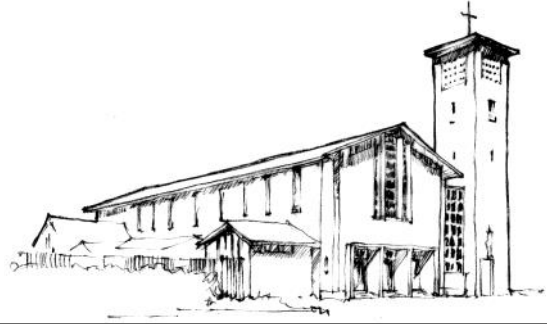


Welcome to

# St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



EASTER SUNDAY

YEAR B

31 March 2024

## Parish Office:

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## Office hours:

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### 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**

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### SJOA Primary:

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**Principal:** Antoinette McGahan

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## *From the Pastor*

. Empty tomb was a scandal. The women who looked for the body of Jesus to anoint it were devastated to see the empty tomb. They thought that Jesus who was unjustly killed is also denied of a decent burial rites. Though Jesus taught them of his resurrection they did not think of to be literal. Therefore, the resurrection of Jesus was a surprise for all who heard the news. But the disciples experienced a very powerful presence of the resurrected Christ. The Gospels do not tell us the details of their experience. But it was powerful enough that they risked their life to preach the resurrected Christ is public. Their experience of resurrected Christ was so intense that they kept on gathering to 'Break Bread'. The blessed bread and wine created an intimate bonding with Christ, Holy Communion. Thereafter the disciples of Christ gathered to have a holy union with Christ so that their lives will not finish with their death. Our sins are forgiven through Christ, and we are made a holy people. It is a mystery to be experienced like two people fallen in love. Love cannot be explained but has to be experienced. Similarly, Easter experience is also a mystery to be experienced, not explained.

The newly blessed Easter Water is made available in small containers for you to take away to bless your homes. It is best done with the whole household praying together. The sprinkling of the holy water could be done by an adult member of the family.

Should you like me to come to pray with your family and bless your house, I will be available from 3<sup>rd</sup> week of April onwards. (I will be on a clergy conference on the second week). Please contact the office by email or telephone to make an appointment.

My first Holy Week here has been an extraordinary experience of comradery of parishioners who plays various roles. The varied decoration of the Church on different days of the Holy Week, the liturgical planning, singing and music, Ministry at the Altar, and so on are great examples of how much you love the parish as a faith family. I am proud to be here and be at your service.

I would like to be in touch with all my parishioners. There was a time when the priests made systematic visit of all families in the parish. Though that is not practical these days, we are blessed with digital communication provisions. Therefore, appeal you to send an email with your name and email address to [admin@stjoanofarc.org.au](mailto:admin@stjoanofarc.org.au). Once I have a list of it I shall work on being in touch with constantly and share with you parish news and announcements like funeral of parishioners. Should you be interested I can also share some spiritual/Biblical reflection.

## 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 Acts  
(10: 34, 37-43)**

'We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection' Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through His name.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23**

***R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.***

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'

***R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.***

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.

***R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.***

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

***R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.***

**A reading from the letter to the Colossians  
(3:1-4)**

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is. Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation** (Corinthians 5:7-8)

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

**A Reading from the holy Gospel according to  
John 20:1-9**

He must rise from the dead. It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put Him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over His head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that He must rise from the dead.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



*Che cos'è che fa correre l'apostolo Giovanni al sepolcro? Egli ha vissuto per intero il dramma della Pasqua, essendo molto vicino al suo maestro. Ci sembra perciò inammissibile un'affermazione del genere: "Non avevano infatti ancora compreso la Scrittura". Eppure era proprio così: non meravigliamoci allora di constatare l'ignoranza attuale, per molti versi simile. Il mondo di Dio, i progetti di Dio sono così diversi che ancor oggi succede che anche chi è più vicino a Dio non capisca e si stupisca degli avvenimenti. "Vide e credette". Bastava un sepolcro vuoto perché tutto si risolvesse? Credo che non fu così facile. Anche nel momento delle sofferenze più dure, Giovanni rimane vicino al suo maestro. La ragione non comprende, ma l'amore aiuta il cuore ad aprirsi e a vedere. È l'intuizione dell'amore che permette a Giovanni di vedere e di credere prima di tutti gli altri. La gioia di Pasqua matura solo sul terreno di un amore fedele. Un'amicizia che niente e nessuno potrebbe spezzare. È possibile? Io credo che la vita ci abbia insegnato che soltanto Dio può procurarci ciò. È la testimonianza che ci danno tutti i gulag dell'Europa dell'Est e che riecheggia nella gioia pasquale alla fine del nostro millennio.*

