

Welcome to

St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR B 10 December 2023

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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



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the organization of the Christmas celebration. People in various ministries. The Welcome and Events committee for sorting the catering side of the evening. Ellen O'Connor for coordinating the music. Santa for visiting the children.

Christmas Mass times and Rosters

24th December

5pm - Children's Mass

9pm - Vigil

25th December

Midnight Mass

9am

There will be no evening Mass

The roster for the Christmas Masses is in the Sacristy, please place your name clearly alongside the ministry for which you are volunteering.

*Farewell morning tea for Fr Phil will be held
following the 9am Mass on 31st December.*

All welcome.



ST JOAN OF ARC CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS Sunday 24th December @5pm

If your school aged child would like to partake in either the Nativity re-enactment, be a reader or sing in the choir or play an instrument, please see below for rehearsal dates and times.

CHRISTMAS EVE REHEARSAL INFORMATION

Rehearsal will be held on SATURDAY 23rd DECEMBER at St Joan of Arc Church from 9am – 11am *(please note rehearsal will take place on the day before Christmas Eve)*

Please arrive by 8:50am to allow for registration.

We also need parent helpers at the rehearsal, during the mass and after the mass to assist with distributing the cake to all the parishioners.

If your child would like to be part of the choir or is confident in playing an instrument and would like to partake in the Mass, please text/email your child's name (instrument preference)

Lichuen Wong e: mikeandlich@gmail.com m: 0403 130 173

Lillian Tornatore e: Lillian.tornatore@gmail.com m: 0414 820 819

Merry Christmas

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."



Changes to Working with Children Checks in Parishes

Ministers of the Word/Readers/Lectors and Parish Collectors (AKA Wardens) are **no** longer required to have a WWCC

Updated fact sheet as at 6 Dec 2023

In NSW, the **Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012** stipulates who requires a Working with Children Check (WWCC). The WWCC scheme is monitored and audited by the **Office of the Children's Guardian**.

Who needs a Working With Children Check?

Parish roles that **DO** require a WWCC

(if Children form part of the ministry work)

- Priest in Ministry
- Parish Secretaries
- Youth Ministers, Workers or Leaders
- Pastoral Associates
- Sacramental Coordinators
- Sacramental Group Leaders
- Catechists in State Schools
- Children's Liturgy Coordinators
- Children's Choir Ministry Leaders
- Acolytes and Senior Altar Servers
- Eucharistic Ministers

Parish roles that **DO NOT** require a WWCC

Cleaner	Gardener
Choir members	Musicians
Piety Stall	Flower Arranger
Offertory	Hospitality Workers
Finance Committee	Counters
Parish Pastoral Council	
Ministers of the Word/Readers/Lectors	
Parish Collectors (AKA Wardens)	
Ministers of the Homebound	
Audio Visual Coordinators	
Welcoming/greeting Ministry	
St Vincent de Paul	

For more information contact Tony Mediati - psso@stjoanofarc.org.au



Safeguarding Audit

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

The required documentation has been completed. Thank you to

Tony Mediati for the enormous work in preparing these documents.

Some parishes are reporting needing in excess of 60 hours for two people to complete the assessment documents, so thanks Tony!!

Nativity set

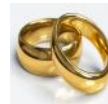
There will be a silent auction (closing 17th December) for a Nativity set. Please see sheet next to the Nativity set in the foyer to make your bid.



Baptisms

We welcome into the Church through Baptism this weekend

Sofia Frances Lettieri
Edward James Donnelly



Weddings in St Joan of Arc Church

Daniel John Bajada
&
Alannah Angelina Grasso

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.



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards.

Packs of 10 cards are in the Piety Store now. There are 3 different design options to choose from. If you wish you can click on any card from each pack to show as an example.

Pack A Cards \$8 per pack of 10;
Pack B cards \$8 per pack of 10 cards
Pack C cards \$6 per pack of 10.

Sacraments 2024

Details in relation to the reception of the Sacraments (Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist) are available on the parish website under Sacraments 2024. If you have a child/ren eligible for any of the Sacraments next year please complete the google form by Wednesday 20th December.



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:



REFLECTION

“He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.”

Many of us have a family member or a good friend whom we love dearly, but who is also annoying. Marie’s sister, Joanna, was like that. Joanna was active in the environmental movement and often made bold pronouncements and judgements about people or about lifestyle choices.

She would call round to visit Marie and warn that her life was out of balance. She told Marie that she was so focused on her job in finances that she was neglecting ageing relatives, forgetting the names of nieces and nephews because she saw them so little, and not keeping in close contact with old friends. She challenged Marie to reduce the time she spent on her computer and engage more with people around her. Joanna also encouraged her sister to take more interest in issues of justice, peace and ecology that might contribute towards the common good. There came a point when Marie found herself acknowledging a hard truth: that her life was indeed out of balance. She had been stung by Joanna’s criticism and started to admit that she should review her priorities in life: the way she spent her time, her failure to nurture relationships with her family and local community, and the ways in which life seemed to be flying by without identifiable achievements. Her sister’s annoying persistence caused Marie to take stock and reflect.

