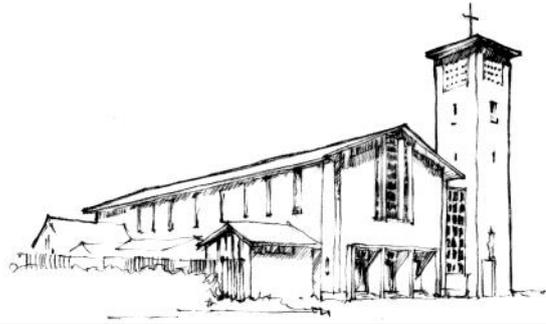


Welcome to

# St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR B

3 March 2024

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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.*

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**Saturday:** 4:30pm - 4.50pm

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## From the Pastor

Israelites and Palestinians dispute, perhaps, culminates on the question of whose holy city is Jerusalem. But for the contemporaries of Jesus there was not dispute. Jerusalem temple built by Solomon and rebuilt after the Babylonian deportation was epitome of their belief in one God. So much so, they believed that Jerusalem was the only place of residence for God on earth. Jesus challenged this popular belief. The Gospels proclaim that the person of Jesus substituted the temple as the abode of God on earth. In the story of the cleansing of the temple, according to the Gospel John, Jesus says “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up” (John 2:19). Here Jesus was referring to the temple of his body (John 2:21). To the High Priest of the temple Jesus said, “You will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming on the clouds of heaven” (Matthew 26:64). That means the person of Jesus is proclaimed by the Gospel as the abode of God. Therefore, to meet God, we need to enter into the person of Jesus. It is not enough to imitate Jesus but enter into the person of Jesus. Unlike Jewish belief of God’s presence, resurrected Christ is not localised in Jerusalem, for that matter in any earthly location. He is universally present. Paul uses the analogy of the Body to teach that the personal presence of Jesus happens in the gathering of the Christians to do the Eucharist (Ref 1 Corinthians 12-31). Eucharistic gathering is the celebration of God’s continued abode amongst us humans. In fact, the universal abode of God is the theme of creation stories in the Book of Genesis. It is a matter of reflection for another time. Meanwhile we focus on our Eucharistic gatherings. Our church buildings are to facilitate the Eucharistic celebrations. As sacred space, they are very conducive for contemplation and prayer. Our Church doors are open from 6.30 am – 7.00 pm each day for personal prayer.

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis. There is a particular focus on the Our Father, and this presents us with a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer, ‘on earth as it is in Heaven’. Drop in the church whenever you can and say the Lord’s Prayer.

God is not localised and Christ Jesus cannot be patronised by some. All those who believe in the resurrected Christ have a duty to join together witness to their faith. I am interested in exploring ways of working with Anglican, Methodist, and the Uniting Churches in Haberfield towards some form of combined celebration and activities during the year. Together as Christians we pray for God’s will be done on earth as it is in heaven. I am happy to listen to your comments and suggestions.

You may also like to know that the floor of the piety store is now raised up to match with the church floor and the foyer level. Just a small material uplift. What is important is the spiritual uplift.

God has been good to us. Let us not stop glorifying His name.

## 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 reading from the book of Exodus (20:1-17)*

The Lord spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*Responsorial Psalm (Ps 18:8-11)*

**R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. **R.**

They are more to be desired than gold,  
than the purest of gold  
and sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey from the comb. **R.**

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (1:22-25)*

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation (John 3:16)**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

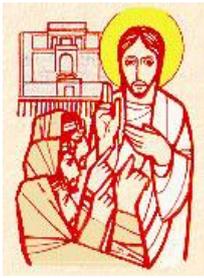
*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (2:13-25)*

