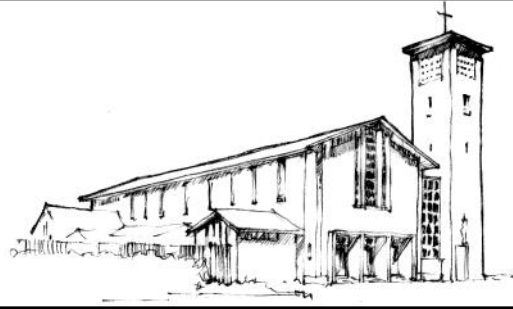


Welcome to

# St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY** in Ordinary Time

**14 July 2024**

**(Year B)**

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**Saturday evening: 5.00pm**

**Sunday: 9.00am & 6.00pm**

(Check for changes on special  
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**Wednesday & Thursday:**

9.00am

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## From the Pastor

The Jubilee Year 2025, proclaimed by Pope Francis, will be a significant event for the Catholic Church, themed "Pilgrims of Hope." The Jubilee will officially begin on December

24, 2024, with the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica, and it will conclude on January 6, 2026. A comprehensive calendar of events has been prepared by Vatican, including special jubilees for various groups such as artists, children, family, teachers, and healthcare workers. We too shall make a calendar of Jubilee celebrations for relevant groups in our parish. Jubilee 2025 will be included in the agenda for the next Pastoral Council. According to the deliberations of the Pastoral Council, detailed information will be provided later.

We shall prepare for the Jubilee by praying for the monthly intentions announced in the Bulletin each week and identifying the areas of interest.

I will be making presentations on various topics this year on a monthly basis. The last month's presentation was titled "The Foundation of the Church, a Biblical Perspective" was well received. On 25 July I will be making another presentation titled, "An Orientation to Bible" which includes themes like Seed of Abraham, Five Major Covenants, God's Dwelling with People, Fall and Redemption, and Monarchy.

Last Thursday, I was at the Cathedral attending the priestly ordination of Adrian Suyanto, Likisone Tominiko, and Charbel Francis. Later in the year two more young men from Mater Redemptoris Seminary will be ordained. The Church in Sydney is blessed with men from diverse cultures and different walks of life opting to be missionaries. Incidentally reading at Mass this Sunday are about God's call to be missionaries. We shall keep praying for the revitalisation of the Church, starting with our personal faith life. Let us live up to our parish motto "That you may have life to the fullest".



## SJA Parish Grandparents' Celebration Sunday 28th July

We will celebrate at the 9am Mass, all Grandparents and the important role they play in our families.

Bring them to church with you or come with them. We will also have morning tea afterwards and there will be a stall selling those wonderful biscuits and winter woollies.

**Hope to see you there.**

**First reading: Amos 7: 12-15***‘Go shepherd and prophecy to all My people Israel’*

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, ‘Go away, seer;’ get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.’ ‘I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,’ Amos replied to Amaziah ‘I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”’

*The word of the Lord.***Thanks be to God****Responsorial Psalm 84 (85): 9-14***R. Lord, show us Your mercy and love and grant us Your salvation.*

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for His people. His help is near for those who fear Him and His glory will dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow His steps. **R**

**2nd Reading - Ephesians 1:3-14***God chose us in Christ before the world was made*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, He chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in His presence, determining that we should become His adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for His own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of His grace, His free gift to us in the Beloved, in whom, through His blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which He has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of His purpose, the hidden plan He so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that He would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in Him that we were claimed as God’s own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one Who guides all things as He decides by His own will; chosen to be, for His greater glory, the

people who would put their hopes in Christ before He came. Now you too, in Him, have heard the message of the Truth and the Good News of your salvation, and have believed it; and you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for His own, to make His glory praised.

*Thanks be to God.***Gospel Acclamation Ephesians 1:17-18**

*Alleluia, alleluia!* May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. *Alleluia!*

**Gospel Mark 6 :7-13***‘Take nothing with you’*

Jesus made a tour round the villages, teaching. Then He summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And He instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, ‘Do not take a spare tunic.’ And He said to them, ‘If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.’ So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

*The Gospel of the Lord.***Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**

### Holy Father’s Monthly Prayer Intentions

**July: For Pastoral Care of the Sick**

The Holy Father asks “for the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to give strength from the Lord to those who receive it and their loved ones, becoming a visible sign of compassion and hope for everyone.”

