercurio, Salvatore Catania, Giuseppe Iacono, Sebastiano Montalto, Joseph Natoli, Fr Michael Mullins SM, Juan Vargas, Lisa Jennifer Amodio, Giorgina Perricelli, Sr Joan McBride SM, Liliti Sii 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’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 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](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.

## Working with Children Checks in Parishes



In NSW, the *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012* stipulates who requires a Working with Children Check (WWCC). The WWCC scheme is monitored and audited by the **Office of the Children's Guardian**.

### Who needs a Working With Children Check?

**Parish roles that DO require a WWCC**  
(if Children form part of the ministry work)

Parish Secretaries  
Youth Ministers, Workers or Leaders  
Pastoral Associates  
Sacramental Coordinators  
Sacramental Group Leaders  
Catechists in State Schools  
Children's Liturgy Coordinators  
Children's Choir Ministry Leaders  
Acolytes and Senior Altar Servers  
Ministers of the Word/Readers/Lectors  
Parish Collectors (AKA Wardens)  
Eucharistic Ministers

**Parish roles that DO NOT require a WWCC**

Cleaners  
Choir members  
Finance Committee  
Parish Pastoral Council  
Audio Visual Coordinators  
Counters  
Flower Arranger  
Hospitality Workers  
Ministers of the Homebound  
Welcoming/greeting Ministry  
St Vincent de Paul  
Gardener  
Musicians  
Piety Stall  
Offertory

For more information contact Tony Mediati  
[pssso@stjoanofarc.org.au](mailto:pssso@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/>

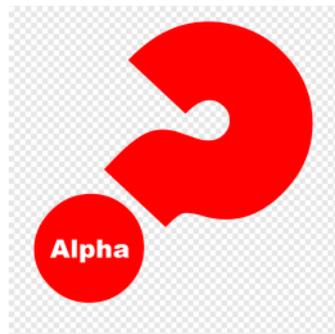
*The Last Daughter* is also available on Netflix.

We're looking forward to kicking off the next **Season of Alpha** in our parish at 9.30am on Monday mornings from 28<sup>th</sup> 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 9.30am 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](mailto:alpha@stjoanofarc.org.au)



## Vinnies Update

Register for the 2023  
**Western Sydney  
Community Sleepout**  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August



**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](mailto: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](https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/western-sydney-vinnies-community-sleepout-2023)

