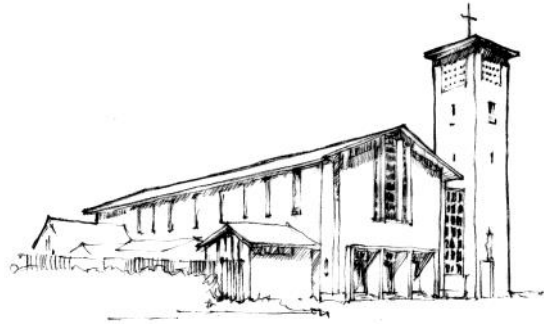


Welcome to

# St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE YEAR A 26 November 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

## 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.



*Raffle tickets will be available on the evening of the Christmas celebration for some wonderful prizes.*

## 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](mailto: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.

## Safeguarding Audit



St Joan of Arc has been chosen as one of 33 parishes and 7 church agencies 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.

## Nativity set

There will be a silent auction (closing 17th December) for a Nativity set. Please see sheet next to the Nativity set in the foyer to make your bid.



## 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](http://christmasatthecathedral.org.au)



## Waste some time with God

In our utilitarian culture, where we suffer from a collective compulsion to do something practical, helpful, or useful, and where we feel compelled to make a contribution that can give us a sense of worth, contemplative prayer is a form of radical criticism. It is not useful or practical. It is simply to waste time for and with God. It cuts a hole in our busyness and reminds us and others that it is God and not we who creates and sustains the world.

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## REFLECTION

**“In so far as you did this to one of the least of these... you did it to me.”**

In his sermon at the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II in Westminster Abbey in September 2022, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, took as his theme the servant leadership that had marked the life of the late Queen. The fact that this resonated so well with millions of those who listened was that her commitment to her Christian faith and to a life of service was a theme marking her whole life. Her service of her Lord was revealed in her service of others; the power she exercised was not that of might. It was something she publicly committed to on her twenty-first birthday.

That same commitment to service was made by or for each one of us at our baptism and confirmation. Today we are invited to reflect on our personal commitment to the Lord, serving him in others.

The account of the last judgement given towards the end of Matthew's Gospel is interesting in both its contemporary use of example and its offering of a clear moral imperative for the future. The separating of sheep from goats would have been a frequent task for the shepherds of Christ's day; the animals were herded together and separated when it came time for market or stocktaking. Matthew uses an everyday image to convey an easy-to-understand principle to his hearers. We too shall face judgement; it is a certainty of our faith. It is a simple judgement, not complicated by questionnaires or examinations; the Lord – to whom all hearts are open – will point us one way or the other.

Matthew reminds us in the story that when that separation of the “sheep” from the “goats” takes place, it will be too late to do anything about it. There is no opportunity to put our side of the story, no bargaining or appeals process, no jury of our peers. If we want to influence the decision, we had better do it now, while we still have the chance. St Benedict puts it eloquently in his Rule: “Run while you still have the light of Christ!”

The Gospel gives clear, unequivocal examples of how to make sure we are the right side of the line. Our judgement depends on how we live our lives now. Every day, as we pray the Our Father, we ask: “Thy kingdom come.” This is not an appeal for God to get on with it and complete the work of creation so we can all live in peace and harmony. It is a presenting of ourselves to become the instruments of that kingdom-building in offering our own lives in imitation of Jesus, whose kingdom-building comes to its climax in the power of the cross. Our commitment to the kingdom is to be of total self-giving in a life of Christian service – feeding those who are hungry, giving drink to those who are thirsty, making the stranger welcome, clothing those who are naked, visiting those who are sick and those in prison. Our faith is a faith of service, and it is that which will determine whether we stand on the right or the left hand of the Lord.

Judgement is both something that will take place in the future and – at the same time – something that takes place at every moment of every day of our life. A shepherd is constantly faced with decisions to make about the care of the sheep, to find food, water, shelter; for so many in our world today those human

rights are limited, withheld or denied. We shall be judged on our responses now, not on our aspirations or desires. The American civil rights campaigner and priest Philip Berrigan said: “If they come for the innocent without walking over your body and mine, then a curse on our life and a curse on our religion.”

The celebration of Christ the King is far from cosy and comfortable; it is a renewed challenge for us to act now, through our lives of service, for the building of God's kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace. If we listen to scripture and act on it in lives lived in imitation of Christ, the servant king, we too shall reveal our love of the Lord in the service of others; we shall have no need to fear judgement.

*The Living Word*

### Saints Days/Coming Events

Thursday	30th November	St Andrew, apostle
Sunday	3rd December	FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT
Saturday	9th December	SJA Christmas Celebration 5pm Bilingual Mass followed by dinner and carols

### -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:** Ken McTaggart Colin A. Kerr, 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 Fragiacomano, 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](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.



By helping the St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal, you will assist in two ways. At a local level, our members and volunteers

will be able to offer assistance directly to families and individuals. At a broader level, you will be contributing to the large and varied network of short and longer-term support services for people in NSW who require specialised care.

St Vincent de Paul told his followers there are no people so rich that they have nothing to receive, and none so poor that they have nothing to give. Support for this Appeal will benefit recipients, and address poverty and disadvantage in our communities.



Please use the envelopes that will be in the Church on the first weekends in December, or use this QR Code:

### Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

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



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

### 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.



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#### 2023 Knox Public Lecture

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm  
Live videostream via Zoom

*"Truth and Peace: Timeless Twins"*  
Presented by Dr Susan Connelly RSJ

To book scan the QR code or  
go to [trybooking.com/CMYVM](http://trybooking.com/CMYVM)



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### 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.  
[bit.ly/3QW0kAw](http://bit.ly/3QW0kAw)



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