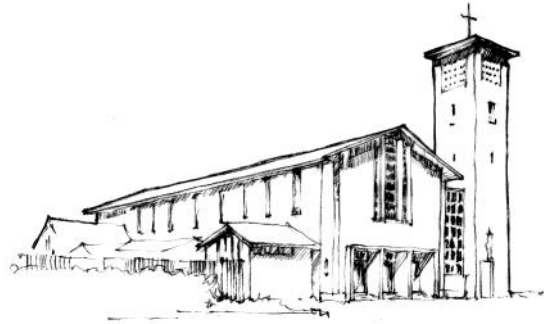


Welcome to

# St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 8 October 2023**

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### 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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## The next phase of the Synod commenced on 4th October in the Vatican.

Here are some quotes from Pope Francis' opening address to the Synod.

- "We are not here to carry out a parliamentary meeting or a plan of reformation,"

- "The question for us is this: God has spoken, he has truly broken the great silence, he has shown himself, but how can we communicate this reality to the people of today, so that it becomes salvation?" he said, quoting Benedict XVI.

- "A Church 'with a gentle yoke', which does not impose burdens and which repeats to everyone: 'Come, you who are weary and oppressed, come, you who have lost your way or feel far away, come, you who have closed the doors to hope: the Church is here for you!',"

*"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"*

## Understanding the Mass

Each week we come to Mass, but how much do we understand the actions and words? For example: in the Vatican II document on the Liturgy - Sacrosanctum Concilium par 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 for another 3 weekends, a series on the Mass is being shown. Video 2 last week was on the Liturgy of the Word—the readings. Here's the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U5CWlrlzPq0&t=8s>

Video 3 is on the Homily, Creed and Intercessions. Here's the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3JJwkRcBimU>

## Fr Phil's Anniversary of Ordination

**Mass Sunday 29th October @ 11am.**

*All other Masses on Sunday 29th October will be cancelled*

*(Mass on Saturday 28th October @ 5pm will still occur)*

Followed by a light lunch commencing at 1pm at St David's Church Hall.

For catering purposes please let us know if you are attending the lunch by Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/fr-phils-50th-anniversary-luncheon-tickets-731530586677?aff=oddtcreator> or using sign on sheet in foyer of church.

## 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*



**Baptisms**

We welcome into the Church through Baptism this weekend

**Otto Christos Joseph - William Morris**  
**Zara Mirabile - Remy & Isla Cusack**

**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.

*(Credit cards accepted - MC/Visa)*

**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.

**The ACU Centre for Liturgy** is hosting two online public lectures in the leadup to the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of Vatican II, 4 Dec 1963)

On Monday **6 November 2023**, 10am AEDT via Zoom, with the topic of: "Liturgy's Imagined Futures: Beyond Vatican II's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy." by renowned liturgical scholar **Professor Teresa Berger** (Yale University Institute of Sacred Music and Yale Divinity School) AND on **Sunday 3 December** at 5pm via TEAMS (and IN PERSON in Melbourne) with the topic of "A Liturgical Reform in Peril? *Sacrosanctum Concilium* sixty years on" by acclaimed liturgical historian and theologian **Rev Professor John F. Baldovin SJ** (Boston College).

For more information go to [www.acu.edu.au/publiclecturecfl](http://www.acu.edu.au/publiclecturecfl) or email [CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au](mailto:CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au).

We look forward to welcoming people interested in the Liturgy to these very special events to mark this important milestone anniversary. For further information please contact: [CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au](mailto:CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au).

## REFLECTION

**“Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”**

Rodne Galicha is a Filipino Catholic environmental and human rights defender. He has campaigned against the destructive activities of large mining companies in key biodiversity areas in the Philippines, including critical watersheds, agricultural areas, tourism sites and island ecosystems. Fifteen years ago, when a passenger ship carrying toxic materials sank near his home island of Sibuyan, Rodne criticised contamination of the island with chemicals and fuel “affecting the life and livelihood of our people who depend mainly on the abundance of the sea”. He has spent much of his life responding to “the cry of the Earth and the cry of the Poor”, as Pope Francis put it in his encyclical *Laudato Si’*. In 2018, Rodne successfully campaigned against the construction of a road through Mount Guiting-Guiting Natural Park, fearing the huge project would damage the mountain, listed as a protected area. Last November he attended the United Nations climate talks in Egypt, calling on world leaders to take more serious action on climate change, which is causing ever more severe weather in the Philippines.