**Prima lettura**

**At 10, 34a.37-43**

**Noi abbiamo mangiato e bevuto con lui dopo la sua risurrezione dai morti.**

Dagli Atti degli Apostoli

In quei giorni, Pietro prese la parola e disse: «Voi sapete ciò che è accaduto in tutta la Giudea, cominciando dalla Galilea, dopo il battesimo predicato da Giovanni; cioè come Dio consacrò in Spirito Santo e potenza Gesù di Nàzaret, il quale passò beneficiando e risanando tutti coloro che stavano sotto il potere del diavolo, perché Dio era con lui. E noi siamo testimoni di tutte le cose da lui compiute nella regione dei Giudei e in Gerusalemme. Essi lo uccisero appendendolo a una croce, ma Dio lo ha risuscitato al terzo giorno e volle che si manifestasse, non a tutto il popolo, ma a testimoni prescelti da Dio, a noi che abbiamo mangiato e bevuto con lui dopo la sua risurrezione dai morti.

E ci ha ordinato di annunciare al popolo e di testimoniare che egli è il giudice dei vivi e dei morti, costituito da Dio. A lui tutti i profeti danno questa testimonianza: chiunque crede in lui riceve il perdono dei peccati per mezzo del suo nome».

Parola di Dio.

**Rendiamo grazie al Signore.**

**Salmo Responsoriale (Sal 117)**

**Questo è il giorno che ha fatto il Signore: rallegriamoci ed esultiamo.**

Rendete grazie al Signore perché è buono, perché il suo amore è per sempre.

Dica Israele: «Il suo amore è per sempre». **R**

La destra del Signore si è innalzata, la destra del Signore ha fatto prodezze. Non morirò, ma resterò in vita e annuncerò le opere del Signore. **R**

La pietra scartata dai costruttori è divenuta la pietra d'angolo. Questo è stato fatto dal Signore: una meraviglia ai nostri occhi. **R**

**Dalla lettera Col (3: 1-4)**

**Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Colossési**

Fratelli, se siete risorti con Cristo, cercate le cose di lassù, dove è Cristo, seduto alla destra di Dio; rivolgete il pensiero alle cose di lassù, non a quelle della terra. Voi infatti siete morti e la vostra vita è nascosta con Cristo in Dio! Quando Cristo, vostra vita, sarà manifestato, allora anche voi apparirete con lui nella gloria.

**Parola di Dio**

**Rendiamo grazie al Signore.**

**Canto al Vangelo (1Cor 5,7-8)**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Cristo, nostra Pasqua, è stato immolato: facciamo festa nel Signore.

Alleluia.

**† Dal Vangelo secondo Giovanni (Gv 20,,1-9)**

Il primo giorno della settimana, Maria di Màgdala si recò al sepolcro di mattino, quando era ancora buio, e vide che la pietra era stata tolta dal sepolcro.

Corse allora e andò da Simon Pietro e dall'altro discepolo, quello che Gesù amava, e disse loro: «Hanno portato via il Signore dal sepolcro e non sappiamo dove l'hanno posto!».

Pietro allora uscì insieme all'altro discepolo e si recarono al sepolcro. Correvano insieme tutti e due, ma l'altro discepolo corse più veloce di Pietro e giunse per primo al sepolcro. Si chinò, vide i teli posati là, ma non entrò.

Giunse intanto anche Simon Pietro, che lo seguiva, ed entrò nel sepolcro e osservò i teli posati là, e il sudario – che era stato sul suo capo – non posato là con i teli, ma avvolto in un luogo a parte.

Allora entrò anche l'altro discepolo, che era giunto per primo al sepolcro, e vide e credette. Infatti non avevano ancora compreso la Scrittura, che cioè egli doveva risorgere dai morti.

Parola del Signore.

**Lode a te, Signore Gesù Cristo**

## Writings by the Fathers of the Church

### **The Lord's descent into the underworld** *From an ancient homily for Holy Saturday*

**Something strange is happening** – there is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began. God has died in the flesh and hell trembles with fear.