**August: For Political Leaders**

That political leaders may serve their people, work for comprehensive human development and the common good, attending to those who have lost their jobs and prioritizing the poorest.”



Per mezzo dei suoi messaggeri, Dio ha preparato l'umanità, nel corso di una lunga storia, alla venuta di suo Figlio e alla rivelazione della salvezza da lui portata. Partendo dal popolo di Israele, il suo amore redentore doveva estendersi a tutti gli uomini. È il motivo per cui Gesù ha

chiamato i Dodici a formare il nucleo del popolo definitivo di Dio e li ha fatti suoi collaboratori. Sono stati incaricati di vincere il potere del male, di guarire e di salvare gli uomini che avessero creduto al loro messaggio. Solo una piccola parte del popolo di Israele ha creduto in Gesù e in quelli che egli ha mandato. Dopo la sua risurrezione, Gesù ha di nuovo mandato i suoi discepoli e accresciuto la loro missione e i loro poteri. Da allora gli inviati di Dio si recano presso tutti i popoli per offrire agli uomini il perdono di Dio e la vita nuova.

Ma non vi è che una piccola parte dell'umanità che ha sentito l'offerta divina e ha trovato la fede nell'amore di Dio e nella sua salvezza. Oggi che sono state smascherate le ideologie moderne del razionalismo e del nazionalismo, del fascismo e del socialismo, che si sono rivelate false dottrine di salvezza, si è operata una nuova apertura per il Vangelo presso molti popoli e molti uomini. E noi cristiani siamo tenuti, in modo nuovo, a portare la nostra testimonianza al nostro prossimo: per mezzo della nostra preghiera e del nostro impegno personale. Da questa testimonianza dipende non solo l'avvenire dell'umanità, ma anche quello della comunità ecclesiale ed il destino di ogni cristiano.

#### Prima lettura

**Am 7,12-15**

***Va', profetizza al mio popolo.***

In quei giorni, Amasia, [sacerdote di Betel,] disse ad Amos: «Vattene, veggente, ritirati nella terra di Giuda; là mangerai il tuo pane e là potrai profetizzare, ma a Betel non profetizzare più, perché questo è il santuario del re ed è il tempio del regno». Amos rispose ad Amasia e disse:

«Non ero profeta né figlio di profeta; ero un mandriano e coltivavo piante di sicomoro.

Il Signore mi prese, mi chiamò mentre seguivo il gregge.

Il Signore mi disse:

Va', profetizza al mio popolo Israele»

**Parola di Dio.**

***Rendiamo grazie al Signore.***

#### Salmo Responsoriale (Sal.84)

**R Mostraci, Signore, la tua misericordia.**

Ascolterò che cosa dice Dio, il Signore:

egli annuncia la pace

per il suo popolo, per i suoi fedeli.

Sì, la sua salvezza è vicina a chi lo teme,

perché la sua gloria abiti la nostra terra. **R**

Amore e verità s'incontreranno,

giustizia e pace si baceranno.

Verità germoglierà dalla terra

e giustizia si affaccerà dal cielo. **R**

Certo, il Signore donerà il suo bene e la nostra terra darà il suo frutto; giustizia camminerà davanti a lui: i suoi passi tratteranno il cammino. **R**

#### Seconda lettera Ef 1,3-10

***In lui ci ha scelti prima della creazione del mondo.***

Benedetto Dio, Padre del Signore nostro Gesù Cristo,

che ci ha benedetti con ogni benedizione spirituale nei cieli in Cristo.

In lui ci ha scelti prima della creazione del mondo per essere santi e immacolati di fronte a lui nella carità,

predestinandoci a essere per lui figli adottivi mediante Gesù Cristo,

secondo il disegno d'amore della sua volontà,

a lode dello splendore della sua grazia,

di cui ci ha gratificati nel Figlio amato.

