

Welcome to

St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 12 November 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



Mass of Anointing

Will be held next Saturday November 18 at 10am followed by morning tea.
All welcome.

SJA Christmas celebrations

Our Christmas celebration is on **Saturday 9th December commencing at 5pm with a bilingual Mass then dinner and later Carols in the church.**

This is a ticketed event as we need to know numbers for catering. Children are those 13 years of age and under.

Please use Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/sja-christmas-celebration-tickets-755806075317?aff=oddtcreator> (which will issue your ticket) or put your name and the number you have coming on the sheet outside the Piety stall (we will then issue your tickets in the next few weeks). Tickets will be viewed/collected on the night.



First Holy Communion



The children and their families are reaching their final stages on the journey of preparation for first Holy Communion. They will receive Holy Communion for the first time over the next two Sundays. Please keep them in your prayers and they continue on their Sacramental journey of initiation.

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).*

Over 8 weeks we have presented, before and after Mass, a series of videos explaining the Mass. I trust that the Videos have been a help in understanding the meaning and shape of the Mass.

It is always possible to go to the Parish website and go back to previous bulletins to find the link to the videos.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2024

Now for sale in the Piety Store at \$10 each.

As usual, each month has a wonderful piece of 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)



Thanks to all parishioners who contributed with the **Total amount raised: \$663** to the appeal. Their generosity and prayers are supporting lifechanging mission programs like the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where they are addressing critical health issues such as tuberculosis, malnutrition, and maternal mortality.

Parish Projects update

Electronic Sign: This has been installed as everyone can see. We await training in how to use it.

Refurbishment of the Confessional: Work on this will commence in coming weeks.



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.

Notes about times and places for groups will be made available soon.



The second CWF Appeal collection for the current financial year was due last weekend 4/5 November but was overlooked.

If you use Planned Giving envelopes there is a CWF envelope in the set. Please place it on any collection between now and the end of the year.

Otherwise, there will be CWF envelopes available in the Church for you to use when convenient over coming weeks.

Thanks for your understanding and support.

Permanent Part-time Parish Secretary - St Francis Xavier Parish, Ashbury

The Parish of St Francis Xavier, Ashbury is seeking a part-time Parish Secretary 2 days a week, 4 hours per day.

The duties will vary in nature and include, but not limited to managing the parish office including correspondence, emails, telephone calls and maintaining records; liaising with parish groups and volunteers, and welcoming visitors and guests. A sound level of computer literacy, including Microsoft Office, and administrative skills are essential requirements for this position. Experience with databases is desirable.

For a detailed Position Description, please refer to the link on the Parish Website Homepage at www.sfxashbury.org.au

To apply for this position please forward your application and resume by emailing Fr Richard Gates at pp@sfxashbury.org.au

Closing date for applications is Monday 20th November 2023.

The Unifying Love of God

When your deepest self is connected with the deepest self of another, that person's absence may be painful, but it will lead you to a profound communion with the person, because loving each other is loving in God. When the place where God dwells in you is intimately connected with the place where God dwells in the other, the absence of the other person is not destructive. On the contrary, it will challenge you to enter more deeply into communion with God, the source of all unity and community among people.

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REFLECTION

“Stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.”

Weather forecasting is becoming an ever more exact science. All around the world, scientific instruments record the changing data, temperatures and air pressure, wind strengths and directions, ocean currents and jet stream. Satellite pictures enable us to see the weather as it develops and make predictions about whether or not it will rain tomorrow. All this data is collected and over the years patterns can be recognised which add to the certainty with which the forecasts are presented. At the same time vulcanologists keep an eye on active volcanoes, and seismologists record the evidence of shifting tectonic plates which can cause earthquakes. We try to be at least one step ahead of nature in our efforts to protect life against the possibility of natural disaster and to discover the best conditions in which to provide food for the earth’s population. But despite our best efforts, we are still surprised by floods and earthquakes, hurricanes and tornadoes. Life on earth is very fragile. We still do not know the day or the hour when disaster might strike.

In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus uses the marriage practices of his time and place to teach a more serious lesson. This time our reason for staying awake and on the watch is not merely about the weather, but about our future destiny in the kingdom of God. We have been invited to the wedding feast of Christ to his bride, the Church. As members of the Church, we are all, as it were, bridesmaids waiting for the Lord to come to take us to his house. In many traditional rituals it is still an important event when the bridegroom takes his bride from her home to his. It requires some ceremony, perhaps a procession with torches. At our baptism, we were presented with a burning candle which was entrusted to us to be kept burning brightly so that we will be ready to welcome our Lord when he comes. In the early Church there was an expectation that Christ would come again very soon to take his bride to himself. As time went by, the expectation diminished and people grew tired with waiting. In some cases, the light was flickering and dying. People needed to be encouraged to stay awake, to be on the watch, to keep the flame of their faith alive.

