

Welcome to

St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR B

21 January 2024

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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:

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We welcome Fr Thomas to St Joan of Arc Community as our Parish Priest. May his time here with the community be a blessing in his life. Please introduce yourself to him (*and a reminder, we have one name to remember, he will have many, so you might have to remind him of you name in the next few weeks*). Maria

Listening as Spiritual Hospitality

To listen is very hard, because it asks of us so much interior stability that we no longer need to prove ourselves by speeches, arguments, statements, or declarations. True listeners no longer have an inner need to make their presence known. They are free to receive, to welcome, to accept.

Listening is much more than allowing another to talk while waiting for a chance to respond. Listening is paying full attention to others and welcoming them into our very beings. The beauty of listening is that, those who are listened to start feeling accepted, start taking their words more seriously and discovering their own true selves. Listening is a form of spiritual hospitality by which you invite strangers to become friends, to get to know their inner selves more fully, and even to dare to be silent with you.

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Lenten Groups

Lent starts with Ash Wednesday on 14 February. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. One way of engaging in prayer is through Lenten groups. A time each week to reflect on the readings of the upcoming Sunday.

If you are interested in hosting or leading a Lenten group please contact Maria ASAP on Pastoral.Associate@stjoanofarc.org.au

Weddings in St Joan of Arc Church

Anthony Taouk & Ellen Maree Tysoe



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 this year please complete the google form ASAP.

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."

REFLECTION

“Follow me.”

In 2006 Qusay Hussein, an Iraqi man from Mosul (Nineveh of the Old Testament), was playing a game of volleyball, cheered on by his family and friends, when a suicide bomb exploded near him, taking away his sight, half his face and nearly his life. Given a second chance at life and speaking of his experience many years later, Qusay said: “I live in Austin (Texas) now. I’ve been here almost seven years, and soon I’ll have completed my degree at the University of Texas. I’m a refugee, a product of war, but in many ways I feel lucky. Not only am I still here, but I’ve started a new life doing things I could never have imagined. I’m hopeful about the future. If what I’ve been through has taught me anything, it is that you should take every opportunity that comes.” Today’s readings speak of taking opportunities, of being given a second chance and of the invitation to live our Christian faith in new and life-changing ways.

By the time Jonah has the word of God addressed to him “a second time”, he has already been seen as the cause of a storm at sea, thrown overboard and swallowed by a big fish – all in his efforts to escape from the God of Israel. Seeing what befell him because of his lack of obedience to God’s will, Jonah takes this “second chance”. In doing so, he brings salvation to the people of Nineveh. His message is urgent: there are, Jonah tells the people of Nineveh, only forty days left before their city will be destroyed.

In our second reading, Paul reminds the people of Corinth “time is growing short”. Paul’s language is dramatic and can even appear cruel and outrageous, especially when he suggests that those who have wives should live as though they had none; and those who are mourning should live as though they had nothing for which they should mourn. This dramatic language is because Paul felt the second coming of Christ was imminent and he wanted to shock his fellow Christians into following a more Gospel way of life.

The call to Simon, Andrew, James and John and their response is no less striking. They are going about their ordinary work, casting their nets into the lake, or, in the case of James and John mending their nets in preparation for fishing. Jesus calls his new disciples to believe in the Good News. In fact, Jesus is the Good News, and he is calling them and us to believe in him and all that his kingdom stands for.

Like Jonah and Paul, the disciples leave all to follow Jesus. Jesus then gives them their new responsibility, to become fishers of men. They are to proclaim the Good News of God’s kingdom of love, justice and peace to those they meet on their journey of life, calling others to follow Jesus just as they have. From mending nets, they will now follow Christ mending broken hearts and bodies and restoring others to the fullness of life. They are given new opportunities to teach, to heal, to hear God’s word, firstly in their own hearts and then in the hearts and on the lips of those they serve. Answering Jesus’ call literally turned their lives upside down.

The Living Word

Saints Days/Coming Events

January 24	Wednesday	St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor
January 25	Thursday	The Conversion of St Paul, apostle
January 26	Friday	Australia Day - Mass 9:15am

-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: Pietro Leto, Lorenzo Di Donato, Frank Bova, Robert John Pirtó, Cathy Rinaudo, Pietro Leto, Giuseppe Annetta, Ken McTaggart, Colin A. Kerr, Giustino Tauriello, Fatima Taukitoku, Jose Antonio Probaos
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 Fragiacomio, Fr Frank Furfaro & All Souls in Purgatory.

In your love and concern please pray for the following ill members of our community: Enrico Cuomo, Neville Hill, 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, 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.