Welcome to

St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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05 May 2024

(Year B)

From the Pastor Mission 70 and Pentecost Vigil

Building the Church on the hill (Dalhousie Street) and shifting our parish worship from Ramsay St site to the new Church building was a new beginning for the parish. Though our parish history is 106 years old, seven decades of the present church is significant. This year we are set for another major renewal. The Strategic Plan 2021 was

reviewed with the help of 'Synodal Consulting' who prepared a report in December 2023. Accordingly, we recommit to the evangelisation initiatives including youth ministry. The seventieth anniversary of the church building is a good occasion to do so.

"The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few."" (Luke 10:1-2). Jesus wanted his disciples to go ahead of Him to the villages He was to preach the gospel. We too need enthusiastic disciples to prepare the people of the garden city of Haberfield to appreciate the good news of the Word of God. Mission 70 is a response to it, inspired by Luke 10:1. Our parish flourished to be what we are now, because of the faith filled stalwarts before us. I invite especially young people to volunteer to make presentations for their stories. I have already identified some of the long-term parishioners who may have stories to tell us. We should recommence Youth Mass on Sunday nights. Another way of actively participating in the mission is to consider becoming a liturgical minister. This Bulletin carries a note about it inside.

We shall launch the Mission 70 formally at Pentecost Vigil on Saturday, 18 May. Therefore, please register your interest with Alf Tornatore, our Pastoral Associate or by sending an email to the parish office.

In line with Jesus' approach to evangelisation, the volunteers will be provided a seven-point Biblical Catechesis based on chapter 9 of the Gospel of Luke.

This Sunday's Gospel (John 17:11-19), Jesus in his high priestly prayer, highlights two aspects: the orientation of the disciples is to be different to that of the world, and all Christians including the lapsed ones are to be prayed for. Let our mission and prayer be inclusive of the lapsed as well as the regular Christians.

The Parish is on a mission. Are you with it?

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."

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 The pagans have received the Holy Spirit

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The Truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to Him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm 97(98):1-4

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power

Sing a new song to the Lord for He has worked wonders. His right hand and His holy arm have brought salvation.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power

The Lord has made known His salvation; has shown His justice to the nations. He has remembered His truth and love for the house of Israel.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, ring out your joy.

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2nd Reading 1 John 4:7-10

Let us love one another, since love comes from God

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world His only Son so that we could have life through Him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when He sent His Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love Me will keep My words, and My Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel John 15:9-17

You are My friends if you do as I command you

You are my friends if you do what I command you Jesus said to His disciples: 'As the Father has loved Me, so I have loved you. Remain in My love. If you keep My commandments you will remain in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and remain in His love. I have told you this so that My own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is My commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from My Father. You did not choose Me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask Him in My name. What I command you is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus

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V I DOMENICA DI PASQUA

05 Maggio 2024

(Anno B)



Durante la lettura del Vangelo, nel corso della celebrazione liturgica, è il Signore Gesù Cristo che parla ai suoi discepoli. Oggi ci dice che siamo tutti suoi amici, che gli apparteniamo attraverso la fede e attraverso il battesimo. Egli l'ha provato rivelandoci il suo segreto e la sua missione di Figlio di Dio. Ci ha detto che Dio, nella sua onnipotenza divina, ci ama tutti. Per mezzo di suo Figlio Gesù Cristo, ci ha fatto

entrare nella comunione di amore che esiste fin dall'eternità tra lui e suo Figlio. "Come il Padre ha amato me, così anch'io ho amato voi". È una parola di verità potente e divina. Per tutti quelli che hanno preso coscienza dell'importanza di questo dono divino, conta una sola cosa: mostrarsi degni dell'amore che ci viene nell'amicizia del Figlio di Dio. "Rimanete nel mio amore".

Per Gesù Cristo, ciò che è importante innanzitutto è che tutti i suoi amici si amino gli uni gli altri come egli stesso ha amato i suoi discepoli nel corso della sua vita terrena. La più viva espressione di questo amore è stata la sua morte sulla croce per i peccatori (cf. Gv 1,36; 19,34-37). L'amore perfetto del Padre celeste è la felicità e la gioia di suo Figlio. E questa gioia, il Figlio risuscitato la trasmette ai suoi amici nel giorno di Pasqua. "Pace a voi! Come il Padre ha mandato me, anch'io mando voi!". Ricevete lo Spirito Santo!" (Gv 20,21-22). Egli offre senza sosta la gioia a tutti quelli che credono nella sua parola e per mezzo del battesimo si uniscono a lui e alla sua cerchia di amici, la Chiesa. Chi entra nell'amore di Dio per mezzo di suo Figlio ha ormai una ragione essenziale per essere sempre felice.

