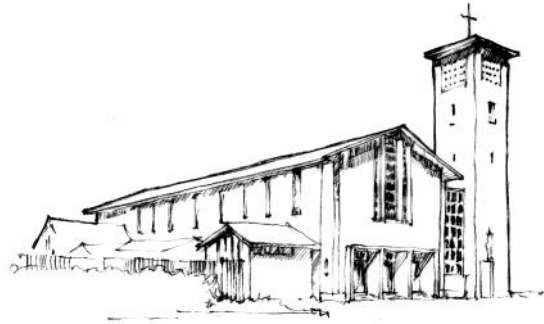


Welcome to

# St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 1 October 2023**

## Parish Office:

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## Office hours:

Tues, Wed, Thurs 9am - 3pm

**Parish Priest:** Fr Phillip Zadro

## Parish Team:

### Secretary:

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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

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**This week the next phase of the Synod will take place in the Vatican.**

"The fruit for which we ask at the next Assembly is that the Spirit inspire the Church's walking together as the People of God in fidelity to the mission that the Lord

has entrusted to it. Indeed, the purpose of the synodal process "is not to produce documents, but to open horizons of hope for the fulfilment of the Church's mission" (DCS, 6).

***"a synodal Church is founded on the recognition of a common dignity deriving from Baptism, which makes all who receive it sons and daughters of God, members of the family of God, and therefore brothers and sisters in Christ, inhabited by the one Spirit and sent to fulfil a common mission"***

Try this link to find out more about it: <https://www.synod.va/en.html>

## 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 and after Mass last weekend the first video in the series was on Introductory Rites. This week it was on the Liturgy of the Word—the readings. Here's the link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U5CWlrlzPq0&list=PLIEHvf1\\_M4UvQIeqw0LI6m-ahSS5jqjDZ&index=3](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U5CWlrlzPq0&list=PLIEHvf1_M4UvQIeqw0LI6m-ahSS5jqjDZ&index=3)

**Come a little earlier** (about 15 minutes) to watch the video and take some time to contemplate what it says before Mass starts. Or to stay at the end to see the video. The more we understand, the better we can engage.

## 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.

## 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>

### Thought-provoking quotes:

From the equality of rights springs identity of our highest interests; you cannot subvert your neighbour's rights without striking a dangerous blow at your own.

*Carl Schurz*

The true civilization is where every man gives to every other every right that he claims for himself.

*Robert Green Ingersoll*

A community is democratic only when the humblest and weakest person can enjoy the highest civil, economic, and social rights that the biggest and most powerful possess.

*A Philip Randolph*

The only way to make sure people you agree with can speak is to support the rights of people you don't agree with.

*Eleanor Holmes Norton*

### 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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Reach out. Give life.

### CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

This year's Appeal, to support the work of Catholic Missions in Timor-Leste, is being held this weekend. If you miss out on using a Mission Appeal Envelope, you may donate through this link: <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/see-our-work-in-action/timor>  
Or call 1800 257 296

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE - TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup> -

As usual the collection will take place from 7.30 am. on that day. Garbage type Bags for the clothing etc., will be available outside the Piety Store in the Church entrance from this weekend along with the sheet of paper on which to put **your name, address and phone number** if you wish to contribute. These will be available until Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> October. You might wish to use your own bag for your contribution.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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**.

To apply for a subsidy or to find out more, contact [parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org) and register for the Areté open night at [www.aretecentre.org](http://www.aretecentre.org). Places will fill quickly.

## REFLECTION

**“In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.”**

Tom Holland is a popular English historian. In his adolescence, he was a lukewarm Christian who preferred the stories about Romans and Greeks to those of Israel and the early Christians. He wrote bestselling books about Julius Caesar and Alexander. In a 2019 book called *Dominion* he recalls that after twenty years of study of the ancient world he found their values alien. He found them callous and cruel; they showed a complete lack of any sense that those who were poor and weak might have the slightest intrinsic value. He came to realise that his deepest values and those of western society had been inherited from Christianity; and that at the heart of those values was the cross. The Greeks could accept that a mighty emperor might become divine but they were outraged by the claim that a criminal tortured to death on a cross might reveal the glory of the creator of the universe. And that this Jewish outcast might be raised to life in the resurrection only added to their horror and challenged their basic values. It made God seem closer to those who were weak than those who were mighty. It was a scandal.

