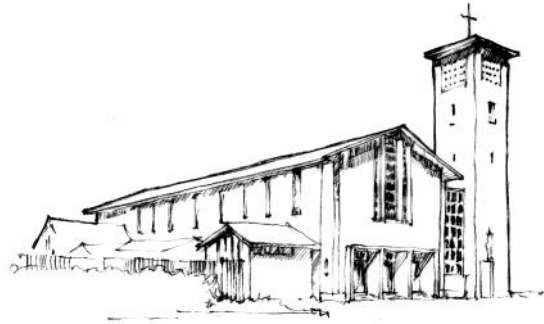


Welcome to

# St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 17 September 2023**

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## Office hours:

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**Parish Priest:** Fr Phillip Zadro

## Parish Team:

### Secretary:

Antonella Pesci

### Pastoral Associate:

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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

## Save the Date

Fr Phil's Anniversary of Ordination Mass and lunch.

Sunday 29th October @ 11am.

All other Masses on Sunday 29th October will be cancelled (Mass on Saturday 28th October @ 5pm will still occur)

More details to follow.

## Understanding the Mass

Each week we come to Mass, but how much do we understand the actions and words.

In the Vatican II document on the Liturgy - Sacrosanctum Concilium paragraph 7, we are reminded of the importance of the Liturgy.

*....Christ is always present in His Church, especially in her liturgical celebrations. He is present in the sacrifice of the Mass, not only in the person of His minister, "the same now offering, through the ministry of priests, who formerly offered himself on the cross" [20], but especially under the Eucharistic species. By His power He is present in the sacraments, so that when a man baptizes it is really Christ Himself who baptizes [21]. He is present in His word, since it is He Himself who speaks when the holy scriptures are read in the Church. He is present, lastly, when the Church prays and sings, for He promised: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20).*

Before Mass this weekend there was a short introductory video [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=REHhhtRBW-8&list=PLIEHvfl\\_M4UvQIeqw0LI6m-ahSS5jqjDZ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=REHhhtRBW-8&list=PLIEHvfl_M4UvQIeqw0LI6m-ahSS5jqjDZ). Over the next several weeks, there will be a video from this series played before Mass. **You are encouraged to come a little earlier** (about 15 minutes) to watch the video and take some time to contemplate what it says before Mass starts. The more we understand, the better we can engage.

## NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH SCHOOL



After a long time in the planning stages, we are excited to finally start our school refurbishment at the end of September. The first stage will ensure that Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will start the 2024 year in brand new classrooms. We will also have a fantastic new library spaced which has been designed as a place to fall in love with literature. A group of teachers will also be completing a course as a project between Sydney Catholic Schools and Melbourne University that will assist us in exploring innovative ways to align our teaching with our new environment to best meet the needs of all students. We'd love you all to visit once the renovations are finished!



## 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."*

## Referendum Date—Saturday 14 October

### WILL YOU BE READY TO VOTE??

## What's THE VOICE all about??

Here are some resources to help see this as Catholic Christians:

Australian Catholic Bishops Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace. Link: <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2023/07/20/update-on-the-voice-referendum/>

[Bishop Vincent Long - Social Justice Statement 2023-24 Launch Address](#) – In this 8 minute video Bishop Long links Catholic Social Teaching with the 2023-24 Social Justice Statement – **Listen, Learn, Love**. It is a very engaging video that links so many important teachings and ideas.

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>

### Faith Formation Opportunity

Please join us at All Hallows Church (2 Halley St Five Dock) for our Faith Formation Program, **The Pivotal Players**.

The program is a stimulating series of 6 one-hour sessions commencing **Thursday 14th September, 7 - 8pm**.

In this program, you'll discover the places where **St. Francis** gathered a group of friars and revived the Church. See the places where **St. Catherine of Siena** ministered and prayed; and through unprecedented HD footage, marvel at the extraordinary art of **Michelangelo**, from his David statue in Florence, to the Pietà at St. Peter's, to the Sistine Chapel. More details available on the All Hallows Church website: <https://allhallows.org.au/faith-formation/>

For enquiries or to register, please contact Sandy Lynch 0402 075 976 or Ann Kerley 0408 720 461.