Prima lettura

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Anche sui pagani si è effuso il dono dello Spirito Santo.

Avvenne che, mentre Pietro stava per entrare [nella casa di Cornelio], questi gli andò incontro e si gettò ai suoi piedi per rendergli omaggio. Ma Pietro lo rialzò, dicendo: «Àlzati: anche io sono un uomo!». Poi prese la parola e disse: «In verità sto rendendomi conto che Dio non fa preferenze di persone, ma accoglie chi lo teme e pratica la giustizia, a qualunque nazione appartenga».

Pietro stava ancora dicendo queste cose, quando lo Spirito Santo discese sopra tutti coloro che ascoltavano la Parola. E i fedeli circoncisi, che erano venuti con Pietro, si stupirono che anche sui pagani si fosse effuso il dono dello Spirito Santo; li sentivano infatti parlare in altre lingue e glorificare Dio.

Allora Pietro disse: «Chi può impedire che siano battezzati nell'acqua questi che hanno ricevuto, come noi, lo Spirito Santo?». E ordinò che fossero battezzati nel nome di Gesù Cristo. Quindi lo pregarono di fermarsi alcuni giorni.

Parola di Dio.

Rendiamo grazie al Signore.

Salmo Responsoriale (Sal.97)

R Il Signore ha rivelato ai popoli la sua giustizia.

Cantate al Signore un canto nuovo, perché ha compiuto meraviglie. Gli ha dato vittoria la sua destra e il suo braccio santo. **R** Il Signore ha fatto conoscere la sua salvezza, agli occhi delle genti ha rivelato la sua giustizia. Egli si è ricordato del suo amore, della sua fedeltà alla casa d'Israele. **R**

Tutti i confini della terra hanno veduto la vittoria del nostro Dio. Acclami il Signore tutta la terra, gridate, esultate, cantate inni! **R**

Seconda lettera 1Gv 4,7-10 *Dio è amore*

Carissimi, amiamoci gli uni gli altri, perché l'amore è da Dio: chiunque ama è stato generato da Dio e conosce Dio. Chi non ama non ha conosciuto Dio, perché Dio è amore.

In questo si è manifestato l'amore di Dio in noi: Dio ha mandato nel mondo il suo Figlio unigenito, perché noi avessimo la vita per mezzo di lui.

In questo sta l'amore: non siamo stati noi ad amare Dio, ma è lui che ha amato noi e ha mandato il suo Figlio come vittima di espiazione per i nostri peccati.

Parola di Dio

Rendiamo grazie al Signore.

Canto al Vangelo (Gv 14, 23)

Alleluia, alleluia. Se uno mi ama, osserverà la mia parola, dice il Signore, e il Padre mio lo amerà e noi verremo a lui. Alleluia.

† Dal Vangelo secondo Giovanni (Gv 15,9-17) Nessuno ha un amore più grande di questo: dare la sua vita per i propri amici.

In quel tempo, Gesù disse ai suoi discepoli: «Come il Padre ha amato me, anche io ho amato voi. Rimanete nel mio amore. Se osserverete i miei comandamenti, rimarrete nel mio amore, come io ho osservato i comandamenti del Padre mio e rimango nel suo amore. Vi ho detto queste cose perché la mia gioia sia in voi e gioia la vostra sia piena. Ouesto è il mio comandamento: che vi amiate gli uni gli altri come io ho amato voi. Nessuno ha un amore più grande di questo: dare la sua vita per i propri amici. Voi siete miei amici, se fate ciò che io vi comando. Non vi chiamo più servi, perché il servo non sa quello che fa il suo padrone; ma vi ho chiamato amici, perché tutto ciò che ho udito dal Padre mio l'ho fatto conoscere a voi. Non voi avete scelto me, ma io ho scelto voi e vi ho costituiti perché andiate e portiate frutto e il vostro frutto rimanga; perché tutto quello che chiederete al Padre nel mio nome, ve lo conceda. Questo vi comando: che vi amiate gli uni gli altri».

Parola del Signore.

Lode a te, Signore Gesù Cristo

Writings by the Fathers of the Church

From the commentary of the second letter to the Corinthians by Saint Cyril of Alexandria, bishop God has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation

Those who have a sure hope, guaranteed by the Spirit, that they will rise again lay hold of what lies in the future as though it were already present. They say: "Outward appearances will no longer be our standard in judging other men. Our lives are all controlled by the Spirit now, and are not confined to this physical world that is subject to corruption. The light of the Only-begotten has shone on us, and we have been transformed into the Word, the source of all life. While sin was still our master, the bonds of death had a firm hold on us, but now that the righteousness of Christ has found a place in our hearts we have freed ourselves from our former condition of corruptibility."