St Paul was also scandalized by this audacious claim of a crucified savior and was determined to persecute this blaspheming sect, the followers of Jesus Christ. And yet years later St Paul was to write, “to shame what is strong... [God] chose what is weak”. How did he change his views? On his way to Damascus, Paul, the zealous Pharisee, encountered the risen and crucified Christ. He had to choose: either the Jewish law or the risen Lord. Paul was overwhelmed by God’s grace and turned to Christ. He had to rethink all his views. He understood now that the God who had freed Moses from slavery in Egypt and brought the Jews out of their prison of exile had gone even further and been willing in Jesus, God’s Son, to suffer the degrading death of the cross. It blew Paul’s mind that God could reveal such amazing love.

And instead of being ashamed of the cross, he puts it in the centre of his Gospel. When he writes to his congregation at Philippi in today’s second reading he wants to touch their hearts to make them more loving to each other. How can he change them? He recites a beautiful hymn, which tells the story of Jesus’ divine love: how Jesus did not cling to his status as divine Son but in the incarnation humbly took on our human condition and was willing to face death. And not just any death but the terrible punishment meted out to slaves—crucifixion. Jesus plumbed the depths of human suffering, and his Father answered his prayer by raising him up to eternal life so that the whole of creation recognized him as Lord. Paul tells his congregation to steep themselves in this story so that their hearts are touched by this divine love, and they imitate Jesus and think like him.

Tom Holland came to realise that our Western society was based on Christian values, although most people do not recognize it. Such prized beliefs as the equal intrinsic worth of all human beings and the inherent dignity of the

individual person depend on a crucified and risen Christ, and St Paul drew out the implications of such divine love for his congregations. Many people today do not realise what an outrageous claim was being made in a Roman Empire where power and status were supreme. Now God showed compassion for outcasts; poor people were closer to God than those who were rich: “the last will be first, and the first, last”. It is not surprising, then, in today’s Gospel, that the tax collectors and the prostitutes are drawn by Christ’s strange love before the religious leaders. Historians can help us to see the past in fresh ways. If Christianity and its values are to survive in the West then it will need communities like those of St Paul to respond to the demanding but amazing love revealed in Jesus’s crucifixion. We are called to overcome our profound divisions and hatreds by letting our hearts and minds be filled with the power of his divine humility; and to ask that God may give us the mind of Christ.

*The Living Word*

### Saints Days/Coming Events

Monday	2nd October	The Holy Guardian Angels
Wednesday	4th October	St Francis of Assisi
Saturday	7th October	Our Lady of the Rosary

### -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, Sr Joan McBride SM, Litali Sii Kaufusi.

**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 Fragiacomano, 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

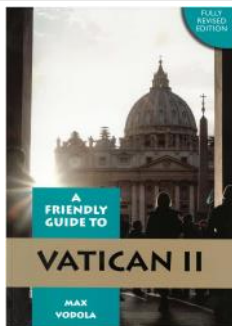
In keeping with the Privacy Act names cannot be published in our Parish Bulletin without the permission of the persons themselves or their next of kin. Please specify on your Mass Envelope your intention to include the person’s name in this Bulletin or contact the Parish Office on 9798 6657



### 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 was an open session to share insights gained by those who have read the book. The book will continue to be available in the foyer for borrowing by anyone who wishes to read it.



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

## 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)

## Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region

### The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2024 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia. Applications close October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Send us an enquiry - [www.cagliero.org.au](http://www.cagliero.org.au) or [lhichaaba@salesians.org.au](mailto:lhichaaba@salesians.org.au)



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 this week. Please keep in your prayers those attending and the work they will do together .

## 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