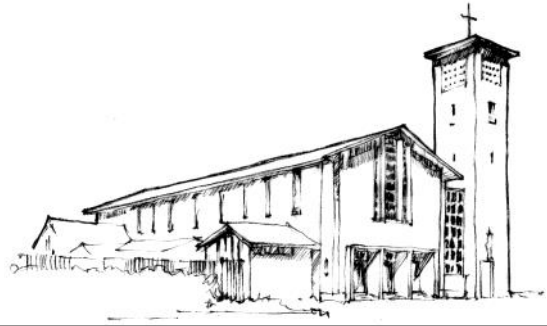


Welcome to

# St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 22 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

**P:** 9712 2133



## 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>

*(remember to hold the control key when clicking)*, or the QR code or using sign on sheet in foyer of church.



## Musicians and Singers Needed

For Fr Phil's anniversary Mass we would like additional musicians and singers for a choir. If you are a musician, singer or parent of a musician and singer and would like to be involved in the Mass **please contact**

**Ellen O'Connor ASAP** on [ellen.k.oconnor@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.k.oconnor@gmail.com)

Cash donations for Fr Phil's gift are being collected in the piety store this weekend, alternatively you can bring to the presbytery during the week (Tuesday - Thursday 8:30am - 3pm)



## SJA Sweet Treats Hit the Spot!



Thanks to everyone who so generously supported our Sweet Treats Stall last Sunday. **We raised \$1070 for our parish project which is a scholarship for an indigenous student at John Berne School.**

Thanks also to the many wonderful cooks in the parish and their family members who made cakes, biscuits, slices and jam for our stall and contributed to morning tea.



**Communion under both kinds will recommence from the first weekend in November at all Masses dependent on availability of Extraordinary Ministers of Communion.**

## 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."*

### 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).

Video 4 last week was on the Preparation of the Gifts. Here's the link: <https://youtu.be/ENg2ZSLhrZk>

Video 5 is on the Eucharistic Prayer & Communion. Here's the link: [https://youtu.be/cd\\_o\\_xMXWx](https://youtu.be/cd_o_xMXWx)

Video 6 will be played on the weekend of 4/5 November.

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.



### Baptisms

We welcome into the Church through Baptism this weekend

**John Ray Moses Zahar**  
**Rosario Anthony Gennusa**  
**Dylan Cincotta**

### 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.



### 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)

### Public lectures for 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of Vatican II, 4 Dec 1963)

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/publiclecturecf](http://www.acu.edu.au/publiclecturecf) 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).

The Liturgy Office - Sydney, has organised a series of events to commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of Vatican II's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy. In the lead up to the anniversary, which falls on 4<sup>th</sup> December, there will be **four public lectures** on the topic of *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the post-Vatican II liturgical reform and the current state of the liturgy. The lectures will take place on **four Wednesday evenings in November 2023**; the first three will take place at the Broadway Campus of the University of Notre Dame Australia ([10 Grafton Street, Chippendale](http://10GraftonStreetChippendale)), the final one will be in the Chapter Hall of St Mary's Cathedral as part of the Scholarship in the Cathedral series. The details are:

#### Paper 1

**Date:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023.  
6pm for 6:30pm start.

**Location:** UNDA, Broadway Campus,  
10 Grafton Street (Moorgate Building).

**Presenter:** **Rev Dr Benjamin Johnson, OFM Cap (UNDA)**  
**Topic:** **'Proper Dispositions' for The Full Effects of the Liturgy.**  
**A Study of *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, par. 11.**

#### Paper 2

**Date:** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023.  
6pm for 6:30pm start.

**Location:** UNDA, Broadway Campus,  
10 Grafton Street (Moorgate Building).

**Presenter:** **Dr Shaun Blanchard (UNDA)**  
**Topic:** **The Early Modern Roots of Vatican II's Liturgical Reforms**

#### Paper 3

**Date:** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023.  
6pm for 6:30pm start.

**Location:** UNDA, Broadway Campus,  
10 Grafton Street (Moorgate Building).

**Presenter:** **Professor Tracey Rowland (UNDA)**  
**Topic:** **The Speech of Christian Centuries: John XXIII, Paul VI and Benedict XVI on Liturgical Language**

#### Paper 4

**Date:** Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023.  
6pm for 6:30pm start.

**Location:** Chapter Hall, St Mary's Cathedral. Part of the Scholarship in the Cathedral series.

**Presenter:** **Professor Clare Johnson (ACU)**  
**Topic:** **Realising *Sacrosanctum Concilium*'s vision: Liturgical maturation in the era of Pope Francis**

For more details (abstracts, etc.) and to register, please visit the Liturgy Office's web-site at <https://liturgy.sydneycatholic.org/news-events/>.

There are also posters on the noticeboards.

## REFLECTION

### “A man’s rank means nothing to you.”

One year ago, the Royal Mint was preparing to place the image of the new king of the United Kingdom, King Charles III, on the coinage of the realm. It is an old practice, but for the Jewish society of Jesus’ time it was a rather disturbing practice. Torah, the law of Israel, says that you should not make the image of any living thing. Yet in today’s Gospel the Pharisees are carrying coins with just such images. Christ asks them whose image the coins bear. Clearly they had to compromise, being under the rule of the Romans. Later rabbis made use of this fact. They remembered the creation account in the book of Genesis, where God made humankind in God’s own image. In this sense a human being was like a coin. We all bear the mark of the image of God. So we are signs of a greater reality; and by being signs, we are also instruments of God’s love.