He has gone to search for our first parent, as for a lost sheep. Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, he has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve, he who is both God and the son of Eve. The Lord approached them bearing the cross, the weapon that had won him the victory. At the sight of him Adam, the first man he had created, struck his breast in terror and cried out to everyone: "My Lord be with you all." Christ answered him: "And with your spirit." He took him by the hand and raised him up, saying: "Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

I am your God, who for your sake have become your son. Out of love for you and for your descendants I now by my own authority command all who are held in bondage to come forth, all who are in darkness to be enlightened, all who are sleeping to arise. I order you, O sleeper, to awake. I did not create you to be held a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead. Rise up, work of my hands, you who were created in my image. Rise, let us leave this place, for you are in me and I am in you; together we form only one person and we cannot be separated. For your sake I, your God, became your son; I, the Lord, took the form of a slave; I, whose home is above the heavens, descended to the earth

and beneath the earth. For your sake, for the sake of man, I became like a man without help, free among the dead. For the sake of you, who left a garden, I was betrayed to the Jews in a garden, and I was crucified in a garden.

See on my face the spittle I received in order to restore to you the life I once breathed into you. See there the marks of the blows I received in order to refashion your warped nature in my image. On my back see the marks of the scourging I endured to remove the burden of sin that weighs upon your back. See my hands, nailed firmly to a tree, for you who once wickedly stretched out your hand to a tree.

I slept on the cross and a sword pierced my side for you who slept in paradise and brought forth Eve from your side. My side has healed the pain in yours. My sleep will rouse you from your sleep in hell. The sword that pierced me has sheathed the sword that was turned against you.

Rise, let us leave this place. The enemy led you out of the earthly paradise. I will not restore you to that paradise, but I will enthrone you in heaven. I forbade you the tree that was only a symbol of life, but see, I who am life itself am now one with you. I appointed cherubim to guard you as slaves are guarded, but now I make them worship you as God. The throne formed by cherubim awaits you, its bearers swift and eager. The bridal chamber is adorned, the banquet is ready, the eternal dwelling places are prepared, the treasure houses of all good things lie open. The kingdom of heaven has been prepared for you from all eternity.

## Reflection on John 20:1-9

### **Historical Context – Mary Magdalene**

Mary Magdalene, or Mary of Magdala, plays an important role in the gospel accounts of the resurrection. She was obviously a significant follower of Jesus, being named as a witness to the crucifixion, discovering the empty tomb and the first to encounter the risen Christ. One would think that she would hold a prestigious place in the Church, but for many years she was confused with another character identified in the gospels and was portrayed as a prostitute and sinner. Mary is named in each of the four gospels and not once is it indicated that she was a sinner or prostitute. She has been a victim of mistaken identity for 2000 years.

### **Gospel Focus – The disciple Jesus loved**

In this week's gospel we see reference to a disciple as 'the one Jesus loved'. It is generally agreed that this disciple is John. There is some suggestion that the disciple, John, is in fact the John ascribed as the author of this gospel. If this is so, to describe himself as the disciple Jesus loved is merely a means of avoiding using a personal pronoun – I or me. Just as Jesus described himself as 'the Son of God' or 'the Son of Man' rather than say 'I', John uses the same convention to avoid naming himself. It is not to suggest that Jesus didn't love his other disciples.

### **Different View – An empty tomb?**

There are some writers who have questioned the historical accuracy of the empty tomb account of the resurrection. Some theologians and biblical scholars (e.g. members of the 'Jesus Seminar') argue that historically, it is far more likely that the victim of Roman crucifixion would be left to rot on the cross or buried in a shallow criminal's grave – not laid to rest in an expensive private tomb. However, they do not argue against resurrection. They maintain that Jesus' body was not 'resuscitated' or 'reanimated'. What happened to his corpse, they argue, is irrelevant to Christ's resurrection.



## REFLECTION Easter Readings:

War, disease, famine, and economic uncertainty are part of our daily news. The global scenario is depressing, and we feel for the numerous civilian victims. What can we do and how can we respond as we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord?

Our primary response must be one of hope even in the midst of these global catastrophes. Our hope is based on the fundamental Christian belief that Jesus Christ rose from the dead and without this belief our faith is futile, and we are a people living with a delusion.

Despite the work of the 'masters of suspicion': Karl Marx, Sigmund Freud and Friedrich Nietzsche who proposed respectively that religion was "the opium of the people," "an illusion," and that "God is dead," these critiques need to be addressed in our lives and our response is based on the scriptures and our lived experience.

John's gospel tells us the story of Mary of Magdala who came to the tomb early in the morning and saw the stone removed. She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciples to tell them the news. Simon Peter and the 'beloved disciple' ran to the tomb and the younger man waited until Simon Peter arrived and entered the tomb.

