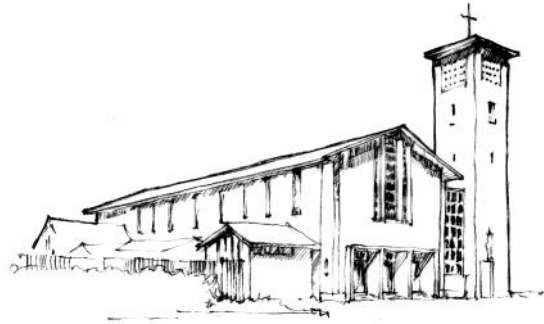


Welcome to

# St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 24 September 2023**

## Parish Office:

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## Office hours:

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## Parish Team:

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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 last 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).

This weekend we had the first video in the series on - Introductory Rites. These videos will continue over the next several weeks, so **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.

## HSC Students Mass and Blessing.

This Sunday, 24 September, a number of young people about to sit for the HSC will have accepted the invitation to come to the 6pm Mass. During this Mass we will have prayed with and for the students and they will have received a blessing that they might approach the exam with trust and calmness based on God's love for them and their genuine efforts.



## Baptisms

We welcome into the Church through Baptism this weekend  
**Rudi Esposito - Hopeton Johannessen - Marlowe Johannessen**

## 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>

### Personal Reflection

There seem to be two main parts to the referendum question: the Principle, which I understand as being about Justice for the indigenous people of this land, and the Implementation which I see as being about how it will work; what impact it will have.

It seems to me that the YES campaign is based on the Principle, while much of the NO campaign is about the implementation.

I have two questions in the search for clarity: If NO is about the implementation, how much of it is about maintaining the status quo and, if it is, to what extent is it a lingering residue of colonialism that continues to resist being truly just towards the indigenous people of this land?

Fr Phil

### The Search for Belonging

When productivity is our main way of overcoming self-doubt, we are extremely vulnerable to rejection and criticism and prone to inner anxiety and depression. Productivity can never give the deep sense of belonging we crave. The more we produce, the more we realize that successes and results cannot give us the experience of “at homeness.” In fact, our productivity reveals to us that we are driven by fear.

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### 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

### 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.

### 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.



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

## REFLECTION

### *“Why be envious because I am generous?”*

Maryna had travelled across Europe from Ukraine with her husband Vanko, escaping the shelling of their hometown and doing all that they could to ensure their children’s safety. Before they left the country, they had their own home, were working and had earned enough money for Maryna to study psychology at the nearby university where she was a PhD student. In addition to their own three young children, when Maryna and Vanko left Ukraine, they took responsibility for two orphans, one of them profoundly disabled. On arrival in Britain, they were desperate for work. Vanko found work on a building site. Maryna worked as a cleaner but it was difficult to make ends meet. Eventually, she had three daily cleaning jobs in addition to looking after her family and, in her spare time, continuing her studies.

Today’s Gospel is particularly relevant to the lives of many people who, in a desperate effort to survive, search for even the lowest paid jobs. Jesus doesn’t describe the workers in the vineyard. Were they young, perhaps starting off their adult lives? Perhaps they were migrant workers, looking for new homes and livelihoods in a new country, possibly far away from the homes they had abandoned. Maybe they were the breadwinners for a growing family. We don’t know. That they were looking for work for each day suggests that they were not wealthy and that life was hard. There’s something else that we don’t know about the workers – but we can guess. The first-called probably looked the strongest and best able to withstand the hot sun and heavy labour: they could accomplish the task ahead. The eleventh-hour stragglers probably included those who were weakest, less able and perhaps unfit for work. Were some of them elderly, sick or disabled? Were several so desperate to earn money that, despite poor health, they would try, day after day, to be summoned to work, returning home to collapse on their beds in exhaustion, perhaps without setting foot in the vineyard? How many repeatedly suffered disempowerment, rejection and inadequacy in their search for work and dignity? How much determination did it take to appear, just to be turned away – yet again? How often did they have the normality of a day’s work?

The generous landowner recognised their difficulties and knew their dependence on whatever money he could pay them, and so he ensured that everyone could pay for food and shelter that day. Those who had worked the longest complained because they anticipated a bonus and didn’t receive it. For sure, we all like our hard work to be recognised and appreciated, but perhaps those who had worked for only one hour had expected their entire family to go to bed hungry. Instead, the landowner guaranteed a full stomach.