### 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](mailto:parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org) and register for the Arété open night at [www.aretecentre.org](http://www.aretecentre.org). Places will fill quickly.



### KITCHEN TABLE CONVERSATION

Let's take One Journey Together.  
Join us as we listen, learn, and reflect ahead of the referendum.

**St Columba's Parish Hall**  
**Wednesday 27 September**  
**7:30 - 8:45 pm**

Facilitated by Sr Marion Gambin  
Refreshments provided

RSVP: Monday 25 September via the sign-on sheet in the church foyer or [fayhair11@gmail.com](mailto:fayhair11@gmail.com)  
0407917040

### Let Him Love You

The question of receiving the love of Christ is really very important. I personally feel more and more that sometimes it is harder for us to fully receive love than to give it. I am more and more convinced that we will find the peace and joy of Christ when we let him truly enter into the deepest places of our heart, especially those places where we are afraid, insecure, and self-rejecting.

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### Welcome & Events Committee AGM

This meeting will take place on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September @ 7pm** in the Presbytery or via zoom.

Election of office bearers will take place at this meeting.

Please contact Rhonda for the zoom link (9798 8273). Thank you

### 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.

## REFLECTION

### “How often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me?”

“I am in trouble – can you lend me £200 just to get me into next month, when I will be able to repay you?” These words are so common. In families, there may be one brother or sister who always needs that extra bit of money. Someone we know may approach us and ask for some money. It may be to help a business venture. Many of these requests are genuine, the money is repaid, and a friendship is deepened. At other times it might end in anger and frustration because the promises are never kept. Sometimes there is the person who really needs professional help with managing money, perhaps because of outstanding loans, because they are being hounded by a loan shark, or because of a business deal that has gone wrong. Tragically, wills are notorious for causing family arguments and can lead to a conflict that causes bitterness and resentment in a family, which can last for years. Money is both necessary and dangerous.

Monetary transactions that go wrong can cause resentment, anger and deep hurt. Sometimes the people who generate such hostile and dangerous feelings about money problems are those closest to us, the very people we love. Such passions can lead to vengeance and even murder. Only forgiveness can prevent such a vicious spiral developing.

Jesus warns his followers about the power of money to become a master over us. The parable we have just heard is both encouraging and challenging. The king calls a servant to account who owes him an extraordinary amount of money – ten thousand talents. This is the equivalent of sixty million days of work, or sixty million denarii – an impossible amount of money to repay. The king now threatens to reclaim what he can salvage and have the servant and his family thrown into slavery. When the servant pleads for mercy, the king forgives him and releases him from his debt. He retains his dignity and that of his family. He walks away a free man who can hold his head up high. Freed from such a debt, he finds a man who owes him one hundred denarii, only one hundred days of work, something that would be manageable to repay over time. Unable to pay the debt, the servant shows him no mercy and has him thrown into prison, and so destroys his family. We may ask why he was so hard of heart and so merciless. He had received forgiveness and debt-relief but could not forgive his fellow servant the small amount he owed him. Was he a man so corrupted by money that he always counted the last pennies from all who owed him money?

Jesus teaches us that God the Father is like the king. He is rich in mercy and forgiveness; he forgives our trespasses and the debt of sin. When we plead for mercy, he is generous, full of compassion and loving. The psalmist sings, “How precious is your mercy, O God!” The embrace of God welcomes us and is offered to all who seek God’s refuge. God welcomes home the sinner and embraces a son or daughter who was lost. Sometimes we can find ourselves like the servant, who is small-minded and exacting of others. It might be concerned with money or failing to overlook minor faults. It is a failure to mirror the mercy shown us by our compassionate and merciful God.