He saw the linen cloths on the ground and the cloth that had been over his head. Peter sees the fact that there is no body and observes the details, but the 'beloved disciple' then entered the tomb and we hear that "he saw, and he believed." Peter is the leader of the followers of Jesus, but the unnamed 'beloved disciple' is the model disciple and believer.

While Mary of Magdala is the bearer of the news, it is Peter who proclaims the good news to the household of the Gentile Cornelius and his household. The message of Jesus is not just good news for the Jews but good news for all people.

The good news has influenced the lives of many people who are sustained by their belief especially when they experience difficulties in their lives. They also bear witness by their lives to the difference that faith makes to our lives. Their example is a powerful witness to their children and grandchildren who need to address the issues raised by the 'masters of suspicion'.

In a climate of increasing relativism in our Catholic schools where there is limited sense of Catholic identity and mission, it is important that we profess our faith through the example of our lives and a continuing commitment to making a difference in our world. Our prayers for a broken world may not bring immediate change to those who are suffering but our commitment to solidarity with them is part of our Christian witness.

May we be inspired by the example of the 'beloved disciple' and bear witness to our belief and hope in the presence of God in our midst.

Michael A Kelly CSSR

### Welcome Pack

Are you new to the parish, or have you been a part of St Joan of Arc for a long time?

It is important for the parish to have up-to-date information on its parishioners.

If you haven't already completed a census form and do not have a copy of one you may do so by i) taking a Welcome Pack, ii) going to the parish website or iii) contacting the office on [admin@stjoanofarc.org.au](mailto:admin@stjoanofarc.org.au)



#### 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.

*Behold, I make all things new.*  
(Rev. 21:5)

A EUCHARISTIC RETREAT DAY  
for those involved in Liturgical Ministries

**11 May 2024, 10AM - 4PM**  
St Martha's, Leichhardt




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**Day of the Unborn Child**

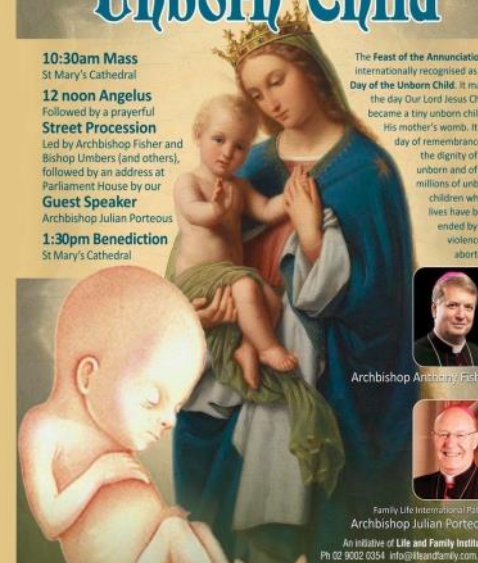

I will not forget you. I have carved you on the palm of my hands. (Isaiah 49)

**10:30am Mass**  
St Mary's Cathedral


**12 noon Angelus**  
Followed by a prayerful **Street Procession**  
Led by Archbishop Fisher and Bishop Umbers (and others), followed by an address at Parliament House by our **Guest Speaker** Archbishop Julian Porteous

**1:30pm Benediction**  
St Mary's Cathedral

The Feast of the Annunciation is internationally recognised as the **Day of the Unborn Child**. It marks the day Our Lord Jesus Christ became a tiny unborn child in His mother's womb. It is a day of remembrance of the dignity of the unborn and of the millions of unborn children whose lives have been ended by the violence of abortion.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher



Family Life International Patron  
Archbishop Julian Porteous  
An initiative of Life and Family Institute  
Ph 02 9002 0054 info@lifefamily.org.au

**Sydney, Sunday 14 April 2024**

**Caritas Australia Bag**

Please support the work of Caritas Australia this Lent and BUY A BAG.  
End Poverty. Promote Justice. Uphold Dignity. Together we can make a difference for all future generations. \$15 at the Piety Store before and after Mass. Thank you to all those who have purchased a bag. We still have 180 bags to sell. Please support our Parish Fundraising drive for Project Compassion.