In lui, mediante il suo sangue, abbiamo la redenzione, il perdono delle colpe, secondo la ricchezza della sua grazia.

Egli l'ha riversata in abbondanza su di noi

con ogni sapienza e intelligenza,

facendoci conoscere il mistero della sua volontà,

secondo la benevolenza che in lui si era proposto

per il governo della pienezza dei tempi:

ricondere al Cristo, unico capo, tutte le cose,

quelle nei cieli e quelle sulla terra.

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

#### Canto al Vangelo (Cf Lc 4,18)

**Alleluia, alleluia.** Il Padre del Signore nostro Gesù Cristo illumini gli occhi del nostro cuore per farci comprendere a quale speranza ci ha chiamati. **Alleluia**

#### † Dal Vangelo (Mc 6, 7-13)

**Prese a mandarli.**

In quel tempo, Gesù chiamò a sé i Dodici e prese a mandarli a due a due e dava loro potere sugli spiriti impuri. E ordinò loro di non prendere per il viaggio nient'altro che un bastone: né pane, né sacca, né denaro nella cintura; ma di calzare sandali e di non portare due tuniche.

E diceva loro: «Dovunque entriate in una casa,

rimanetevi finché non sarete partiti di lì. Se in

qualche luogo non vi accogliessero e non vi ascoltassero, andatevene e scuotete la polvere sotto

i vostri piedi come testimonianza per loro».

Ed essi, partiti, proclamarono che la gente si convertisse, scacciavano molti demòni, ungevano con olio molti infermi e li guarivano.

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



## Writings by the Fathers of the Church

### *From the beginning of the treatise "On the Mysteries" by ST Ambrose, bishop* **Catechesis on the rites preceding baptism**

We gave a daily instruction on right conduct when the readings were taken from the history of the patriarchs or the maxims of Proverbs. These readings were intended to instruct and train you, so that you might grow accustomed to the ways of our forefathers, entering into their paths and walking in their footsteps, in obedience to God's commands.

Now the season reminds us that we must speak of the mysteries, setting forth the meaning of the sacraments. If we had thought fit to teach these things to those not yet initiated through baptism, we should be considered traitors rather than teachers. Then, too, the light of the mysteries is of itself more effective where people do not know what to expect than where some instruction has been given beforehand.

Open then your ears. Enjoy the fragrance of eternal life, breathed on you by means of the sacraments. We explained this to you as we celebrated the mystery of "the opening" when we said: *Effetha, that is, be opened*. Everyone who was to come for the grace of baptism had to understand what he was to be asked, and must remember what he was to answer. This mystery was celebrated by Christ when he healed the man who was deaf and dumb, in the Gospel which we proclaimed to you.

After this, the holy of holies was opened up for you; you entered into the sacred place of regeneration. Recall what you were asked; remember what you answered. You renounced the devil and his works, the world and its dissipation and sensuality. Your words are recorded, not on a monument to the dead but in the book of the living.

There you saw the levite, you saw the priest, you saw the high priest. Do not consider their outward form but the grace given by their ministries. You spoke in the presence of angels, as it is written: *The lips of a priest guard knowledge, and men seek the law from his mouth, for he is the angel of the Lord almighty*. There is no room for deception, no room for denial. He is an angel whose message is the kingdom of Christ and eternal life. You must judge him, not by his appearance but by his office. Remember what he handed on to you, weigh up his value, and so acknowledge his standing.

You entered to confront your enemy, for you intended to renounce him to his face. You turned towards the east, for one who renounces the devil turns towards Christ and fixes his gaze directly on Him.

## Reflection on Gospel Mark 6 :7-13

### **Scriptural context – Mission and Ministry**

This seems an odd event in the narrative of the Gospel of Mark. The twelve are sent out and we are told that they 'cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them'. After a diversion to explain the fate of John the Baptist the gospel picks up again by simply stating that the disciples returned and reported all they had done. There is no explanation of why Jesus sent them out; no indication of how long they travelled; no evidence of what reception they were given. This was a prelude to the later ministry that would be performed; it was an instruction by Jesus for how the mission was to be carried on.