A coin has little or no value in itself. It may be made of precious metal but its value is in the use. In a way, a coin is a gift that you are not supposed to keep. You can give it away or exchange it for something more useful, but to hold on to it is to be a hoarder, which was the great sin of the dragons in Anglo-Saxon mythology who fiercely guarded their hoards of treasure. We commit a greater sin than that if it is not money we hold on to but our own selves. The key theme in this Gospel passage is the need to give. Human beings cannot be happy without a capacity to give something of themselves. Pope St John Paul II made that a key to his teaching: that we should learn how to make a sincere gift of ourselves.

The difference between giving to God and giving to Caesar is to do with freedom. We give to Caesar because we are compelled to, but also because we think that our gifts give us some share in earthly power. With God there is no compulsion. God freely created us and offers a share in God’s love, but we are never forced to take that gift. Likewise our gifts do not force God to love us. There is no need for that. God is love, and God’s love is unending. Still, we will lose sight of that love if we do not learn to give ourselves up to that love.

King Cyrus of Persia, spoken of by Isaiah in today’s first reading, brought the Jews back to Israel. It was the role of Cyrus in restoring Israel that first showed the Jews that their God was the God of the whole world. Cyrus was the instrument of God, but he did not know that. We may not do the great things that Cyrus did, but the small things we do have more meaning than anything he did. That is because we know that our lives are shaped by God. Every encounter, every word we say, everything we do, is under God’s providence. We are all instruments of God’s purpose. This does not mean that we are free from sin, and it certainly does not mean that our sins do not matter. What it does mean is that if we see mercy, then our sin can add to the glory of God, by showing the limitless power of God’s mercy. If we refuse mercy then we become like Cyrus, unconscious instruments of God. We still serve God but

unwillingly, and out of this can grow resentment and anger.

Unlike the coin that Christ held in his hand, there is no limit to the value that we can have in God’s eyes. The coin has a fixed value, but we are like a coin that God can use again and again. If we do it willingly, then we do it as God’s friends. That is the meaning of the virtue of charity, which is fundamentally friendship with God. Friends are happy to be of use to one another. This does not mean that we always know what God is doing with our lives. We might think that God has no use for us at all. Yet sometimes it is when we don’t seem to be doing much, feeling that we are just treading water, that God is most subtly effective. It is only looking back that we see how much God was doing through us.

*The Living Word*

### Saints Days/Coming Events

Sunday	22nd October	World Mission Day
Saturday	28th October	Sts Simon and Jude, apostles

### -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:** Beniamino Di Pasquantonio, 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.



**Annual Memorial Mass** will be held on **5th November @ 9am** for families of parishioners whose funerals have occurred in the last 12 months.

Mass will be followed by morning tea in the courtyard.



## Save the Date Mass of Anointing

November 18 at 10am followed by morning tea.  
All welcome.

## NOVEMBER MASSES

Mass offerings for **November Masses for the Faithful Departed** can be placed in the **box** outside the sacristy from next weekend.

Because a priest is limited to accepting one offering a day for Mass intentions, it isn't possible for me to offer all the Masses requested, so those I cannot offer I will forward either to the Archdiocese for distribution to priests who can offer them, or to missionary orders whose mission priests can benefit from the offering.



October Month dedicated to the Holy Rosary: 🙏

Tuesday afternoons for the remainder of this month of October we will be praying the rosary in Church. Even if you have not prayed the rosary before, come along as it will be very gentle. Beginners and regular rosary pray'ers are all welcome.

Rosary beads will be supplied if you don't own a set.

See you at 2.20pm in the church 🙏  
Belinda Baysari - Family Educator St Joan of Arc



## Advent groups



The Advent program has been ordered for this year. Now is the time to start speaking with your friends and form a group for reflection and prayer as you lead into Christmas.

## Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs.

*'This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict.'*

Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia

With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict.

**Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.**

You can donate online [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) , via QR



## An Urgent Prayer for Peace



God of compassion,  
We turn to you with heavy hearts  
As we consider the needs of your family.  
Israelis and Palestinians, we are all your people,  
Each of us loved by You  
And called to live in peace and justice.  
We lament the dreadful loss of life,  
Destruction of property and loss of human dignity.  
We are pained by so much suffering.  
We beg you to bring healing to this ancient place.  
Help your people find a way forward.  
Enable everyone to look each other in the eye,  
And embrace each other as sisters and brothers,  
As they find your image in every face.  
We ask that courage and grace  
Will help create a wiser and more gentle future,  
Where everyone has a home.  
God of wisdom, come to our aid.  
Amen.

By Michael McGirr / Caritas Australia

*Fr Phil will be with us until end of December as the process of appointing a new Parish Priest occurs.*

## Save the Dates

### Parish General Meeting

Sunday 12th November following 9am Mass

### Parish Christmas Mass and Celebration

Saturday 9th December 5pm

For catering purposes tickets will be required.