Whenever we pray the Our Father, Jesus’ prayer for us, we ask God the Father to forgive us as we forgive those who trespass against us. We are invited to open our hearts and be ready to forgive others. When we cannot forgive another person, the hurt eats away at us; we are trapped; it affects all our relationships. From forgiveness comes freedom. To be free we have to learn to forgive others as we have been forgiven by God. If we are unable to forgive another person, we can ask for the gift to want to forgive.

Confession in the sacrament of reconciliation is the most wonderful gift where we meet the mercy of the Father and begin the hard journey to receive the grace to forgive others. It might be easy to forgive once, but only God’s grace can help us forgive seventy-seven times. Today’s readings also invite us to reflect on our attitude to money and the place it has in our hearts.

*The Living Word*

#### Saints Days/Coming Events

Wednesday	20th September	Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, martyr Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions, martyr
Thursday	21st September	St Matthew, apostle, evangelist
Saturday	23rd September	St Pius of Pietralcina

#### -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:** Placido Veneziano, Francesca Castronovo, 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,

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

**Rest in Peace:** Antonino Di Girolamo, 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, 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.

## A CONVERSATION ON MODERN SLAVERY

WHEN: 20 SEPTEMBER 2023  
WHERE: ST COLUMBAS PARISH HALL, 213 ELSWICK ST NORTH LEICHHARDT  
TIME: 7PM-9PM  
SPEAKERS: FR PETER SMITH & SR MARY LEAHY



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LIGHT REFRESHMENTS SERVED FROM 7PM

For more information contact  
[elsa.manu@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:elsa.manu@syd.catholic.edu.au)  
0407 202 013

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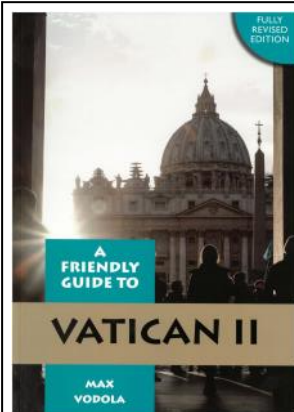
## COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2024



Now for sale in the Piety Store at \$10 each.

As usual each month has a wonderful artwork related to an event or feast day of that month.

## Let's Discuss Vatican II



Following morning Mass on Sunday 1st October (approximately 10am) there will be session to discuss this book which many have read. Please come along for the discussion, particularly those who have read it, or if you haven't you might want to hear what those who have managed to read it are thinking about it.

## The Christian's Final Journey

Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria and partner, the ACU Centre for Liturgy, are offering a one-day workshop on Catholic funerals on **14 November 2023**.

It has been designed for all those interested in Catholic funerals including parishioners, clergy, Funeral Directors, Bereavement Teams, Pastoral Associates, Parish Secretaries and Family Faith Educators, and all school staff. Catholic practices around burial and cremation will be investigated as well as **preparation of a funeral (for future discussion with the funeral celebrant)** and how to support the grieving.

It will be held at Club Ashfield, 1-11 Charlotte Street Ashfield NSW. Time: 9am-5pm (registration from 8.30am). Registration is essential by 9 November. Cost: \$60 (includes lunch and a workbook) (\$120 for Funeral Directors who will receive certification for 5 years.)

**Enquiries:** [CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au](mailto:CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au) or 02 9701 4751. For more information, and to register, go to [www.acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy/pastoral-training](http://www.acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy/pastoral-training)

## Season of Alpha

has begun in our parish - 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 we're hoping this time might suit parents of school aged children or others who found evening sessions difficult.

If you're curious, please come along—see one video and take part—then see what you think about continuing. It's totally free and there's no commitment. For more information and location, contact us on 0404 88 22 77 or

[alpha@stjoanofarc.org.au](mailto:alpha@stjoanofarc.org.au)



 **catholic mission**  
*Reach out. Give life.*

Catholic Mission Appeal will be held on 30th September and 1st October.

## 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 fourth (4th) 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