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



*Una visita sul sito del Tempio nella Gerusalemme attuale dà un'idea della sacralità del luogo agli occhi del popolo ebreo. Ciò doveva essere ancora più sensibile quando il tempio era ancora intatto e vi si recavano, per le grandi feste, gli Ebrei della Palestina e del mondo intero. L'uso delle offerte al tempio dava la garanzia che la gente acquistasse solo quanto era permesso dalla legge. L'incidente riferito nel Vangelo di oggi dà l'impressione che all'interno del tempio stesso si potevano acquistare le offerte e anche altre cose. Come il salmista, Cristo è divorato dallo "zelo per la casa di Dio" Quando gli Ebrei chiedono a Gesù in nome di quale autorità abbia agito, egli fa allusione alla risurrezione. All'epoca ciò dovette sembrare quasi blasfemo. Si trova in seguito questo commento: "Molti credettero nel suo nome. Gesù però non si confidava con loro, perché conosceva tutti". Noi dobbiamo sempre provare il bisogno di fare penitenza, di conoscerci come Dio ci conosce. Il messaggio che la Chiesa ha predicato fin dall'inizio è quello di Gesù Cristo crocifisso e risorto. Tutte le funzioni della Quaresima tendono alla celebrazione del mistero pasquale. Che visione straordinaria dell'umanità vi si trova! Dio ha mandato suo Figlio perché il mondo fosse riconciliato con lui, per farci rinascere ad una nuova vita in lui. Eppure, a volte, noi accogliamo tutto ciò con eccessiva disinvoltura. Proprio come per i mercati del tempio, a volte la religione ha per noi un valore che ha poco a vedere con la gloria di Dio o la santità alla quale siamo chiamati.*

**Dal libro dell'Èsodo (20,1-17)**

In quei giorni, Dio pronunciò tutte queste parole: «Io sono il Signore, tuo Dio, che ti ho fatto uscire dalla terra d'Egitto, dalla condizione servile:  
Non avrai altri dèi di fronte a me.  
Non ti farai idolo né immagine alcuna di quanto è lassù nel cielo, né di quanto è quaggiù sulla terra, né di quanto è nelle acque sotto la terra. Non ti prostrerai davanti a loro e non li servirai. Perché io, il Signore, tuo Dio, sono un Dio geloso, che punisce la colpa dei padri nei figli fino alla terza e alla quarta generazione, per coloro che mi odiano, ma che dimostra la sua bontà fino a mille generazioni, per quelli che mi amano e osservano i miei comandamenti.  
Non pronuncerai invano il nome del Signore, tuo Dio, perché il Signore non lascia impunito chi pronuncia il suo nome invano.  
Ricordati del giorno del sabato per santificarlo. Sei giorni lavorerai e farai ogni tuo lavoro; ma il settimo giorno è il sabato in onore del Signore, tuo Dio: non farai alcun lavoro, né tu né tuo figlio né tua figlia, né il tuo schiavo né la tua schiava, né il tuo bestiame, né il forestiero che dimora presso di te. Perché in sei giorni il Signore ha fatto il cielo e la terra e il mare e quanto è in essi, ma si è riposato il settimo giorno. Perciò il Signore ha benedetto il giorno del sabato e lo ha consacrato.  
Onora tuo padre e tua madre, perché si prolunghino i tuoi giorni nel paese che il Signore, tuo Dio, ti dà.  
Non ucciderai.  
Non commetterai adulterio.  
Non ruberai.  
Non pronuncerai falsa testimonianza contro il tuo prossimo.  
Non desidererai la casa del tuo prossimo. Non desidererai la moglie del tuo prossimo, né il suo schiavo né la sua schiava, né il suo buco né il suo asino, né alcuna cosa che appartenga al tuo prossimo».

Parola di Dio.  
**Rendiamo grazie al Signore.**

**Salmo Responsoriale (Sal 18)**  
**R. Signore, tu hai parole di vita eterna.**

La legge del Signore è perfetta, rinfranca l'anima; la testimonianza del Signore è stabile, rende saggio il semplice. **R.**

I precetti del Signore sono retti, fanno gioire il cuore; il comando del Signore è limpido, illumina gli occhi. **R.**

Il timore del Signore è puro, rimane per sempre; i giudizi del Signore sono fedeli, sono tutti giusti. **R.**

Più preziosi dell'oro, di molto oro fino, più dolci del miele e di un favo stillante. **R.**

**Dalla prima lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Corinzi (1,22-25)**

Fratelli, mentre i Giudei chiedono segni e i Greci cercano sapienza, noi invece annunciamo Cristo crocifisso: scandalo per i Giudei e stoltezza per i pagani; ma per coloro che sono chiamati, sia Giudei che Greci, Cristo è potenza di Dio e sapienza di Dio. Infatti ciò che è stoltezza di Dio è più sapiente degli uomini, e ciò che è debolezza di Dio è più forte degli uomini.