We are now in Advent, in the time of the Church’s year when we meet another person who may really irritate us: John the Baptist. When it comes to people’s lists of favorite saints, he probably would not top anyone’s. He’s an unsettling Old Testament type of prophet who comes on the scene proclaiming, according to the Gospel, a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Yet – the Church says that we need to hear John’s message. The season of Advent is not the season of Christmas. Before we rush to the joy of Christmas, before we receive the great mystery of God with us, we must prepare. We should set aside time to examine our spiritual lives, look with honesty at ways in which our lives are out of balance, reassess self-destructive behaviors, and try to bring about more harmony in ourselves, in the community and in the world. Don’t dismiss John because he lives in the wilderness, clothed with camel’s skin and living on locusts and wild honey. Despite his weirdness, large numbers were drawn to him and were transformed by his message. They understood that he spoke truth, although his message was uncompromising and undiluted. He calls us to try to do better in life – to move on from sinfulness and selfishness to a life of care, compassion, love and joy, and to make steps to forgive others. Jesus is stronger than John, and he also brings a more powerful baptism. Jesus will baptise his followers with the Holy Spirit, so that they will be equipped to bring about the peace and justice for which humanity has waited so long. This is a momentous message.

What kinds of changes should we seek in Advent? Advent is a time to prepare not only materially but also spiritually for the coming of the Lord. It is a time to step outside our busy lives, our tasks and appointments, and recognise God’s loving presence in all humanity and in the natural world. Take time today to look up into the sky and be aware of

breathing, taking in the fresh God given air that keeps us alive. Be more sensitive to the people around us and how they enrich our life. And can we be of service to people who are sick or in trouble or worried about facing Christmas on a low income? Can we give time to people – perhaps someone in our family - who might be depressed or who may not have many friends? In Advent, we hear John’s message as an invitation to spiritual reflection. Just as we might clean our house in preparation for a special guest, so the Church asks us to take stock of ourselves and to be at our best when the special day arrives. Perhaps other people have already pointed out deficiencies in our lives. The promise and the hope, however, are that we can do something about it. We can change, and we can find a rhythm of life that makes time for wholeness and harmony. John tells us that Jesus baptises with the Holy Spirit. What does this mean for us?

The Living Word

Saints Days/Coming Events

Wednesday	13th December	St Lucy, virgin, martyr
Thursday	14th December	St John of the Cross, priest, doctor

-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: Giuseppe Annetta, Ken McTaggart Colin A. Kerr, Giustino Tauriello, Fatima Taikitoku, Jose Antonio Probaos, Placido Veneziano, 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: Concetta Lo Surdo, 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 Fragiaco, Fr Frank Furfaro & All Souls in Purgatory.

In your love and concern please pray for the following ill members of our community: John Kcory, 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, Jojo 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.

Come Let us Adore

Spend some time with the Lord in quiet reflection this Advent
10th and 17th December
Mass 6pm
Exposition 7pm - 8pm
Reconciliation available from 7pm

St Joan of Arc Church
97 Dalhousie St
Haberfield




 Uniting Church in Australia
ASSEMBLY

Away in a Manger


PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

13/12/2023
7.30-8pm AEDT

 Working for
Justice

Register for the Zoom
<https://shorturl.at/cRS07>

Photo by Daniel Mayo

 Jesuit
Social Services
Building a Just Society

On behalf of Jesuit Social Services' Ignite Food Store Team we would like to say thank you to the St Joan of Arc parish community. We appreciate your annual food drive the parish has hosted over the last few years. The Parish's thoughtfulness makes such a difference in the lives of local people in Mt Druitt. Your donations will assist the Ignite team to place food stock on shelves leading up to Christmas and in January 2024. We are most grateful.
Claire Thomas



MESSA DI RINGRAZIAMENTO (St Joan of Arc Haberfield)

Il gruppo locale del Movimento
Cattolico del
RINNOVAMENTO NELLO SPIRITO SANTO,
invita la comunità italiana a partecipare alla
celebrazione della Santa Messa di Ringraziamento
celebrata da Padre Filippo Zadro.

Giovedì 14 Dicembre 2023 alle ore 13:00 pm.
Nella Chiesa di St Joan of Arc - 97 Dalhousie St
Haberfield

Tutti sono benvenuti.

Per ulteriori informazioni contattare:
Albina 02 9713 8961 - Anna 02 9712 2970

Giving Tree

MacKillop Outreach from Rogers Avenue
have again placed a Giving Tree in the
Church foyer hoping for support for their
work.

If you can help it would be appreciated.

*(This is a work of the St Vincent de Paul
Society)*



Please return gifts by Sunday 17th December!

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

St Mark's Drummoyne
Wednesday 20/12 @7pm

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

