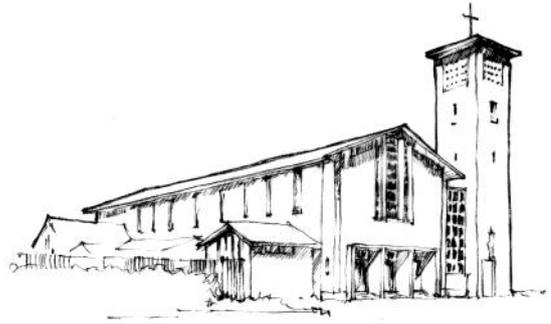


Welcome to

# St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME    YEAR A    29 October 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



*Congratulations Fr Phil  
on 50 years  
of Ordination to the Priesthood.*



To everyone who came along the working bee last Saturday. A lot of work was done to get the church ready for Fr Phil's special

**All Saints Day 1st November - Mass 9am**  
**All Souls Day 2nd November - Mass 9am & 7:30pm**

**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 5 last week was on the Eucharistic Prayer & Communion. Here's the link:

[https://youtu.be/cd\\_o\\_xMXWs](https://youtu.be/cd_o_xMXWs)

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.

### Weddings in St Joan of Arc Church

Brendan Timothy Easton & Elizabeth Nora Evans



Friday 27th October was Teachers Day. We thank all teachers for their dedication in teaching the children and youth of the future. We especially thank the teachers at St Joan of Arc and Domremy College.



The next appeal will be held on  
4th & 5th November.

**Congratulations** to Lidia Youssef, Alf Tornatore and Lorenzo Bianco who were commissioned as Extraordinary Ministers of Communion during the last week.

Congratulations to Carmenia Orti-Tullo who fully initiated into the Catholic Church last Sunday at the 9am Mass.

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



### 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)



### SVPD CLOTHING DRIVE 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER

Once again we thank all who contributed to the Clothing Drive last weekend. Thirty one households provided much needed and appreciated support for those who rely on some form of assistance from the St Vincent de Paul Society. It was a great effort from all involved, donors, the truck driver and our Vinnies Conference Volunteers.

### Parish Projects update

**Electronic Sign:** Approval has been granted for this to be installed in the front of the church. Installation will occur soon.

**Refurbishment of the Confessional:** Work on this will commence at the end of November.

### 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)

"It is not enough for the priests and ministers of the future to be moral people, well trained, eager to help their fellow humans, and able to respond creatively to the burning issues of their time. All of that is very valuable and important, but its not the heart of Christian leadership. The central question is, Are the leaders of the future truly men and women of God, people with an ardent desire to dwell in God's presence, to listen to God's voice, to look at God's beauty, to touch God's incarnate Word and to taste fully God's infinite goodness?"

— Henri J.M. Nouwen, [In the Name of Jesus: Reflections on Christian Leadership](#)

## REFLECTION

### “Which is the greatest commandment?”

Among the unexpected television hits of recent times have been baking competition shows. Who would have known that watching other people trying to produce delicious cakes or tasty pies would draw such large numbers of viewers? As the bakers try their best to impress the judges, they use plenty of imaginative flair. But that isn't enough. Cooking works if you abide by some basic rules too: you need to get the temperature right and you need to cook your bake for a certain amount of time. Too low or too high a temperature will spoil your cake. Keep it in the oven too long and it will go wrong too. The judges will complain that the cake has a soggy bottom or the pastry is rock hard. So the bakers can adapt recipes and bring their special skills and gifts to the competition, but there are basic rules that the judges want to see are not broken.

Something similar is going on when we attempt to follow Jesus. We can find all sorts of different ways to live our lives as Christians, whether we are married or single, living in a lay community or in a religious house, whether we opt to work in a caring role, such as being a nurse or a teacher, or if we're in business or being an artist or a musician. But whatever we choose to do, and however we live, some things are fundamental: being a Christian is about loving and serving God and our neighbour. Reading the Gospels, it's clear that the Pharisees took inordinate pleasure in trying to catch Jesus out. They were forever asking him questions, disapproving when he cured people on the sabbath, and trying to spot him advocating breaking their laws. The question that we heard today, asked in Matthew's Gospel, appears to be one of the most straightforward ones: which is the greatest commandment? Jesus' answer, to emphasise that the first commandment given to Moses is the greatest one, is swiftly followed by the commandment to love one's neighbour as oneself. This is why the Christian life involves such focus on compassion and mercy: we are commanded by God to care for those who are vulnerable, such as those mentioned in today's reading from Exodus. But in focusing on others, we also need to be mindful of ourselves: the respect and dignity we afford others should be afforded to ourselves as well. The problem for many people today is not that they struggle to love others but that they lack self-esteem and self-worth. They do not consider themselves to be people that God loves.

The Pharisees are rather like bakers who spend all their time focusing on the fine detail of a recipe. Rather than getting temperature and timing right, the cooks fret about the appearance and decoration mentioned in the recipe. Should the icing sugar be a particular brand? Does it matter if the silver and gold balls are replaced by silver ones only? Will the judges like it if I make a coffee-flavoured filling or should I stick to the traditional chocolate? It's minutiae and appearance that have taken over, rather than the essentials, just as has happened with the Pharisees. Elsewhere in the Gospels we read that the Pharisees were horrified when Jesus cured people's ailments on the sabbath, as the sabbath was supposed to be a day of rest and nothing, not even curing someone, should take place. They are so bound up in the small print that they fail to notice that in curing people, Jesus was attending to what were the leading priorities – loving God and one's

neighbour. If we become bogged down in what we might call the “small print” of our faith – when to fast, whether to cross ourselves, when to genuflect – we are at risk of overlooking the two greatest commandments of loving God and one's neighbour. And these two commandments are essential: Christianity is an active faith, involving following Jesus. We cannot just sit back in an armchair and observe the world. We have to participate in love, whether that is caring for vulnerable people, as described in the Exodus reading, or putting aside idols, as St Paul advised the Thessalonians, and truly converting to God, becoming God's servants in our love and service. Loving God and our neighbour are central to Christian beliefs and God's commandments because these give our lives true meaning: they are the purposes for which we were made.

*The Living Word*

#### Saints Days/Coming Events

Wednesday	1st November	All Saints
Thursday	2nd November	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
Saturday	4th November	St Charles Borromeo, bishop
Sunday	5th November	9am - Annual Memorial Mass
Sunday	12th November	Parish General Meeting following 9am Mass

#### -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:** Antonio Mesci, 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'hoi, 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 Fragiacommo, Fr Frank Furfaro & All Souls in Purgatory.

**In your love and concern please pray for the following ill members of our community:** Rose Uthappa, 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 been held in St Joan of Arc Church in the last 12 months.

Mass will be followed by morning tea in the courtyard.



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



### 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 code below or phone 1800 024 413



### 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.

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.



### 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.

### 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.