Parola di Dio.  
**Rendiamo grazie al Signore.**

**Canto al Vangelo (Gv 3,16)**

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù! Dio ha tanto amato il mondo da dare il Figlio unigenito; chiunque crede in lui ha la vita eterna. Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù!

**† Dal Vangelo secondo Giovanni (2,13-25)**

Si avvicinava la Pasqua dei Giudei e Gesù salì a Gerusalemme. Trovò nel tempio gente che vendeva buoi, pecore e colombe e, là seduti, i cambiamonete. Allora fece una frusta di cordicelle e scacciò tutti fuori del tempio, con le pecore e i buoi; gettò a terra il denaro dei cambiamonete e ne rovesciò i banchi, e ai venditori di colombe disse: «Portate via di qui queste cose e non fate della casa del Padre mio un mercato!». I suoi discepoli si ricordarono che sta scritto: «Lo zelo per la tua casa mi divorerà». Allora i Giudei presero la parola e gli dissero: «Quale segno ci mostri per fare queste cose?». Rispose loro Gesù: «Distrugete questo tempio e in tre giorni lo farò risorgere». Gli dissero allora i Giudei: «Questo tempio è stato costruito in quarantasei anni e tu in tre giorni lo farai risorgere?». Ma egli parlava del tempio del suo corpo. Quando poi fu risuscitato dai morti, i suoi discepoli si ricordarono che aveva detto questo, e credettero alla Scrittura e alla parola detta da Gesù. Mentre era a Gerusalemme per la Pasqua, durante la festa, molti, vedendo i segni che egli compiva, credettero nel suo nome. Ma lui, Gesù, non si fidava di loro, perché conosceva tutti e non aveva bisogno che alcuno desse testimonianza sull'uomo. Egli infatti conosceva quello che c'è nell'uomo.

Parola del Signore.  
**Lode a te, Signore Gesù Cristo**

## Writings by the Fathers of the Church

### Hold fast to God, the one true good

*From the treatise on Flight from the World by Saint Ambrose, bishop*

Where a man's heart is, there is his treasure also. God is not accustomed to refusing a good gift to those who ask for one. Since he is good, and especially to those who are faithful to him, let us hold fast to him with all our soul, our heart, our strength, and so enjoy his light and see his glory and possess the grace of supernatural joy. Let us reach out with our hearts to possess that good, let us exist in it and live in it, let us hold fast to it, that good which is beyond all we can know or see and is marked by perpetual peace and tranquillity, a peace which is beyond all we can know or understand.

This is the good that permeates creation. In it we all live, on it we all depend. It has nothing above it; it is divine. No one is good but God alone. What is good is therefore divine, what is divine is therefore good. Scripture says: *When you open your hand all things will be filled with goodness.* It is through God's goodness that all that is truly good is given us, and in it there is no admixture of evil.

These good things are promised by Scripture to those who are faithful: *The good things of the land will be your food.*

We have died with Christ. We carry about in our bodies the sign of his death, so that the living Christ may also be revealed in us. The life we live is not now our ordinary life but the life of Christ: a life of

sinlessness, of chastity, of simplicity and every other virtue. We have risen with Christ. Let us live in Christ, let us ascend in Christ, so that the serpent may not have the power here below to wound us in the heel.

Let us take refuge from this world. You can do this in spirit, even if you are kept here in the body. You can at the same time be here and present to the Lord. Your soul must hold fast to him, you must follow after him in your thoughts, you must tread his ways by faith, not in outward show. You must take refuge in him. He is your refuge and your strength. David addresses him in these words: *I fled to you for refuge, and I was not disappointed.*

Since God is our refuge, God who is in heaven and above the heavens, we must take refuge from this world in that place where there is peace, where there is rest from toil, where we can celebrate the great sabbath, as Moses said: *The sabbaths of the land will provide you with food.* To rest in the Lord and to see his joy is like a banquet, and full of gladness and tranquillity.

Let us take refuge like deer beside the fountain of waters. Let our soul thirst, as David thirsted, for the fountain. What is that fountain? Listen to David: *With you is the fountain of life.* Let my soul say to this fountain: *When shall I come and see you face to face?* For the fountain is God himself.

