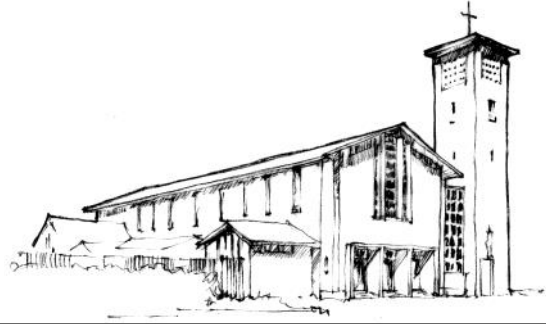


Welcome to

St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

21 April 2024

(Year B)

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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

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 4:30pm - 4.50pm

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SJOA Primary:

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From the Pastor

Sadly, Sydney experienced violent attacks twice, last week. While one was a case of mental health, the other was caused by extremism and hatred. No kind of violence has any place in our human society. Violent retaliations are also equally condemnable. Police and service agencies are to be respected and cooperated with in a civil society. In all such challenging situations

Christians ask ‘what would Jesus do?’

Evil is the absence of God’s goodness, just like darkness is the absence of light. Though darkness is a reality, it does not have its own existence. It is a term we have coined to refer to the absence of light. The same can be said about evil, it is the failure to let God. Therefore, in the face of evil, we are even more bent on being the sign and instrument of God in our world.

The God of history is always amazing. 2024 is the seventieth anniversary of a new start in our parish. Relocating from Ramsay Steet and opening the present church building of St Joan of Arc in 1954 was a new beginning in the history of the parish. Considering Pope’s declaration of 2025 as the jubilee year for the universal church, our jubilee of 70 years of the church on the hill can be made a prelude to it. I suggest that Pentecost this year to be a solemn beginning of 70-year jubilee of the new beginning. We shall celebrate it with prayer, reflection, and mission initiatives. I propose Mission 70 (M70) for the youth and young adults, a new initiative, as part of our celebration.

Having the church building as an icon of the faith community for the last 70 years contributed to fostering the parish as the Body of Christ. We are now standing on the shoulders of giants who helped the parish to be where we are now. I invite you, especially young people, to join M70 and help me identify those great men and women who were instrument of God’s goodness to our faith community in the last 70 years. At the vigil of Pentecost, 18 May (Saturday) M70 members will be commissioned during a special liturgy. I invite you to contact the parish office through email to learn more about it or to join the new initiative. I appreciate you joining me to be the “good shepherd” to the community. We are to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd.

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.”

First reading: Acts 4:8-12

The name of Jesus Christ is the only Name in which we can be saved

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the Name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this Name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God**Responsorial Psalm (118):1,8-9, 21-23,26, 28-29s**

R. *The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.*

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men; it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

R *The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone*

I will thank You for You have answered and You are my Savior. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

R *The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.*

Blessed in the name of the Lord is He who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; You are my God, I thank You. My God, I praise You. Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; for His love has no end.

R *The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.*

2nd Reading**1 John 3:1-2**

We shall be like God because we shall see Him as He really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 10:14**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know My sheep, and mine know Me.

Alleluia!**Gospel****John 10:11-18**

The Good Shepherd is the One who lays down His life for His sheep.

The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down His life for His sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. 'I am the good shepherd; I know My own and My own know me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for My sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to My voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. 'The Father loves Me, because I lay down My life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from Me; I lay it down of My own free will, and as it is in My power to lay it down, so it is in My power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by My Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus



*Gesù è il dono del Padre.
Chi è veramente Gesù?
Niente come l'antitesi tra il Buon Pastore e
il mercenario ce lo fa capire. In cosa si
differenziano radicalmente le due figure?
Non certo per il ruolo che, all'apparenza,
sembra il medesimo. Li oppone e li divide
la natura intima del rapporto con le
pecore: la non appartenenza per il
mercenario e l'appartenenza per il pastore. Se le pecore non
ti appartengono te ne vai quando arriva il lupo e le lasci alla
sua mercé. Se sei un mercenario non t'importa delle pecore
e non ti importa perché non le conosci. Non le conosci "per
esperienza", non le conosci per amore: esse non sono tue. E
da che cosa si vede se sono tue? Che dai la vita per loro.
Gesù dà la vita per noi. È lui che ce la dà, tiene a precisare,
nessuno gliela toglie. Lui, solo lui, ha il potere di offrire la
sua vita e di riprenderla di nuovo. In questo sta la sua
autorevolezza, nel potere dell'impotenza, a cui Dio nella
morte si è volontariamente esposto. Gli uomini possono
seguire Gesù solo in forza di questa sua autorevolezza. Per
essa ne conoscono la voce, subiscono il fascino della sua
Presenza, si dispongono alla sequela. Solo nel vivere questa
appartenenza il cristiano diventa a sua volta autorevole, cioè
capace di incontrare l'altro, di amarlo e di dar la sua vita
per lui. L'appartenenza fa essere eco fragile e tenace della
sua Presenza e suscita la nostalgia di poterlo incontrare*

Prima lettura

At 4, 8-12

In nessun altro c'è salvezza.

In quei giorni, Pietro, colmato di Spirito Santo, disse loro: «Capi del popolo e anziani, visto che oggi veniamo interrogati sul beneficio recato a un uomo infermo, e cioè per mezzo di chi egli sia stato salvato, sia noto a tutti voi e a tutto il popolo d'Israele: nel nome di Gesù Cristo il Nazareno, che voi avete crocifisso e che Dio ha risuscitato dai morti, costui vi sta innanzi risanato. Questo Gesù è la pietra, che è stata scartata da voi, costruttori, e che è diventata la pietra d'angolo. In nessun altro c'è salvezza; non vi è infatti, sotto il cielo, altro nome dato agli uomini, nel quale è stabilito che noi siamo salvati».

Parola di Dio.

Rendiamo grazie al Signore.

Salmo Responsoriale (Sal.117)

R La pietra scartata dai costruttori è divenuta la pietra d'angolo.

Rendete grazie al Signore perché è buono,
perché il suo amore è per sempre.
È meglio rifugiarsi nel Signore
che confidare nell'uomo.
È meglio rifugiarsi nel Signore
che confidare nei potenti. **R**

Ti rendo grazie, perché mi hai risposto,
perché sei stato la mia salvezza.
La pietra scartata dai costruttori

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

Benedetto colui che viene nel nome del Signore.
Vi benediciamo dalla casa del Signore.
Sei tu il mio Dio e ti rendo grazie,
sei il mio Dio e ti esalto.
Rendete grazie al Signore, perché è buono,
perché il suo amore è per sempre. **R**

Seconda lettera 1Gv 3 (1-2)

Vedremo Dio così come egli è.

Carissimi, vedete quale grande amore ci ha dato il Padre per essere chiamati figli di Dio, e lo siamo realmente! Per questo il mondo non ci conosce: perché non ha conosciuto lui. Carissimi, noi fin d'ora siamo figli di Dio, ma ciò che saremo non è stato ancora rivelato. Sappiamo però che quando egli si sarà manifestato, noi saremo simili a lui, perché lo vedremo così come egli è.

Parola di Dio

Rendiamo grazie al Signore.

Canto al Vangelo (Gv 10, 14)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Io sono il buon pastore, dice il Signore,
conosco le mie pecore e le mie pecore conoscono me.
Alleluia.

† Dal Vangelo secondo Giovanni (Gv 10,11-18)

In quel tempo, Gesù disse: «Io sono il buon pastore. Il buon pastore dà la propria vita per le pecore. Il mercenario – che non è pastore e al quale le pecore non appartengono – vede venire il lupo, abbandona le pecore e fugge, e il lupo le rapisce e le disperde; perché è un mercenario e non gli importa delle pecore. Io sono il buon pastore, conosco le mie pecore e le mie pecore conoscono me, così come il Padre conosce me e io conosco il Padre, e do la mia vita per le pecore. E ho altre pecore che non provengono da questo recinto: anche quelle io devo guidare. Ascolteranno la mia voce e diventeranno un solo gregge, un solo pastore. Per questo il Padre mi ama: perché io do la mia vita, per poi riprenderla di nuovo. Nessuno me la toglie: io la do da me stesso. Ho il potere di darla e il potere di riprenderla di nuovo. Questo è il comando che ho ricevuto dal Padre mio».

