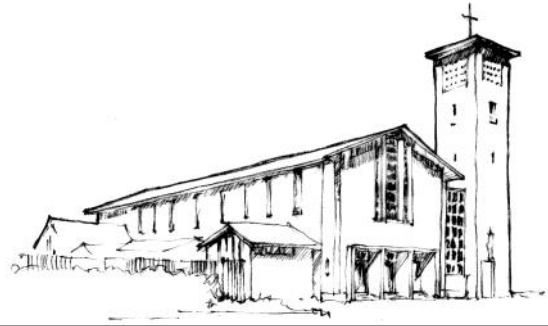


Welcome to

St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 10 September 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



This weekend, 9/10 September, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings.

Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023

And the work of the Sydney Church at:

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/>

Look back over the last 5 weeks of our Bulletin or at the supplement in this bulletin, and you can read again about how St Joan of Arc Parish is implementing the policies of the Church.

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.

There is also an article in *The Catholic Weekly* [The false claims of the No Campaign](#)

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=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>

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.

Welcome & Events Committee AGM

This meeting will take place on **Tuesday 19th 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.

(Credit cards accepted - MC/Visa)

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.

SOMEONE WILL LISTEN TO YOU

Tell a trusted adult if you or another child is feeling hurt, worried, anxious or embarrassed.

An adult will:

LISTEN to what you have to say

They will help you feel **SAFE**

They will **TELL** people who will be able to help you

Your safety comes first! Remember to speak to a trusted adult such as a parent or teacher.

Kids Helpline: 1800 551 800 | kidshelpline.com.au



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY



Safeguarding Week

4 September to 10 September

Safeguarding Adults at Risk



“ Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live for ever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect. ”

Pope Francis

REFLECTION

“Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour.”

A story is told about a Roman nobleman who died, leaving enormous debts that he had successfully concealed during his lifetime. When the estate was put up for auction, Caesar Augustus instructed his agent to buy the man's pillow. When some expressed surprise at the order, he explained, “That pillow must be particularly conducive to sleep, if its late owner, in spite of all his debts, could sleep on it.”

While this little story might make us laugh, being in debt is a serious affair. It creates stress and leaves many people feeling vulnerable and afraid. Few of us with any sense of responsibility would be able to sleep well at night if we were in serious financial debt. We might also find it emotionally and spiritually difficult if we owe a debt of forgiveness and healing to another person. Our three readings today speak in some way about being in debt to, or having responsibility for, our brothers and sisters.

Ezekiel, in today's first reading, gives us the typical image of an Old Testament prophet and preacher. He warns his listeners about sin and judgement, and brings their attention to the wickedness around them. Throughout the Old Testament we can see many times that the prophets offer harsh judgements against the people of Israel as they stray from the path God has laid out for them. In essence, what the God of Israel wants is for all to be saved and return to the path of goodness and right.

In the second reading, Paul says, in his letter to the Romans, that love is the only debt worth incurring. It is the only thing that “cannot hurt your neighbour”. This is a recurring theme with Paul: elsewhere, in his letter to the Galatians, Paul writes, “the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself.” We can hear the same theme in Ephesians: “follow Christ by loving as he loved you”.

Matthew speaks in today's Gospel of how we might win back our brother or sister, should there be a conflict between us. Matthew is offering us a path to reconciliation and healing. In reality, we will all, at one time or another, be in disagreement with others, and possibly with family members. Matthew offers us an opportunity to find a different and better way of healing and forgiveness.

The threat the prophet Ezekiel speaks of is not external. It is internal. This call to healing and forgiveness is a personal call to each one of us. It is an invitation to look inwards and to seek what separates us from the love of God and our neighbour. Likewise, when Paul invites us to take on the “debt of mutual love”, we might ask: how can we do this? The answer could be found in the first letter of St Paul to the Christians at Corinth. Here Paul advises them that “Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end.”

Such an attitude of love is surely the backdrop to approaching

those who hurt or wrong us. If we live from these principles of love, we will desire not only our own healing, but also a restoration of our relationship with our brother or sister. In seeking to live out the message of our readings today, we might ask ourselves: what do we do when we see someone straying from the path of faith? Do we shrug our shoulders and say, “That's their choice”, or do we try to win them back with love and understanding? Equally, what do we do when we are hurt by someone close to us? Do we ruminate on the hurt done to us, or do we seek to win back those who have hurt us by adopting a loving approach? As “love is the one thing that cannot hurt [our] neighbour,” let us try to be more loving and to offer words of love and healing to those we meet this week.

The Living Word

Saints Days/Coming Events

Wednesday	13th September	St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor
Thursday	14th September	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Friday	15th September	Our Lady of Sorrows
Saturday	16th September	Sts Cornelius, pope martyr and Cyprian, bishop, martyr
Sunday	17th September	The Gift of Welcoming Workshop <i>(see notice on back page for further details)</i>

-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: 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 Fisiihoi, 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. 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



Scan for more information and to REGISTER



LIGHT REFRESHMENTS SERVED FROM 7PM

For more information contact elsa.manu@syd.catholic.edu.au 0407 202 013

SCS LIFE-MONTH EVENT

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.

Season of Alpha

has begun in our parish - 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, 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



St Joan of Arc Catholic Community

THE GIFT OF WELCOME

A Conversation about Welcome in our Community



Everyone has the gift of welcome to offer.

In this workshop, we'll explore what ways we can strengthen our parish welcome, bringing to life our mission of being welcoming to all, in fellowship with Jesus Christ and one another, and offering this love and service to the wider community.

Sunday 17th September
 In the Church 10.15am - 11.15am
 (after 9am Mass)
 RSVP to admin@stjoanofarc.org.au
 or call 9798 6657

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Romans 15:7

Baptisms



We welcome into the Church through Baptism this weekend
Marco Currenti - Lucia Francesca Savoca - Mateo Gabriel Mercado

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

St Joan of Arc Parish

is committed to implementing the Child Safe Standards.



STANDARD 1

Child safety is embedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture



STANDARD 3

Families and communities are informed and involved



STANDARD 2

Children participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously



STANDARD 4

Equity is upheld and diverse needs are taken into account



STANDARD 6

Processes to respond to complaints of child abuse are child focused



STANDARD 7

Staff are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children safe through continual education and training



STANDARD 8

Physical and online environments minimise the opportunity for abuse to occur



STANDARD 9

Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is continuously reviewed and improved



STANDARD 10

Policies and procedures document how the organisation is child safe

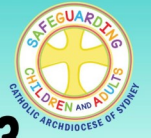
For more information on the Child Safe Standards visit www.ocg.nsw.gov.au



Office of the Children's Guardian



KEEPING COMMUNITIES SAFE!



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2023



*Gracious God,
you love and care for all of your children,
Especially the smallest and most vulnerable.
We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk
who have been sexually abused, neglected or exploited
and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.*

*Help us to hear their cries of pain
and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken.*

*Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse,
and the failure to be heard.*

*We pray that with the help of your grace
communities and families will find understanding and support,
so that now and in the future
their wounds may be healed
and they may find lasting peace.*

*Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk,
giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience
to seek out assistance when required.*

*We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.*

Amen