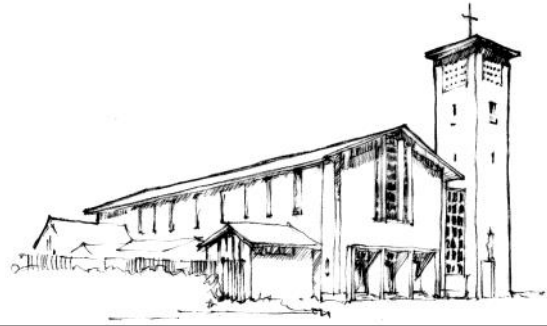


Welcome to

St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



THIRTY– THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 19 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

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Principal: Antoinette McGahan

P: 9712 2133

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.



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 Ellen O'Connor ASAP on ellen.k.oconnor@gmail.com

First Holy Communion

This weekend we welcome and congratulate the children receiving Holy Communion for the first time. Their families have supported them in preparation for this moment along the continuing Sacramental journey of initiation.

May the children and their families continue to grow in their love and relationship with Christ through the Eucharist.



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."

A Fresh Mass Setting This Advent! 🎵🎶

To better reflect the tone and spirit of the season, our parish will be singing a **different setting** of the parts of the Mass this Advent. The 'parts of the Mass', are the musical portions of our weekly service (The 'Glory To God', 'Holy, Holy' and so on). Changing the Mass setting simply means we're giving them a fresh melody, while keeping the words intact. Traditionally, different Mass settings are used throughout the year to better resonate with different liturgical seasons and feasts.

In the season of Advent, the *Gloria* is not sung. But the other parts of the Mass will be sung using Mass Setting XVIII, a very simple mass setting which you can listen to here to prepare yourself: the *Holy, Holy, Holy* ([Sanctus](#)), the *Mystery of Faith* ([listen here](#)), and the *Lamb of God* ([Agnus Dei](#)).

So let's stir up our voices and hearts as we journey together through this special season! A melodious Advent awaits us all.

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.



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

If needed, there will be CWF envelopes available in the Church for you to use when convenient over coming weeks. Donations are tax-deductible.

Thanks for your support.

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.



Advent groups

There will be 3 Advent groups available:

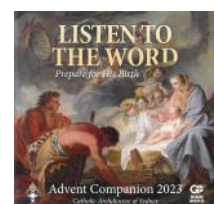
Monday - 10am (limited to 8 people)

Tuesday - 9am (combined school and parish which might include children present)

Friday - 10:30am (Marist Sisters home; limited to 8 people)

Monday and Tuesday groups will be held in the church.

Sign up sheets are in the foyer. Please consider taking this time to prepare prayerfully for Christmas. The Advent groups will use the Brisbane program, however there are some limited copies of the Sydney program available. Please take one/both for a gold coin donation.



CHRISTMAS at the Cathedral

a festival evening at St Mary's

14-25 DECEMBER

We invite the community of Sydney to come together at St Mary's Cathedral during Advent to prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Festivities begin at 5.30pm with:
Christmas market stalls, food, fun activities for the kids and live entertainment

Use the hashtag **#ChristmasAtTheCathedral** on your social posts.

For more information, visit our website christmasatthecathedral.org.au

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

"...you are all children of the light and children of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober. (Thessalonians 5:6)

REFLECTION

“For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away.”

Britain's Got Talent is one of the most popular TV shows on UK screens. People love to watch ordinary people like themselves with a gift for singing or dancing, or whatever it is, getting an opportunity to shine. There's the knuckle-biting moment when the judges get to say what they think, and there are many tears and disappointments as well as cheers and congratulations. Many of us would rather die than put ourselves through that kind of tension and public exposure – we couldn't bear the humiliation of failure. But often the judges are encouraging, even when they can't give an act their full approval. Every once in a while, there is an iconic moment when someone quite unexpectedly turns out to have star quality, like the first audition of singer Susan Boyle, who received a standing ovation for her performance of the song “I Dreamed a Dream”.

God also dreams a dream, of each one of us becoming fully the person we were made to be. That dream and desire of God is revealed to us in the deepest desires that we have for ourselves. Every day we are faced with greater or smaller choices to grow or to stagnate, to flourish or to wither. We may not enjoy all the opportunities that others seem to have, but every conversation, every human encounter, presents us with a choice either to be more or to be less fully human. That choice is entirely ours.

Today's Gospel parable falls into two quite definite parts. Most people find the first part encouraging – we like the idea of the master giving talents to his servants and seeing what they can do with what they are given. We can resonate from our own experience with the idea of making something of what we have in our professional as well as our personal lives.

The second part of the parable is far more problematic. Who has never had a feeling of lack of confidence in themselves? We may remember with a shudder when we had to try something out for the first time or step up to a demand that was made of us. It's always worse if we have an audience, for that increases our fear of failure. Imposter syndrome is the name given to the fear many people have of others finding out that, for all their apparent calm and competence, they actually haven't a clue what they are doing.

Jesus makes clear that failure is not the problem, and nor is lack of talent. Not all of us are made to be superstars. But the worst we can do is to mistrust God at work in ourselves. This ties God's hands, as it were, and makes it impossible for God's grace to flourish in us. It's a daily task to believe that what we have and who we are is enough. The more we believe this, the more capable we become of responding to the gift and grace that lies within every moment. Ours may be a “quiet” talent – the gift of being a good listener, for example, or the gift of always being ready with an appreciative or encouraging word. This will not bring us standing ovations or bouquets on the world stage, but it will be the fulfilment of God's dream for us. Confidence grows confidence, but mistrust grows mistrust. That is the meaning of the devastating punchline of Jesus' parable, and it is meant to shock us.