The one good thing that can come out of a natural disaster is the way in which the international community responds. Governments and non-governmental organisations race to bring aid to people in distress. Appeals are made, especially in wealthy nations, and volunteers rush to help those affected. Food and clothing, water and medical supplies, are flown in, and the devastating effects are minimised as much as possible. But it is never enough. We should be better prepared. We should take better precautions. We should be better at coordinating a response.

The greatest disaster, of course, for us as believers, is the loss of eternal life. If we should be better prepared for natural disasters, if we should be able to read the signs of our times better in political and natural events, how much more should we be prepared for the Lord’s coming at the end of time? How can we keep our lights burning, the flames of our baptismal candles alight?

At our baptism, the flame of our faith was entrusted to our parents and godparents with the words: “Parents and godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning

brightly. These children of yours have been enlightened by Christ. They are to walk always as children of the light. May they keep the flame of faith alive in their hearts. When the Lord comes, may they go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.” As we grow, we take on this responsibility for ourselves. It’s up to us to keep the flame burning brightly. But we are not on our own. We are members of the community of faith. Already we are united with the saints as we wait for the Lord to come. We encourage one another with the example of our faith. Husbands and wives, parents and children, brothers and sisters, friends and neighbours, we don’t wait for disaster to strike. We love one another and care for the whole world together in our everyday life, strengthened by the love of Jesus which we share in the Eucharist and all the sacraments. Together we are the bride of Christ, waiting for our Lord to come.

The Living Word

Saints Days/Coming Events

Friday 17th November St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious



Weddings in St Joan of Arc Church
James Nagy & Rachel Toomeh

-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: Fatima Taukitoku, Jose Antonio Probaos, Placido Veneziano, Francesca Castronovo, Rosaria (Sarina) Liotta, Giuseppe Trovato, Michele Mercurio, Fr Michael Mullins SM, Sr Joan McBride SM.

Please note: Names of recently deceased will remain for a 3 month period before being removed.

Rest in Peace: Antonio Nesci, 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 Fragiacomio, Fr Frank Furfaro & All Souls in Purgatory.

In your love and concern please pray for the following ill members of our community: John Kcoury, Mary Finios, 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. 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.

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... 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, via QR code below or phone 1800 024 413



Caritas AUSTRALIA
GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance to the people affected by the conflict.

DONATE NOW
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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

Communion under both kinds has been postponed in recommending due to COVID numbers. Ministers please check your email for updated roster.



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.

Lost and found from Sunday 29th October

A locket was lost. A pair of glasses found at St Davids. Please contact Fr Phil if locket found or you lost glasses.

JUSTICE + PEACE OFFICE

Sydney Street Feast 2023 – volunteers welcome

On **Friday 17 November**, Archbishop Anthony Fisher will host a free luncheon for Sydney's homeless in the forecourt of **St Mary's Cathedral from 12pm to 2pm**.

A large number of guests are expected and volunteers from parishes are invited to help serve food and to sit and accompany guests during lunch. A great opportunity to show support and solidarity with fellow Sydneysiders experiencing homelessness.

Register your interest at <https://bit.ly/StreetFeast2023>



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"A Response to Pope Francis' World Day of the Poor"

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In Praise of Silence

Silence does speak louder than words, and more deeply. We experience this already now in different ways: When we are separated by distance or death from loved ones, we can still be with them in silence; when we are divided from other sincere persons through misunderstanding, silence can provide the place where we can still be together; when we stand helpless before another's suffering, silence can be the best way of expressing our empathy; and when we have sinned and have no words to restore things to their previous wholeness, in silence a deeper word can speak and let us know that, in the end, all will be well and every manner of being will be well.

"There is nothing in the world that resembles God as much as silence." It's the language of heaven and it is already deep inside of us, beckoning us, inviting us to deeper intimacy with everything.

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Musicians and Singers Needed

Our SJA Christmas celebration will be held on **Saturday 9th December** commencing with a bilingual Mass and then Christmas Carols later in the evening. 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

please contact

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