Rodne’s engaging smile belies that the Philippines is regularly named the deadliest country for environmental defenders in Asia. Nineteen environmentalists were killed in 2021. Despite knowing some of those killed, Rodne refuses to yield to the threats and dangers. He says: “The risks involved in this advocacy are inevitable. Being an environment advocate is a lifelong commitment. We are all called to discover for ourselves the amazing link of our lives to nature.”

Today’s Gospel parable tells of a practice that was commonplace in the first century: for a wealthy investor to buy property for a farm or vineyard and then leave it in the care of tenants. At harvest time, the owner would send someone to collect their portion of the proceeds. In the parable, the behaviour of the tenants in the vineyard is far from the expectations of the master of the vineyard. It echoes the first reading, in which the vineyard owner “expected the vineyard to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave”. The tenants refused to give the landowner what was due, and killed the servants he sent. He then sent his son. But the tenants, believing that they would inherit the vineyard if the landowner died without an heir, also killed the landowner’s son. Jesus asks those listening to this parable what they think the landowner will do to those tenants.

The chief priests and elders who had questioned Jesus’ authority wanted to persecute Jesus for telling this story, because they felt that Jesus was talking about them. They understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner God, and the son Jesus. Were they the wicked tenants? But today this parable is often linked to the current environmental crisis. Thus, we can see the landowner as God, those who destroy the earth as the greedy tenants, and environmental defenders as those who are killed for their mission of trying to protect God’s creation.

Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si’* emphasised in 2015 that the world is not ours but God’s, who graciously entrusts the vineyard of the world to our care. But too many of us focus on our own gain and treat God’s world as a commodity to be exploited without thought to the future. We see landscapes mined to destruction, water sources poisoned and other species driven to extinction. Isaiah’s words in the first reading say: “He

expected justice, but found bloodshed; integrity, but only a cry of distress.” In so many parts of the world, we see the relevance of those words. Over the centuries, how many prophets in our Christian communities have been rejected, abused and even killed? Who are the greedy tenants in today’s world, destroying God’s creation and its defenders?

The parable suggests that each of us is responsible for a portion of the “vineyard”. Have we provided shelter to those who are homeless, and fed those who are hungry? Have we provided a means of livelihood for those who have no means of living? Have we been responsible stewards of the natural world? These are questions that we should ponder. God gives us everything we need to make our vineyard flourish. We can manage the vineyard as we choose – but we do not own it. Let us be “good tenants” and do all we can to repair the damage done to the vineyard, which is our common home. What fruits will we produce for the Lord?

*The Living Word*

### Saints Days/Coming Events

**Sunday 15th October 9am Mass**  
**First Holy Communion commitment and launch of Harry Stephens book - Prayers in Stone, followed by morning tea.**

### -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, Liliti Sií 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 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.

## Wilcannia CatholicCare Op Shop donations

Thank you to all parishioners who contributed goods to our recent collection for the new Wilcannia CatholicCare Op Shop, a social enterprise called Cooe Clothing!



Separate trips have been made by Fr Phil and four St Joan of Arc parishioners in recent months to visit Sr Elizabeth Young, the new Pastoral Life Worker appointed to represent the Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes, and who is working to create a regular spiritual and pastoral presence in the remote town by organising weekly Sunday Liturgy of the Word, parish visitations and conducting funerals.

The Op Shop is now stocked with new underwear and clean near-new clothing as well as faith objects and some gift items.

A hairdresser from Mildura visits for one week in each month to provide the complementary Cooe Cuts affordable hair salon.

The Cooe social enterprises are funded by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet Office for Women and Catholic charity Mary Ward International Australia. These social enterprises also provide training for local Aboriginal women and girls in the areas of life skills and job readiness.



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

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.

**Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region**  
**The Cagliari 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.cagliari.org.au](http://www.cagliari.org.au) or [lhichaaba@salesians.org.au](mailto:lhichaaba@salesians.org.au)