## Keeping Our St Joan of Arc Community Safe



St Joan of Arc Parish is wholly committed to ensuring the safety of all children and adults at risk. The Parish has implemented the 10 **National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (NCSS)** and has in place a **Continuous Improvement Plan**, to ensure safeguarding remains a priority.

You can find information on the safeguarding notice board in the foyer, via the kiosk (next to the Piety Stall) and on the parish website.

For more information please contact  
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## REFLECTION

John 2:13-25

**“Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father’s house into a market.”**

Everywhere we go, we are bombarded with messages to buy. Advertising hoardings loom over our streets, at bus stops and train stations. Adverts pop up on our computer screens, as we scroll through our phones or as we stare at the television. Hawkers loiter outside major tourist attractions like the Eiffel Tower. Museums and art galleries have their shops.

We have been conditioned to consume. An experience often only seems valuable if we have a souvenir to help us to remember it. Our worth is too often measured in the possessions that we have accumulated, regardless of the consequences to our earth, or to those who are exploited in the manufacturing, sale or purchase of these goods.

Those who have the power continue to prop up a system that benefits a few. There is no escape for most of us, who are trapped in this cycle as we try to navigate our way through life as best we can.

This is not a new phenomenon as we can see in today’s Gospel.

Even the Temple has been turned into a place of commerce. Animals are being sold for sacrifice. Money changers are welcoming pilgrims from all over the place and changing their money so that they can buy what they need to worship.

And yet, Jesus drives all of these people out of the Temple. Why? Does he feel that people should not be able to get what they need to offer the appropriate sacrifice? Surely not.

Here in the Temple, we have a captive audience. People who need certain items, and people who can provide them. The situation is ripe for exploitation. There is nothing to stop the moneychangers and the pigeon-sellers from charging whatever they want, no matter what the people can afford. For pilgrims and other worshippers to give glory to God, they must take part in this system that is designed to take advantage of them. Instead of helping people to draw closer to God, the merchants’ motive was personal profit and gain.

Not only this, but the area where the traders had set up was the place set aside for Gentiles (non-Jews) to pray. How could they concentrate on their prayer and worship while surrounded by the hubbub of this marketplace?

This is what Jesus is taking a stand against. He could not allow the exploitation of those who were trying to draw closer to God. He could not accept the hollow gestures, the lip service to religion being offered by those benefiting from this exploitation. He could not have earthly priorities preventing all people from coming to know God.

Instead, he turns the tables, prophesies the destruction of the sanctuary and proclaims that he will raise it all up again

in three days.

So what does this mean for us today?

We know that when Jesus spoke of raising up the sanctuary after three days, he was talking of himself. Through the resurrection he has made all things new.

And yet, our world is still filled with exploitation. We still see people who put profit before other people and before their relationship with God. We might not be able to fully break down the systems that enable this, but perhaps we can each try to turn the tables in our own small way.

By living a life where we do not seek our own glory, but the glory of God; by standing up and speaking out when we see greed and unjust practices; by not seeking our own benefit or recognition, but by working together with others for the good of all; by stepping away from the endless need to consume; by stopping, being present and appreciating what we already have; by enabling others to draw closer to God, rather than putting barriers in their way.

As Saint Paul says, the crucified Christ is the wisdom of God. A wisdom which is beyond our imagining. It follows then, that all that we are encouraged to hold dear by the world around us – money, wealth, status – becomes unimportant. True wealth is found in our relationships with others, with Creation, and with God, rather than in chasing the next new purchase.

So let us not pay lip service in our worship of God or make hollow gestures. Let us try not to seek our own gain, but to support others in their journey towards God. And let us follow Christ in our lives, seeking always to turn the tables of exploitation and injustice so that all may glorify God by their lives and actions.

*The Living Word*

### Saints Days/Coming Events

**March 7 - Thursday Sts Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs**

**March 10 - Sunday Family Mass - 9am (followed by morning tea)**

**March 9 & 10 Following all Masses - fundraiser for John Berne Scholarship**

**March 13 - Wednesday Preparation for first Reconciliation commences - 7pm**

#### -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.



Weddings in St Joan of Arc Church

This Weekend

**Teresa D Nguyen and Henry Vu**



#### 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.

# NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH SCHOOL



St Joan of Arc  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL HABERFIELD



REGISTER NOW TO ATTEND



JOIN OUR  
**OPEN DAY**

Wednesday 6 March  
4.00–6.00pm  
Saturday 9 March  
10.00am–12.00pm  
P.9798 9780

Sydney Catholic Schools Week

The beginning of the 2024 year has arrived and there is so much excitement around the school. With a new playground, 4 new classrooms and a new library we are looking forward to a fresh new year!