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**WHERE?** Benedict XVI Retreat Centre

**COST?** \$250  
\$225 earlybird


**WHEN?** 22 - 24 April

TALKS  
GAMES  
MASS, ADORATION, CONFESSION  
SOCIAL TIME  
DELUXE VENUE

**BOOK HERE!**




**Sacraments Preparation**



**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.

*If you have any further questions please contact Maria Condello -*  
[Pastoral.Associate@stjoanofarc.org.au](mailto:Pastoral.Associate@stjoanofarc.org.au)



**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, Judith Molloy, Betty Artz

**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 Aversa, Davide & Teresa Gazzola.

**Rest in Peace:**

Judith Molloy, 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, Lee & The families, Lattari & Aversa families,

**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 Tauf'a'ao, 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

**Some 225 people in Sydney sleep rough every night, and Cana**

Communities operates homeless shelters in Sydney, with St Francis Shelter the latest to open its doors in Redfern. Run entirely by volunteers,

Cana needs volunteers for Tuesday (women's only night) and Friday shifts (6pm-9:30pm or 9:30pm-7:30am) to welcome and assist guests and prepare meals. All volunteers will receive training. The impact on guests at these shelters cannot be overestimated, considering the alternatives. Be part of a caring community passionate about helping others and making a change. **Find out more about becoming a volunteer by emailing [info@cana.org.au](mailto:info@cana.org.au)**



The Grail in Australia



**Pope Francis has called for 2025 to be a Jubilee Year. "Pilgrims of Hope: On the path of peace"**

2024 will be a year of prayer and spiritual preparation. The Jubilee Year itself is a time of pilgrimage, prayer, repentance and acts of mercy. Jubilee means rest, forgiveness and renewal.

**Holy Father's Monthly Prayer Intentions**

**April**

**For the role of women**

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

**May**

**For the formation of religious and seminarians**

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.



**IGNITE Your Spirit**

IGNITE YOUR SPIRIT in Nature. Relax, Reflect on your journey, Rejuvenate your body, mind and spirit in the Serene surrounds of JAMBERROO ABBEY

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## RITE OF BLESSING OF THE FAMILY HOME WITH THE EASTER WATER

### *Reflection*

*The blessing of a house is primarily a time of prayer for the people who live in it and make it a home. It is an invitation for them to praise God for his many blessings to their family, and a moment for calling down his loving kindness upon them.*

(All family members standing in a central room in the house begin by making the sign of the cross.)

Leader: God's peace be in this home.

All: And in all who live here.

Leader: Let us pray.

Hear us Lord, we pray, in your goodness send your angel from heaven to watch over and protect all who live in this home. May we find in this home comfort, love, encouragement, peace and prayer, we make our prayer in the name of the Risen Lord.

All: Amen

Leader: Let us pray to God for his blessing. (All pause for a moment of silent prayer).

Father in heaven, look upon this family and home in your love, and give us the blessing of your peace.

Let your Spirit of joy fill our hearts, so that we may be holy and happy.

May our concern for others reflect your love, and bring us happiness throughout this year.

All: We ask through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Bless our home Father and all who live here in peace.

(Accompanied by the whole family the Leader may go to each room of the house and sprinkle it, using a twig or similar object, with the blessed water.)

All: Concluding in the central room with the Our Father prayed together and the sign of the cross.

## BENEDIZIONE DELLA CASA

Pace a questa casa, e a tutti quelli che vi abitano.

E udii una gran voce dal trono, che diceva: "Ecco la tenda di Dio tra gli uomini! e s'attenderá tra loro. Ed essi saranno I suoi popoli, e Dio stesso sará con loro il loro Dio". (Apoc 21.3)

**Preghiamo.** Padre, benedici questa casa + e riempila con la tua presenza. Possa la tua pace riposare sopra gli abitanti di questa casa, e su coloro che li visitano. Nel nome di tuo Figlio, in spirit d'amore, passano tutti I tuoi figli essere qui bene accolti. (Spruzza le stanze con l'acqua santa)

La tua grazia provvede ai bisogni di questa casa:

Nel cibo,

Nel riparo,

Nella forza,

Nella pace,

E nell'amore

Insegnaci a condividere, o Signore,

Insegnaci a dare.

**Preghiamo.** Tu sei venuto ad abitare tra noi, o Dio, e tu sei presente dovunque noi abitamo.

Fa che onoriamo la tua presenza; rendeci prudenti e donaci la forza necessaria al nostro vicendevole sviluppo e alla costruzione della tua cittá in questo mondo - il Corpo di Cristo - un mondo in cui si possa vivere, oggi e per sempre.

Preghiamo per coloro che non hanno una casa propria, per coloro che vivono in povere abitazioni, e per coloro che vennero in questa terra d'oltre oceano, affinché possano essere accolti con ospitalitá: e per coloro che vivono da soli.

Preghiamo pure per coloro che vivono nell'abbondanza, affinché possano mantenere le loro case e i loro cuori aperti a tutti i bisognosi.

Per Cristo nostro Signore. **TUTTI:** Amen