### **Have you thought? Sent in pairs**

It is interesting that the disciples were sent out in pairs. It is indicative of the fact that such ministry is difficult to accomplish alone. When we are engaged in ministry it is important that we seek and provide mutual support. Whether it is a hospitality ministry at Sunday Mass, visiting the sick, or a street ministry to the homeless, we will feel more confident and willing to reach out to others if we know that we are sharing that ministry and are supported by others. It is important to invite others to join in our ministry but it is also important to make sure that we support them as they enter into it.

### **Living the Gospel – Travelling Light**

Jesus made it plain to the disciples that they were to travel unencumbered by the extras of life. In fact they were to carry next to nothing and rely on the goodness of others. The challenge to travel lightly through life is a difficult one in a world today that is dominated by material possessions. In the race between the 'haves' and 'have nots' the 'haves' are way out in front. The gospel passages challenges us to think about the 'things' with which we burden ourselves. What is really necessary to live a good life and follow Jesus?

Giovanni di Pietro di Bernadone was wealthy, popular and influential. Yet, he renounced his wealth, privilege and lavish lifestyle to follow Jesus and to proclaim the good news of the Gospel. Francis of Assisi, as we now know him, embraced poverty, dressing himself in a coarse woolen tunic, the dress of poor Umbrian peasants.

In today's gospel, Jesus sent out the Twelve, selected from among his disciples. He sent out the disciples in pairs, emphasising the importance of community. The disciples went forth together to preach the good news, drive out demons and heal people. Jesus also gave them specific instructions about travelling light: they were to bring no food, money, or even a spare tunic. They were utterly dependent on the providence of God and the hospitality of others.

Our call to discipleship is a profound call to live and love radically. In his encyclical Fratelli Tutti, Pope Francis encourages us all to follow the example of St Francis who embraced simplicity and poverty, sowed seeds of peace and love, and walked alongside the least of his brothers and sisters. Pope Francis describes St Francis's attitude of "fraternal openness" which allowed him to "acknowledge, appreciate and love each person".

This call to live simply does not mean that being poor is in itself a virtue. In fact, poverty often exists because of unjust social structures which widen gaps between rich and poor and do not provide for those in need.

Rather, we are called to be free from accruing status, possessions and self-importance, in order to commit ourselves deeply to living the gospel. This attitude grounds us in an entirely different set of values from those held by the world. It also emboldens us to strive to create just social structures which distribute wealth equitably and empower the weak.

Jon Owen, who leads Wayside Chapel, Sydney, is a contemporary example of this call to live Jesus's commission. The Wayside Chapel, which has more than 600 volunteers, supports the homeless, drug addicts, domestic violence victims and refugees. It provides showers, emergency clothing, and free meals, as well as counselling, employment support, and social activities like bingo and music jam sessions.

While studying at university, Jon felt the need to work for Urban Neighbours of Hope. He left an upwardly mobile path in life to take vows of poverty in order to work with the disadvantaged. Later, with his wife Lisa, he opened their Sydney home to those in need, including refugees, former

criminals and recovering drug addicts. Jon's attitude that "no one is a problem to be solved but a person to be met" has inspired him to reach people who would otherwise remain unseen.

May the radical love of Jesus inspire all of us to make a difference in our communities and in the world today.

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### The National Centre for Pastoral Research.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is undertaking research project aimed at investigating why some Catholics do not participate in regular weekly Sunday Mass (Sunday Mass includes the Saturday Vigil). The project will provide in-depth information about contemporary religious practices and beliefs of Catholics in Australia. The insights would enable parishes, movements, and school communities to respond to the trends in participation in the Church, update the Church's awareness and understanding of the present-day context, and enable responses and collaboration around the underlying factors for non/disengagement.

The survey is online and can be found at: <https://bit.ly/AbsentFromTheTableSurvey>. Parishioners may bring this to attention of their Catholic friends and family members who do not attend Sunday/Saturday Vigil Mass regularly. This will be an anonymous survey and it will close on 20 August.



Welcoming into  
the Church  
through  
Baptism this  
weekend..

Mackenzie Turner &  
Carina De Francesco



### The Year of Mark

Gospel Readings (Lectionary) at Sunday Masses are organised in a three-year cycle.