Parola del Signore.

Lode a te, Signore Gesù Cristo

Writings by the Fathers of the Church

Christ the Good Shepherd

From a homily on the Gospel by Saint Gregory the Great, pope

I am the good shepherd. I know My own – by which I mean, I love them – *and My own know Me*. In plain words: those who love me are willing to follow me, for anyone who does not love the truth has not yet come to know it.

My dear brethren, you have heard the test we pastors have to undergo. Turn now to consider how these words of our Lord imply a test for yourselves also. Ask yourselves whether you belong to His flock, whether you know Him, whether the light of His Truth shines in your minds. I assure you that it is not by faith that you will come to know Him, but by love; not by mere conviction, but by action. John the evangelist is my authority for this statement. He tells us that anyone who claims to know God without keeping His commandments is a liar. Consequently, the Lord immediately adds: As the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for My sheep. Clearly He means that laying down His life for His sheep gives evidence of His knowledge of the Father and the Father's knowledge of Him. In other words, by the love with which He dies for His sheep He shows how greatly He loves His Father. Again He says: My sheep hear My voice, and I know them; they follow Me, and I give them eternal life. Shortly before this He had

declared: If anyone enters the sheepfold through Me he shall be saved; he shall go freely in and out and shall find good pasture. He will enter into a life of faith; from faith he will go out to vision, from belief to contemplation, and will graze in the good pastures of everlasting life. So our Lord's sheep will finally reach their grazing ground where all who follow Him in simplicity of heart will feed on the green pastures of eternity. These pastures are the spiritual joys of heaven. There the elect look upon the face of God with unclouded vision and feast at the banquet of life for ever more. Beloved brothers, let us set out for these pastures where we shall keep joyful festival with so many of our fellow citizens. May the thought of their happiness urge us on! Let us stir up our hearts, rekindle our faith, and long eagerly for what heaven has in store for us. To love thus is to be already on our way. No matter what obstacles we encounter, we must not allow them to turn us aside from the joy of that heavenly feast. Anyone who is determined to reach his destination is not deterred by the roughness of the road that leads to it. Nor must we allow the charm of success to seduce us, or we shall be like a foolish traveller who is so distracted by the pleasant meadows through which he is passing that he forgets where he is going.

Reflection on John 10: 11-18

Scriptural context – Post-resurrection accounts

All four gospels include post-resurrection appearances of the risen Jesus. The gospel of Mark – historically, the first written – gives the briefest account of the resurrection discovery and it is only in a later addition to the gospel that a post-resurrection account appears. However, by the time the gospel of John was written, some 20-30 years later, the theological importance of the resurrection had gained more significance as it became more obvious that Jesus' return to the world was not going to happen within the foreseeable future. The gospel of John devotes two whole chapters to the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus.

Have you thought? Is 'Literal' wrong?

Is there really something intrinsically wrong about a literal interpretation of scripture? Not at all! It is indeed an essential tool of any scriptural interpretation. It is of course important that we first and foremost understand the text as it is written – we have to have a literal understanding of the words that are used and what they mean. The problem arises when this is as far as we go. If we stop at this stage then we are shutting ourselves off from the richness of the scriptures. If we fail to dig below the surface then we are denying ourselves the opportunity of scrutinising our lives in the light of the scripture.

Gospel Focus – Peace be with you

When Jesus appears in the midst of the disciples, His first words to them are, 'Peace be with you!' His appearance among them obviously agitated the disciples who were already hiding, in fear of their lives and devastated by the loss of their leader days earlier. Jesus' calming and reassuring words, 'Peace be with you!' recognise the reality of what state the disciples are in. The words demonstrate that Jesus is meeting the disciples 'where they are' – He recognises their distress and fear and responds with words that accept what they're feeling but reassure them of His love and care. They are words that Jesus speaks to us too!

REFLECTION

Readings 4th Sunday of Easter

This week's readings highlight how knowing Christ can change people. The first reading shows how the Resurrection and the presence of the Holy Spirit transformed Peter. Now, he heals as Jesus did and preaches as Jesus preached.