One of the great spiritual teachings of St Ignatius of Loyola is called the Examen. It's not so much an examination of conscience in the sense of recalling our daily faults. It's more an examination of consciousness, a learning to be aware of how God, on a daily basis, is at work in the world and in our own lives. We learn to see our day from God's point of view and come to realise how many opportunities we are given to respond to grace. The more attuned we become to the gentle touch of God throughout the day, the more our personal gifts and talents and God's invitations become clear. This is a free choice which we can take or leave, but if we take it, it leads to life more abundant. Who could say no to that?

The Living Word

Saints Days/Coming Events

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| Tuesday | 21st November | The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary |
| Wednesday | 22nd November | St Cecilia, virgin, martyr |
| Friday | 24th November | Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest and companions, martyrs |
| Sunday | 26th November | Our Lord JESUS CHRIST KING of the UNIVERSE |

-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: Giustino Tauriello, 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: Giustino Tauriello, 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.

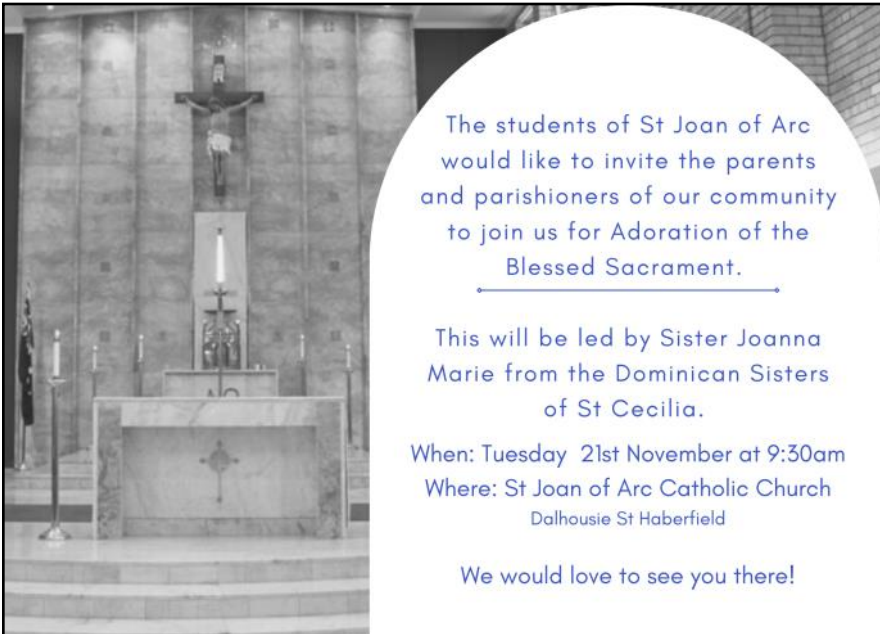
In your love and concern please pray for the following ill members of our community: John Kcoury, Mary Finios, Rose Uthappa, Asela Savieti, Glen Dixon, Venu Uthappa, Roberto Tramarin, Vittoria Lavecchia, Anna Attard, Rosa Santos, Elisha Lau, Aitken Family, Liz Smith, Pat Rankine, Jerry Andre, Donna Neeley, 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.



The students of St Joan of Arc would like to invite the parents and parishioners of our community to join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

This will be led by Sister Joanna Marie from the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia.

When: Tuesday 21st November at 9:30am
Where: St Joan of Arc Catholic Church
Dalhousie St Haberfield

We would love to see you there!

Parish Projects update

Those present at the parish meeting on Sunday 12 November heard about the status of the proposed Site Development here at St Joan of Arc Parish. A scale model and sketches of the design at its current stage were presented and will be in the Church for a few more days. Please have a look and become get to know something of the ideas.

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



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



Safeguarding Audit - St Joan of Arc has been chosen as one of the parishes to be audited. We are currently in the process of completing the required documentation. Thank you to Tony Mediati for the work in preparing these documents.

Oh God,
grant peace to your Holy Land and to the whole world.
Root it deeply in the hearts of all humanity.
For your divine peace is the peace the world cannot give.
Your peace sets free all those caught in the nets of physical or psychological violence whether perpetrator or victim.
We feel powerless as we witness the many forms of violence and injustice in war, in politics, in society, and even in individual lives.
Oh God, fill the mighty with your Spirit of love and justice.
Help us also to contribute to the establishment of your kingdom of peace by acknowledging and living according to your divine law, given to us for the peace and wellbeing of all humanity and the whole of creation.
For that we pray, Oh God of love and faithfulness.
We praise you and thank you for ever and ever.
Amen.



Source: The Sisters of Notre Dame de Sion, Ecce Homo, Jerusalem



Abraham Conference



Prayer Service for Peace

The Abraham Conference Organising Committee invites you to pray for peace in Israel and Palestine.

Thursday 30 November
12:30 to 1:00 pm

Ferguson Hall (St Stephen's Uniting Church)
197 Macquarie Street, Sydney
(opposite NSW Parliament)



Places are limited: please register by scanning the QR code or by clicking the link.
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