

Welcome to

St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

27 August 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

Schools:

SJOA Primary:

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Principal: Antoinette McGahan

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Social Justice Sunday

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2023-24

Listen, Learn, Love

A New Engagement with Aboriginal
and Torres Strait Islander Peoples



Australia's Catholic bishops have called on the nation to seek "a new engagement" with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in their annual Social Justice Statement for 2023-24.

Since the 1940s, the bishops have published annual statements that urge the Catholic community to reflect and act on social, economic and ecological issues. The statements are published as a focal point for Social Justice Sunday, which is being marked on August 27 this year.

This year's statement, Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, was launched in western Sydney on August 17 by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service.

"One of the objectives of this statement is that we want Catholics to understand that Catholic social teaching and Catholic social action are not simply theoretical and academic exercises," he said.

"We hear what God is saying to us about justice by being with our sisters and brothers on the peripheries of society."

The full statement can be downloaded from the bishops' [Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace website](#).



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FATHER'S DAY APPEAL Sunday 3 September 2023

Donate at www.ourfaithourworks/prf
use the parish envelope or the QR code

**PRIESTS'
RETIREMENT
FOUNDATION**

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."

With the arrival at households this past week of the Referendum Guide, giving the core information as provided from Canberra, the importance of informing ourselves of the issues has been highlighted. Hopefully the resources provided below are proving helpful.

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/bRdG8Mgcl64>
- Session 2 – Fr Frank Brennan SJ >
The Church, Catholic Social Teaching and engagement with First Nations Peoples :
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bGU8GdOl-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 a Q&A session with former ABC journalist, Kerry O'Brien, on the topic of the Australian Aboriginal Voice to Parliament. Participants will be able to pose a series of questions about 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

St Columba' 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.

This link is provided by the [Australian Catholic Bishops Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace.](#)

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2023/07/20/update-on-the-voice-referendum/>

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

Aid to the Church in Need is running an emergency campaign for Pakistan. Recently up to 24 churches, hundreds of Christian homes and a Christian cemetery were targeted in an attack in Pakistan which was sparked by reports of blasphemy allegations against two Christians accused of desecrating the Qur'an. ACN is working with project partners on the ground to aid the current needs of the Christian people. To learn more and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/pakistanappeal or scan the QR code.



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

“You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.”

All cats are experts at meditation. No animal can meditate like a cat. Dogs don't actually bother but a cat can sit for hours in deep thought. Though we have little if any understanding of what goes on within the mind of a cat, T.S. Eliot, in his poem “The Naming of Cats”, stirs the imagination with the idea that a cat in deep thought is meditating on his or her name. Not the name the cat has been given, but the name that already belongs to him or her and is known only to the cat: the cat's own “ineffable.. deep and inscrutable singular Name”. If a cat's secret name is wrapped in mystery, even more enigmatic are the hidden names revealed by God in the scriptures. In Genesis, Hagar, the runaway slave girl of Abram's wife Sarai, is confronted by an angel in the wilderness and told that she will bear a son and name him Ishmael. Similarly mysterious is the foretelling of the birth of John the Baptist as recorded in Luke's Gospel when the angel Gabriel appears to Zechariah and tells him that his wife Elizabeth “is to bear a son and you must name him John.” After his birth, even though by then Zechariah cannot speak, having been struck dumb for his failure to believe the angel's message, Elizabeth insists that his name will be John; and this is met with astonishment because, the gathered friends and neighbours point out, “no one in your family has that name”.

Most mysterious of all and running parallel in Luke's Gospel with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth is the account of the annunciation of the birth of Jesus. In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy the angel Gabriel appears to Mary and tells her, “you are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus.” To Mary's question of how this can happen, since she is a virgin, the angel replies, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow.”

In biblical thought a name was so much a part of a person that any change of name meant that, in a sense, the person was changed. When Abram's name was changed by God to Abraham, and Jacob's name to Israel, their relationship with God was developed to a deeper level. Today's Gospel records an unparalleled change of name. when Jesus questions his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” their answers reflect the common expectation that prophecy would be revived with the coming of the Messiah. But Jesus is seeking more than what others say about him and asks for a personal expression of faith: “But you, who do you say I am?” Simon responds on behalf of them all: Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ, “the Son of the living God.” This is not an answer that he has thought of himself; he has been blessed with divine revelation. And now Jesus gives him a new name, Peter, meaning “rock”, and with this new name he is changed in that his relationship with the Lord moves to a deeper level. Christ gives the assurance that his Church, built on Peter, will prevail against the powers of death; and he then gives Peter specific authority and leadership.

Speaking through the prophet Isaiah, God says, “Do not be

afraid, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name, you are mine.” We are known to God by our name and God loves us with an everlasting love. Our baptism is celebrated in the name of the Holy Trinity and it is then that we are given our baptismal, or Christian name, becoming a “new creation”. Our relationship with God is changed to a new and deeper level.

Through the gift of his new name Peter's pre-eminence among the disciples was confirmed and he was entrusted with a new mission. Still he remained subject to temptation and weakness and in this we are no different. But Peter truly loved Christ and ultimately gave his life in imitation of the good shepherd who laid down his life for his sheep. In our times of temptation and weakness may we always call upon Jesus whose name is above all other names.

The Living Word

Saints Days/Coming Events

Monday 28th August St Augustine, bishop, doctor
Tuesday 29th August The Passion of John the Baptist, martyr

-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 (Sarina) 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: Giuseppe Colantuono, 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, Kaliaammah 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.

Recent Legislation affecting Parish Volunteers



Mandatory Reporting

Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998 (NSW) ('Care Act')

Mandatory reporting is the legislative requirement for those who work with children to report suspected child abuse and neglect to the **Child Protection Helpline**, Dept of Communities & Justice.

Amendments to the Care Act now includes the Clergy, Parish employees and volunteers that are in child-related roles.

It is mandatory to report suspicions of risk of harm in relation to children under the age of 16 years. The Care Act gives grounds for intervention to cover young people up to 18 years of age, but it is not mandatory to report suspicions of risk of harm in relation to young people aged 16 and 17 years of age.

Reportable Conduct Scheme

Children's Guardian Act 2019 (NSW)

The scheme covers all workers including Clergy, Parish employees and volunteers who are required to hold a Working with Children Check.

What does it mean for You?

As a Volunteer, holding a WWCC, you are obligated to report alleged reportable conduct of other volunteers.

How to report an allegation of reportable conduct or receive assistance with a Mandatory Report?

You can report matters to the Parish Priest who will report the concern to the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office OR you can contact the Office directly on

safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or 02 9390 5810

For more information contact Tony Mediatipso@stjoanofarc.org.au

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,
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We're looking forward to kicking off the next **Season of Alpha** in our parish at 9.30am 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 9.30am each Monday 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 and location, contact us on 0404 88 22 77 or alpha@stjoanofarc.org.au



Welcome & Events Committee

The Welcome & Events Committee is keen to welcome new members. We are the people who organise social functions for the Parish e.g. morning teas, fashion parade & Christmas Party and fund raise.

We would love some younger members of the Parish, both male and female, to join us. The task is not too difficult or very time consuming. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month between February and November.

Elections for Office Bearers will take place in September. Talk to any of the Committee after Mass, you know us by face! and come and join us. Thank you