Father Thomas has been to visit the students from K-6 and they are all very keen to learn more about him. In the next few bulletins we will get Father Thomas to attempt to answer some of the questions from the students.

Our Open Days are fast approaching. If you know of anyone wishing to enrol their child for 2025 or 2026, please let them know the dates.

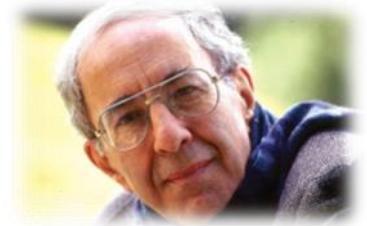


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## God's Kingdom is Within

The words of Jesus "Set your hearts on God's kingdom first . . . and all other things will be given you as well" summarize best the way we are called to live our lives. With our hearts set on God's kingdom. That kingdom is not some faraway land that we hope to reach, nor is it life after death or an ideal state of affairs. No. God's Kingdom is, first of all, the active presence of God's Spirit within us, offering us the freedom we truly desire.



And so the main question becomes: how do we set our hearts on the Kingdom first when our hearts are preoccupied with so many things? Somehow a radical change of heart is required, a change that allows us to experience the reality of our existence from God's place.

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Third Sunday of Lent  
2 & 3 March



Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for **Leaia** and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

**Please donate to Project Compassion.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *for all future generations.*

You can donate through Project Compassion donation envelopes available from the church, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.



### Recently Deceased:

Grace Walsh, Jack Coleman, Sheila McKeough, Fr Michael Kelly, Fr Kevin Bates SM, Giuseppe Ierardo, Franco Galasso, Pia Rozzi, Pietro Leto, Lorenzo Di Donato.

**Please note:** Names of **Recently Deceased** will remain for **1 month** period before being removed.

### Anniversary:

Elisabetta Areana, Giuseppe Ciliberto, Martin Carey, Concetta Cardillo, Giuseppe & Raffaella Aversa.

### Rest in Peace:

Francesco Giannini, Luigi Criniti, Concetta Lo Surdo, Giustino Tauriello, Antonio Nesci, Beniamino Di Pasquantonio, Antonino Di Girolamo, Nunzia Grazia Scuderi, Saverio Mafodda, Anna Vella, Tamaso Tonga, Flavia Ciliberto, Lucia Terranova, Paolo Quattropani, Asela Savieti, Rosario Belfiore, Gilda Belfiore, Francesco Nicola, Petronilla Rinaldi.

**Please note:** Names of **Anniversary and Rest in Peace** will remain for **2 weeks** period before being removed.

**In your love and concern please pray for the following ill members of our community:** Sam Taufao, Enrico Cuomo, Neville Hill, John Kcoury, Mary Finios, Rose Uthappa, 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

## *Names for Recently Deceased, Anniversaries, Rest in Peace and Sick*

Fr Thomas has requested change in the listing of names for recently deceased, anniversaries, rest in peace and those sick.

Names on the **Recently Deceased** will remain in the bulletin for a **period of 1 month**.

Names on the **Anniversaries** will remain for a **period of 2 weeks**.

Names on the **Rest in Peace** list will remain for a **period of 2 weeks**. From next week's bulletin names that have been there for a long period of time will be removed. If you would like to have the name remain, please contact Antonella - 9798 6657 or [admin@stjoanofarc.org.au](mailto:admin@stjoanofarc.org.au)

**Names for those who are sick.** How long the names of the sick will remain in the bulletin depends on the advice we receive from the family.

Please contact Maria Condello via email or phone - [Pastoral.Associate@stjoanofarc.org.au](mailto:Pastoral.Associate@stjoanofarc.org.au)

Thanks Maria

## Sacraments 2024

### Enrolments for all Sacraments now open!

The google form for each Sacrament can be located on the parish website -

<https://www.stjoanofarc.org.au/>

under the tab "Sacraments 2024". All forms have a closing date for enrolment. The week after the closing date I will be in touch with details about your ceremony preference.