This means that none of us lives in the flesh any more, at least not in so far as living in the flesh means being subject to the weaknesses of the flesh, which include corruptibility. Once we thought of Christ as being in the flesh, but we do not do so any longer, says Saint Paul. By this he meant that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us; He suffered death in the flesh in order to give all men life. It was in This flesh that we knew Him before, but we do so no longer. Even though He remains in the flesh, since He came to life again on the third day and is now with His Father in heaven, we know that He has passed beyond the life of the flesh; *for having died once, He will never die again, death has no power over Him any more. His death was a* death to sin, which He died once for all; His life is life with God.

Since Christ has in this way become the source of life for us, we who follow in His footsteps must not think of ourselves as living in the flesh any longer, but as having passed beyond it. Saint Paul's saying is absolutely true that *when anyone is in Christ he becomes a completely different person: his old life is over and a new life has begun.* We have been justified by our faith in Christ and the power of the curse has been broken. Christ's coming to life again for our sake has put an end to the sovereignty of death. We have come to know the true God and to worship Him in spirit and in truth, through the Son, our Mediator, who sends down upon the world the Father's blessings.

And so Saint Paul shows deep insight when he says: *This is all God's doing: it is He who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ.* For the mystery of the incarnation and the renewal it accomplished could not have taken place without the Father's will. Through Christ we have gained access to the Father, for as Christ Himself says, no one comes to the Father except through Him. This is all God's doing, *then. It is He who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and who has given us the ministry of reconciliation.*

Reflection on John 15: 9-17

Scriptural context – The Last Supper Discourse

In the three synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke), the events of the Last Supper are dealt with in a very similar way. They all include Jesus taking bread and wine and speaking what are referred to as the words of institution – the words that are spoken over the bread and wine in every Eucharistic celebration today. In the Gospel of John, however, the Last Supper is dealt with very differently. It includes an extended 'discourse' that is incredibly rich in imagery and theological implications. Perhaps because this gospel was written well after the others it was deemed unnecessary to retell the story but it was timely to do some reflecting on the meaning of the events?

Living the Gospel – Love One Another

Have you ever thought what it really means when Jesus commands us to love one another? At first, it seems like a simple commandment: I can love my family; my friends; I can even feel love for some people I've never met. But there was a condition that Jesus placed on the command: love one another as I have loved you. How did Jesus love? Without restriction and without seeking something in return. He loved those that no one loved and he even loved those who hated him and sought his downfall. Can I love those who hate me? Those that others ridicule and despise? Can I love without counting the cost?

Have you thought? - Love

There is a wonderful line from the musical, *Les Miserables*, when the hero, Valjean, is told, 'To love another person is to see the face of God.' As Christian people, we believe that every person is created in the image and likeness of God. To look upon another person with love and compassion is to see the face of God revealed. When we are called to love, we are called to recognise that every single person is worthy of love and every single person is made in the image of God – even ourselves!

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REFLECTION Readings 6th Sunday of Easter

Parents often offer these words of encouragement and support to their children when they have to move to a new place or to a new school, "It will be alright; you will make new friends."

It can be difficult not only for children but for anyone to leave old friendships behind and to seek new friends. It reinforces the importance that we place on strong relationships, and the common bonds that develop through important milestones and junctures of our lives.

Many people enjoy friendships that start in primary school that last through university, careers, relationships, children and grandchildren. Lifelong friendships can be some of the most cherished and important things in our lives. Priceless treasures.

In today's gospel, Jesus offers us God's friendship. "I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you." With these words, Jesus reveals God's desire to have a different type of relationship with us. A relationship that is based on a deep, true and personal friendship.

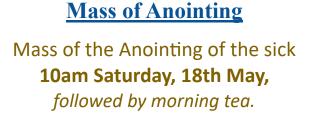
This relationship is about God being with us in the very ordinariness of our lives. In the marketplace, at the coffee shop, the park, the beach and, more importantly, in our homes. It is because in these locations that we normally catch up with our friends to share our thoughts and desires, God wants to have that kind of relationship with us too in these places.

God wants to establish a relationship that moves beyond worship and one that enters into deep, heartfelt and very real conversations. To move beyond sterile prayer halls and into the sometimes messiness and grey areas of our very human condition. Importantly, we should understand that in God wanting to be friends with us, there is a deep acceptance and understanding of our flawed person. A safe place where we can bare all with no fear of condemnation. A place where God is listening and accepting.

