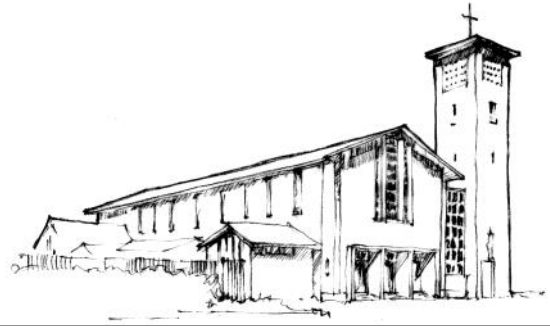


Welcome to

St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 5 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

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Fr Phil's 50th Anniversary of Ordination Mass held Sunday 29th October



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 6 played on the weekend of 4/5 November talks about the Concluding rites of the Mass. The link is

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnpP8E3A3rQ>

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)

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 at the end of November.

Cross on Church Tower: The cross has been restored to a blue light and is now LED strips on both sides.



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.



"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

“The greatest among you must be your servant.”

It was the mid 1960s, and a young woman waited nervously at Archbishop’s House, Westminster, to meet with Cardinal John Heenan. Edwina Gateley had recently returned to Britain from teaching in Uganda and felt a calling to start a volunteer missionary group that would send other lay people overseas to work as missionaries. At that time it was only religious congregations that did this. When she was called in she felt a little intimidated, but she shared her idea. The cardinal listened with interest but was cautious. He warned her gently that she had no authority to start a new movement for laity in the Church, and she left feeling dejected. At that time passive obedience and reception of the sacraments were accepted by most lay people as what being part of the Church was all about. Edwina returned to Africa, but the dream would not die. Within a few years she was back in London, and the Missionaries of Africa provided accommodation for training courses to start in 1969. The Volunteer Missionary Movement, or VMM, was founded. The cardinal did eventually bless the work and the VMM emerged as a vibrant new church movement. More than 2,500 lay volunteers since then have been on cross-cultural mission in Africa, Latin America and Asia, supporting poor communities and sharing their skills. “We who have received the love of Christ through the Spirit cannot contain it,” Edwina wrote, “it must reach out to others, spilling out and touching the world in which we live.”

Today’s Gospel tells us that authorities – including religious authorities – must be respected but also challenged when their practice is out of line with their teaching. Jesus particularly warns religious leaders that being conscientious and meticulous about trivial things may prevent them from allowing God’s love to flow out of their lives in gracious acts and deeds, and hinder them from recognising that everyone has a valuable contribution to make to their communities. Yet the failure of others is not what is most important. Jesus is concerned that his disciples look at themselves and ask about their own failures. He holds up the scribes and Pharisees as a kind of mirror in which they may see their own weaknesses. The kingdom that Jesus announces points them to something greater than themselves, and greater than structures that have been built by humans. The kingdom refers to the rule of God in hearts and relationships. Equality and loving relationships characterise the new age that Jesus has initiated among us.

Jesus points out that all people are called to be listeners to God’s message. That listening is something that we are to do together, regardless of status. The way of living offered by Jesus has nothing to do with arrogance and power. Rather, it is about partnership, servanthood and humility.

So there’s a warning here to beware of hierarchies of power which can hamper work to bring about God’s kingdom. And it isn’t just addressed to those at the top. Some people prefer only to follow orders, waiting for instructions rather than taking responsibility. When this happens in church structures and communities, the individuals and churches may be less likely to fulfil their God-given potential. Humility is important too. It helps us to be aware of God at all times, in all places, at the centre of all things. It is so easy in our society to make ourselves gods of the tiny kingdoms we occupy and to be enamoured of fancy titles. We climb very small ladders and then assume that we have risen to the heights of our humanity.

Those whose lives are lived without listening to their hearts and consciences, and those who make gods out of themselves, their work, their status, their money, never find the God of the universe, who waits quietly within for us to exhaust our compulsive race to nowhere.

Jesus teaches us that serving others and the wider world is the highest vocation, and humility is the greatest virtue. When we listen to God, we are all equal – everybody has the gift of the Holy Spirit, and all are able to tune into that Spirit. When we are bruised, when our fire sputters out, when our lives are battered by situations of oppression and exclusion, we can, in the words of Edwina Gateley, be inspired by the Spirit of God to “reach out to others... touching the world in which we live”.

The Living Word

Saints Days/Coming Events

Thursday	9th November	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Friday	10th November	St Leo the Great, pope, doctor
Saturday	11th November	St Martin of Tours, bishop
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: Jose Antonio Probaos, Placido Veneziano, Francesca Castronovo, Rosaria (Sarina) Liotta, Giuseppe Trovato, Michele Mercurio, Fr Michael Mullins SM, Sr Joan McBride SM, Liliti Sii Kaufusi.

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 Fragiacomano, 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. 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.



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



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.

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>



Communion under both kinds recommended from this weekend in November at all Masses dependent on availability of Extraordinary Ministers of Communion.



Lost and found from Sunday 29th October

A locket was lost and a pair of glasses found. Please contact Fr Phil if locket found or you lost glasses.

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.

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.

Mass of Anointing: Saturday November 18 at 10am followed by morning tea. All welcome.

Parish Christmas Mass and Celebration: Saturday 9th December 5pm For catering purposes tickets will be required.

Coming to the
ANNUAL
PARISH MEETING
NEXT SUNDAY
12 November??

Starts 10.00am in the Church

Hear about the life of St Joan of Arc Parish.

What's been happening.

What we hope for.

IT WILL BE GREAT TO SEE YOU

Ask the questions you've wanted to ask.
Get to know the Parish Pastoral Council
members.

Stay for a light lunch afterwards.