Commencing with the First Sunday of Advent 2023 to the Feast of Christ the King this year is called Year B or The Year of Mark.

A guide to reading the Gospel of Mark is written by Fr Thomas to help understand the Gospel message better. Copies of this new book is available in the piety stall for purchase.

Price \$20 only.

**Recently Deceased:** Maria Marino, Gianni Femia, Giuseppe Talarico, Carmelo Sultana, Patrick Lee.

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

**Anniversary:** Joseph Natoli, Luigino De Domeneghi, Helen Bedirian & Elisabeth Papalia, Salvatore Antonio Giarratano, Luigino De Domeneghi, Lucy The, Giuseppa Vallelonga, Pasquale Ramirra, Maria Concetta, Rosario Aversa, Giuseppe Aversa, E Lucia Coruzzi, E K Minio, Pietro Giannone, Michael & Mario Carlucci, Joe Di Marti, Rosario Daidone, Pietro & Anna Giarratano,

**Rest in Peace:** Lattari & Avesa Family, Joe Di Marti, Prino Vaccher, Francesco Giannini, Conte Family, Gaetano & Giovanna Cusumano, Conte Family, Ruwah family, Santo Talarico, Domenica Di Gregorio,

**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

## Sacramental Coordinator

Applications to the position of Sacramental Coordinator invited now.

The role is to serve as an active member of the Parish Pastoral Team, working closely with the Parish Priest and the Parish Team to prepare, implement and manage the parish programs for Sacraments of First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Confirmation, and Baptism preparation of primary school aged candidates.

It is a position for 15 hours a week during school terms. A detailed job description will be provided upon request. Enquiries and application by Email: [thomas.kurunthanam@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:thomas.kurunthanam@sydneycatholic.org) within three weeks.

## An Orientation to Bible.

Seed of Abraham, Five Major Covenants, Unified Monarchy, Fall and Redemption, and Indwelling of God are the main themes of Bible. The formation of Bible was pivoted on two major historical disasters.

**Fr Thomas will be speaking on how these major themes run through the Bible.**

**When: 7 pm, Thursday 25 July**

**Venue: St Joan of Arc Church**

**Cost: Free**

Please enlist your name on the registration paper in the foyer of the Church or through an Email to the parish office for the purpose of preparing handouts.

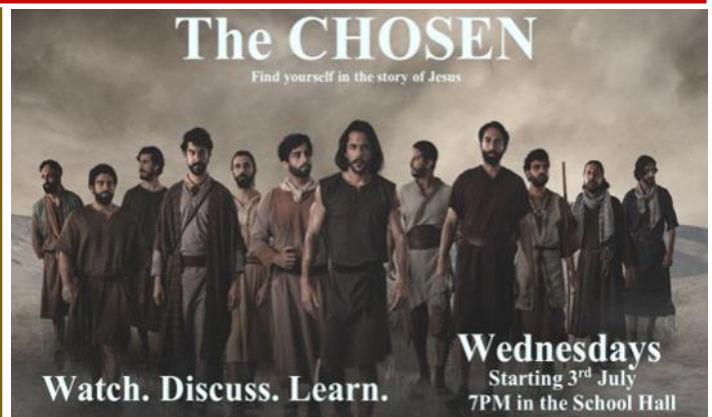
## Planned Giving & 2023/2024 Receipts

New sets of envelopes for the next Financial Year are now available in the foyer of the church. If you are not a Planned Giver, you may like to join the program. You may ask the office to set up direct debit or request a set of Planned Giving Envelopes.

In any case write your name and contact details on the sheet provided in the foyer or by sending an email to the parish office.

Your contribution to the parish is your appreciation of the parish.

*If your contributed last financial year. Your receipts are available for you to pick up in the sacristy*



## Invitation to join us for The Chosen,

TV series, in the school hall, each Wednesday night during July, from 7pm - 8pm.

The Chosen is a series about the life of Jesus, uniquely told through the eyes of those around Him.

**Open to anyone who is interested in Jesus, please invite someone to come along with you.**

This is a free event.  
Light refreshments will be provided.



## 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.