In Peter, we see living proof of what is further explained in the second reading. Through faith in Christ, we come to participate in the relationship of love and communion that the Son has with the Father: "we are God's children now."

Knowing the Father in this way as children of God gives us access to a whole new way of living, and means being transformed into becoming more and more like Him. We come to know and participate in God's way of being.

When Peter heals and preaches, he does so because Jesus lives in him, transforming Peter in His own likeness. Like Peter, we live as co-heirs, through Jesus, to the promises of God. What belongs to Jesus as the Son, namely His capacity to know the Father's heart and to do the Father's will, is also promised to us.

Becoming like God does not mean that we lose our individuality or freedom. Instead, we become more our true ourselves, each of us according to the grace and the gifts we have been given.

This is the life for which God created us: to be persons, different and diverse, each uniquely

gifted, and, through love, bound together with Jesus, gathered together into one flock with one shepherd.

Like a good shepherd, Jesus has faced and overcome the mortal danger posed to His flock by the power of sin and death, against which they have no other escape. In laying down His life for His sheep, He proves that He is the true guardian, protector and carer of His flock, the Good Shepherd.

Through His death and Resurrection, Jesus claims power for Himself and for all who love Him over whatever impediments or difficulties befall us on our journey to the fullness of life and union with God. He assures us: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep . . . I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again." Jesus' power to take His life back up again is the power that restores us to new life and relationship with God.

Jesus opens up for humanity a whole new way of living. Whatever the hatreds, conflicts and divisions that arise between people, Jesus invites us into one fold, the flock of the Good Shepherd. He calls us to lives of faith, hope and love, under His protection and in relationship with Him as the Good Shepherd.

There is no other power or god or ideology in the world that can promise this same hope for the human race that the Good Shepherd promises. Let us follow Him.

Joseph Doyle
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Mass of Anointing

Mass of the Anointing of the sick
10am Saturday, 18th May,
followed by morning tea.



Next CWF Appeal:

4 / 5 May 2024

Donations are Tax deductible



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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FESTIVAL:
Martin Place from 1:00PM

PROCESSION:
Begins at 2:30PM sharp.
Corner of Martin Place and Pitt St



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 & community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel



Welcome and Events Committee

Fashion Parade

*Lovely clothes will be modelled
and will be for sale,
many at discounted prices*

Tickets: \$10
Saturday 1st June 2024
Commencing: 1pm
SJA School Hall, Haberfield

*Tickets available after weekend Masses
or from the Piety store*

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 email
Pastoral.Associate@stjoanofarc.org.au

Recently Deceased: Santo Talarico, Domenica Di Gregorio, Judith Molloy, Betty Artz

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

Anniversary: Elisabetta Areana, Giuseppe Ciliberto,

Rest in Peace: Santo Talarico, Domenica Di Gregorio, Judith Molloy, Betty Artz

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 Taufa'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,

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

PENTECOST VIGIL

**We celebrate 70-year Jubilee of the Church
on the Hill**

at Pentecost this year.

Mass at 7 pm. Saturday, 18th May

The Vigil will be extended form of Liturgy.

Launch of MISSION70 (M70)

Dress in RED for the Mass

Red Candles will be supplied.



AN OVERNIGHT WALKING PILGRIMAGE FOR MEN IN HONOUR
OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER.

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SAVE THE DATE
26-27 APRIL 2024

STARTING AT ST ANTHONY
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FRIDAY EVENING 26 APRIL

FINISHING AT ST JOSEPH'S,
MOOREBANK ON SATURDAY
MORNING 27 APRIL

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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 Tony Mediati pssso@stjoanofarc.org.au

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

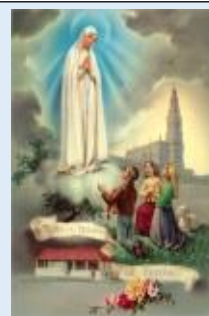
Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

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.



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*



The Sydney Archdiocese Committee, of the World Apostolate of Fatima invites you to

**St. Mary's Cathedral
Saturday May 4th
11.30am**

Honoring Our Lady of Fatima and asking for her intercession for world peace.

*For further enquiries
please contact us on - 0403578994*



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.



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