Today’s Gospel shows us a unique form of justice. Workers should be paid for their work. They need and deserve a decent standard of living for themselves and for their dependants. There are also people whose urgent needs require special sensitivity and generosity. Maryna and Vanko were doing everything that they could for the five children in their care. It was difficult to make a new life in a new land, but they tried. With help from outsiders, the future held some hope.

The owner of the vineyard showed compassion at a moment when it was needed but not expected. Had he made allowances

for his unexpected generosity or did he not mind that he would be out of pocket that day? Was this a one-off act of kindness or just one in a series of acts of practical goodness? We don’t know, but his is an example that has stood the test of time. What about the workers who complained that they had not received the expected bonus? They did not care if the latecomers would eat that day. The “haves” wanted more: the “have nots” were merely grateful that somebody had seen and responded to their needs.

It’s difficult to tell others when we’re desperate. We all have our pride. Frequently, those in most need are also silent in their suffering. It’s easy to say that they should have asked for help, but sometimes that is more easily said than done. Can we be as open to others as was the landowner? Could we let Jesus use our lives and our actions to demonstrate kindness and justice? Can we be sensitive to people’s unspoken desperation and respond with compassion, even at a cost to ourselves?

*The Living Word*

### Saints Days/Coming Events

Wednesday	27th September	St Vincent de Paul, priest
Friday	29th September	Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels
Saturday	30th September	St Jerome, priest, doctor

### -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 Fragiacomio, 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

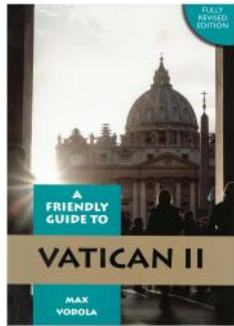
In keeping with the Privacy Act names cannot be published in our Parish Bulletin without the permission of the persons themselves or their next of kin. Please specify on your Mass Envelope your intention to include the person’s name in this Bulletin or contact the Parish Office on 9798 6657



### 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.





## 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

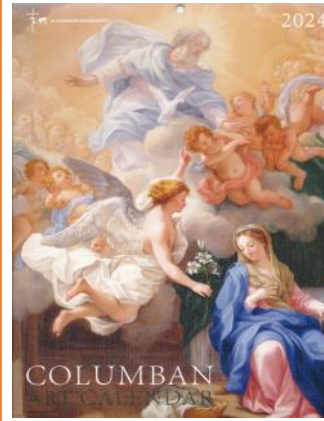
Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria and partner, the ACU Centre for Liturgy, are offering a one-day workshop on Catholic funerals on **14 November 2023**.

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)

## 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.



In preparation for Fr Phil's 50th Anniversary of Ordination Mass there will be a **working bee on Saturday 21st October** to get the church and grounds ready. Many hands make light work, so the more people we have to help the better.

If you are able to assist please contact Maria - [Pastoral.Associate@stjoanofarc.org.au](mailto:Pastoral.Associate@stjoanofarc.org.au) or contact the parish office on 9798 6657.

Thank you Maria



A "synod" is a **journey of discernment rooted in the Holy Spirit**. In the Synod on Synodality, the entire Church has been called to discern how the Spirit is moving through and with the Body of Christ — inside and outside the Church — so that we may continue to fulfill our mission to evangelize in the world

The synod on Synodality commences next month. Please keep those attending in your prayers.

### Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.  
With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.  
We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance  
lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.  
Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together  
to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth  
and what is right.  
All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.

### Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

Siamo qui dinanzi a te, Spirito Santo:  
siamo tutti riuniti nel tuo nome.  
Vieni a noi,  
assistici,  
scendi nei nostri cuori.  
Insegnaci tu ciò che dobbiamo fare,  
mostraci tu il cammino da seguire tutti insieme.  
Non permettere che da noi peccatori sia lesa la  
giustizia,  
non ci faccia sviare l'ignoranza,  
non ci renda parziali l'umana simpatia,  
perché siamo una sola cosa in te  
e in nulla ci discostiamo dalla verità.  
Lo chiediamo a Te,  
che agisci in tutti i tempi e in tutti i luoghi,  
in comunione con il Padre e con il Figlio,  
per tutti i secoli dei secoli. Amen