Please take note of the minimum year grade your child must have for eligibility for the relevant Sacrament and be baptised.

**Reconciliation:** Year 2 or above

**Confirmation:** Year 6 or above

**Holy Communion:** Year 3 or above

The relevant dates for the Sacraments are below and more details will be provided to parents/guardians with their resource packages.

### Reconciliation

Enrolments are now closed for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please contact Maria Condello on the email below if you have any questions.

### Confirmation

- Commitment Mass - **Sunday 5th May** (9am)
- Session gatherings **Wednesdays 15th May** - 7pm; **29th May** (7pm); **12th June** (7pm); **21st June** (7pm)
- Retreat day (for the children) - **Friday 21st June**.
- Celebration - **Sunday 23rd June** (11am & 2:30pm)

### Holy Communion

- Commitment Mass - **Sunday 13th October** (9am)
- Session gatherings - **Wednesdays 16th October** (7pm); **23rd October** (7pm); **6th November** (7pm)
- Retreat Day (for the children) - **Friday 15th November**
- Celebration - **Sunday 17th & 24th November** (11am)

If you have any further questions please contact Maria Condello -

[Pastoral.Associate@stjoanofarc.org.au](mailto:Pastoral.Associate@stjoanofarc.org.au)

## Right to Life Campaign

Oppose telehealth use for assisted suicide and euthanasia.

Please contact the Prime Minister: Hon A Albanese MP and Federal Attorney General: Hon M Dreyfus KC MP .  
Key Message: DO NOT ALTER the current law which prevents doctors using telehealth for assisted suicide and euthanasia.

Refer to flyer in foyer for more information.

## Reflection on John 2:13-25

### Scriptural context

This episode of outrage in the Temple is recorded in all four of the Gospels. Interestingly, the three synoptic gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke place the event in the final days leading to Passion events while the Gospel of John places the event in the very early days of Jesus' public ministry. While the three synoptics are likely to be more chronologically correct, the Gospel of John uses the event very deliberately to make the point that Jesus is the new Temple – the new focus of God's presence in the world; the Word made flesh.

### Historical Context

In Jewish tradition, the Temple marked the point of physical connection between God and humankind and between the past and the present. It was where God's story and humanity's story met. However, in the year 70 C.E. – some 40 years after Jesus – the Temple was destroyed by the Romans. The gospel of John is written another 20+ years later and so the reality of the Temple's destruction is still trying to be absorbed by the people. It was a very powerful image for the gospel writer to suggest that Jesus was the new Temple – the new point of connection.

### Different View - Just Like Jesus

This gospel passage must be one of the most commonly misused passages in the Bible. So often it is used as justification for someone losing their temper, or worse, an outrageous temper tantrum, or 'dummy spit'. People will declare in their defence, 'Well, Jesus lost his temper and got angry in the Temple!' They fail to appreciate the difference between their own hot-headedness and the outrage against injustice that was being expressed by Jesus. They also seem to miss the significance of the fact that this was a 'one off' for Jesus!

### Sydney Catholic Singles meetup group

ALL AGES  
WELCOME!



Please scan QR code to join the group or search 'Sydney Catholic Singles' on Meetup.com

### Welcome & Events Committee

The Committee will host its first fundraiser for our scholarship student at John Berne School on the weekend of **9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> March** following all Masses.

We are looking for some bakers or preserves & jam makers who might like to contribute.

If anyone can help, please contact

**Rhonda on 0411 122 641 or 9798 8273.**

We are happy to hear from any Parishioners.

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Will commence Friday 8th  
March after 9:15am Mass.

All welcome



### Stations of the Cross

Fridays of March 6:30pm in the  
Church.

All welcome to this special  
Lenten devotion.



### Easter Liturgies times and Rosters

**Holy Thursday** - 28 March

7:30pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday** - 29 March

10am - Stations of the Cross

3pm - Passion of the Lord

**Easter Vigil** - 30 March

7:30pm - Mass

**Easter Sunday** - 31 March

9am - Mass *(please note there will be no Mass Sunday evening)*

Roster sign up sheet for the various liturgies is in the Sacristy. Please write your name against a ministry *(if you are a reader or Minister of Communion only write your name once across the Triduum to allow others the option of putting their name down)*