St Alphonsus, the founder of the Redemptorists wrote extensively on this wonderful idea of God as a friend and these writings have been compiled into a book titled, Praying to God as a Friend. Despite the gospels revealing this more than 2000 years ago and St Alphonsus writing about this over 300 years ago, the notion of God as a friend is still a relatively novel idea today. But it's there, right in front of us in today's gospel.

God's friendship is waiting. It is truly priceless treasure that is freely offered and freely given. It is up to us to respond positively.

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CWF Appeal: We need to raise over \$26,000 this Appeal. *Please contribute generously*



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Holy Father's Monthly Prayer Intentions

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

June For migrants fleeing their homes

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.



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 <u>SJA School Hall, Haberfield</u>

Tickets available after weekend Masses or from the Piety store

Sacraments Preparation

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Sacraments 2024 Confirmation and First Communion

The google form for each Sacrament can be located on the parish website - <u>https://www.stjoanofarc.org.au/</u> 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 AlfioTornatore Pastoral.Associate@stjoanofarc.org.au <u>Recently Deceased:</u> Lee & The Families, Frank Sibillin, 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: Pietro & Anna Giarratano, 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.

Liturgy Ministers

Volunteers are invited to be trained for various liturgical ministries. These include Lector (Reader at Mass), Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Acolyte, Sacristan, and Music Ministry.

Schedule and registration forms can be found on the Liturgy Office website <u>https://</u><u>liturgy.sydneycatholic.org/ministry-training-formation</u>.

Applicants will require Parish Priest's reference. Therefore, volunteers may contact me before registering for the training. The training sessions are done in various parishes and Archdiocesan Offices, St Martha's, 38 Renwick St, Leichhardt.

Dates of courses at St Martha's are as follows:

Readers: <u>Thursdays 9th May, 6pm-9pm.</u> EMHC: <u>Tuesdays 21st May, 28th May and 4th June, 6pm-9pm.</u>



We welcome into the Church through Baptism this weekend

Aine Claire O'Connor

Carmelite weekend retreat 10 - 12 May, 2024

PRESENTER: Fr. Paul Maunder, OCD & Cristina Leontini, translator of Life and thoughts of Mariam Baouardy, 'the little nothing'

WHEN: May 10 - 12, 2024 • 6pm (Fri) - 12:30 pm (Sunday)

WHERE: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW COST: \$330

Please register at the following link: <u>www.mtcarmel.com.au/</u> <u>carmelite-retreat-program</u>



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 Antional 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 fover, via the kiosk (next to the Piety Stall) and on the parish website.

For more information please contact Tony Mediati psso@stjoanofarcorg.au

St Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive Saturday 18 May 2024

The collection will take place from 730am on 18 May so please have your donations outside your front door by that time.

Bags for donations are available outside the Piety Store along with a sheet of paper to record your name, address and phone number if you wish to contribute. You can are also provide your own bags if you wish.

Please add your name to the list by 12 May 2024.



20IN US FOR THE FIRST OF OUR MONTHLY ST JOAN OF ARC PARISH DINNER CLUB OUR FIRST DINNER CLUB WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY 30TH MAY SO THAT WE CAN CELEBRATE THE FEAST DAY OF OUR SAINT.

DATE: THURSDAY 30TH MAY LOCATION: BISTRO COCOTTE, 78 RAMSAY STREET HABERFIELD

TIME: 6:30PM COST: S75 PER PERSON SET MENU

SET MENU CHOOSE ONE DISH FROM EACH OF THE THREE COURSES

Entree; French Onion Soup Duck Liver Parfait **Baked Salmon Cocotte**

Pan Seared Barramundi with Leek Fondue, Mussels & Little Neck Clam Steamed Black Mussels in Provencal

Dessert: Petit Fours Selection of Ice Cream Creme Brulee

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE TO SECURE YOUR SPOT PLEASE CONTACT AMANDA, CARMEL OR RHONDA

Come join us for Morning Tea

Sunday 26 May after 9am Mass

for Maria Condello's thanksgiving & farewell







Join with Archbishop **Anthony Fisher OP**

A Procession to celebrate the Feast of **Our Lady of Fatima**

St. Mary's Cathedral Saturday May 11th **Following 6pm Mass**

Following Mass and Rosary, the candlelight procession walks along College Street and into the forecourt of the Cathedral.



Pope Francis has called for 2025 to be a Jubilee Year

"Pilgrims of Hope: On the path of peace"

Archbishop Fisher will celebrate a **Requiem Mass for Bishop Peter Ingham** Wednesday 8th May 5.30pm at St Mary's Cathedral.



The casket will be present for the Mass before it is transported to Wollongong for Mass of Christian Burial.

The Solemn Pontifical Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Friday 10th May at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, 36 Harbour Street, Wollongong.