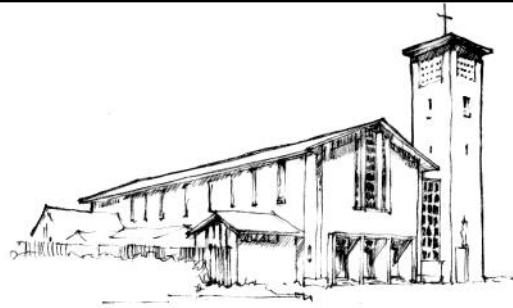


Welcome to

St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY in Ordinary Time

21 July 2024

(Year B)

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From the Pastor

State of Origin Decider

It was an exciting victory for NSW Blues beating Queensland Maroons 14 to 4. But was it the score at the end that mattered most? In fact, no! If the final score was only concern, why a crowd of fifty-five thousand pack the stadium? It would have been easier to check at the end what is the result. But that would not satisfy us. Because the real joy is in watching the game and participating in it. That means the *in between time* matters more than the beginning and the end of the game. If you were not there for the *in between time*, you have missed the game all together. The hype about the score may last for a short time. But it is no match for the thrill of watching the actual play.

Our life is also such that if we miss to be present to the *in between time* of our lives, we miss everything. The start and finish of our lives are beyond our control. But that doesn't matter. The joy of living depends on how we engage and manoeuvre the game of life. Jesus said, "I have come so that you may have life, and have it abundantly". The Bible is all about how to play the game of life here on earth than worrying about the achievement at the end of it. Play the life well here are now, and a good finishing will follow. Unlike football, the game of life is not played against anyone. It is not a competition. Therefore, the trick is not to focus too much on being successful in life; instead, try to be fruitful. That's what Jesus wants of us. Success is self-centred. Whereas being fruitful is other-centred. Altruism is the key to making life fuller.



Mass of Anointing

A Mass of anointing fits in with Holy Father's Jubilee intention for this month: Pastoral Care of the Sick. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is open also to the elderly and the frail.



A special Mass of Anointing at 10.30 am on Saturday, 3 August.
Morning Tea to follow, organised by the Welcome and Events Committee.



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: Jeremiah 23: 1-6

I will gather together the remnant of My flock and raise up shepherds for them.

‘Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of My pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of My people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of My flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks! ‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name He will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.’

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm 22 (23)

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where He gives me repose. Near restful waters He leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path; He is true to His name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head You have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R**

2nd Reading - Ephesians 2:13-18

Christ Jesus is the peace between us

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For He is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in His own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one

single New Man in Himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God: in His own person He killed the hostility. Later He came to bring the Good News of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through Him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to My voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow Me *Alleluia!*

Gospel Mark 6 :30-34

They were like sheep without a shepherd

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told Him all they had done and taught. Then He said to them, ‘You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while’; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as He stepped ashore He saw a large crowd; and He took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and He set himself to teach them at some length.

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.”



Come mostra la prima lettura, e il Vangelo stesso, oggi al centro della parola che la liturgia ci porta c'è il fatto che Dio ha concretizzato le sue promesse in Gesù di Nazaret: attraverso il suo Salvatore egli veglia sul suo popolo. Il Vangelo descrive la "piccola" gente di Galilea che si affolla al seguito di Gesù come una comunità di uomini sfiniti di cui nessuno si occupa. Essi hanno sentito che Gesù si preoccupa sinceramente di loro, e che ha il potere di venire loro veramente in aiuto. È ciò che fa, portando l'indispensabile salvezza a tutti quelli che si rivolgono a lui fiduciosi, nella loro disgrazia sia fisica che sociale o spirituale.

La Chiesa non cerca oggi di distrarci con delle belle storie che parlano dei tempi passati. Attira la nostra attenzione sul fatto che Gesù Cristo risuscitato continua ad agire come il Salvatore di Dio. Egli può e vuole aiutarci nella nostra disgrazia. Compatisce le nostre preoccupazioni. Nella nostra miseria possiamo rivolgerci a lui. Egli ci consolerà, ci darà la forza, ci esaudirà. È lui che ci fa trovare le vie per uscire dalla disgrazia, che ci mette accanto delle persone che ci aiutino. E soprattutto, Gesù Cristo conosce l'ultima e la peggiore delle nostre miserie: la nostra ricerca di una salvezza duratura e felice, che sia per noi o per tutti quelli che amiamo, dei quali ci preoccupiamo, e che abitano con noi questo mondo.

Prima lettura Ger 23,1-6

Radunerò il resto delle mie pecore, costituirò sopra di esse pastori.

Dice il Signore:

«Guai ai pastori che fanno perire e disperdono il gregge del mio pascolo. Oracolo del Signore. Perciò dice il Signore, Dio d'Israele, contro i pastori che devono pascere il mio popolo: Voi avete disperso le mie pecore, le avete scacciate e non ve ne siete preoccupati; ecco io vi punirò per la malvagità delle vostre opere. Oracolo del Signore. Radunerò io stesso il resto delle mie pecore da tutte le regioni dove le ho scacciate e le farò tornare ai loro pascoli; saranno feconde e si moltiplicheranno. Costituirò sopra di esse pastori che le faranno pascolare, così che non dovranno più temere né sgomentarsi; non ne mancherà neppure una. Oracolo del Signore. Ecco, verranno giorni – oracolo del Signore – nei quali susciterò a Davide un germoglio giusto, che regnerà da vero re e sarà saggio ed eserciterà il diritto e la giustizia sulla terra. Nei suoi giorni Giuda sarà salvato e Israele vivrà tranquillo, e lo chiameranno con questo nome: Signore-nostra-justizia».

Parola di Dio. Rendiamo grazie al Signore.

Salmo Responsoriale (Sal.22)

R Il Signore è il mio pastore: non manco di nulla.

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non manco di nulla.

Su pascoli erbosi mi fa riposare,
ad acque tranquille mi conduce.

Rinfranca l'anima mia. **R**

Mi guida per il giusto cammino

a motivo del suo nome.

Anche se vado per una valle oscura,
non temo alcun male, perché tu sei con me.
Il tuo bastone e il tuo vincastro
mi danno sicurezza. **R**

Davanti a me tu prepari una mensa
sotto gli occhi dei miei nemici.
Ungi di olio il mio capo;
il mio calice trabocca. **R**

Si, bontà e fedeltà mi saranno compagne
tutti i giorni della mia vita,
abiterò ancora nella casa del Signore
per lunghi giorni. **R**

Seconda lettera Ef 2,13-18

Egli è la nostra pace, colui che di due ha fatto una cosa sola.

Fratelli, ora, in Cristo Gesù, voi che un tempo eravate lontani, siete diventati vicini, grazie al sangue di Cristo.

Egli infatti è la nostra pace,
colui che di due ha fatto una cosa sola,
abbattendo il muro di separazione che li divideva,
cioè l'inimicizia, per mezzo della sua carne.
Così egli ha abolito la Legge, fatta di prescrizioni e di decreti, per creare in se stesso, dei due, un solo uomo nuovo, facendo la pace,
e per riconciliare tutti e due con Dio in un solo corpo, per mezzo della croce,
eliminando in se stesso l'inimicizia.
Egli è venuto ad annunciare pace a voi che eravate lontani, e pace a coloro che erano vicini.
Per mezzo di lui infatti possiamo presentarci, gli uni e gli altri, al Padre in un solo Spirito.

Parola di Dio Rendiamo grazie al Signore.

Canto al Vangelo (Gv 10, 27)

Alleluia, alleluia. Il Alleluia

† Dal Vangelo (Mc 6, 30-34)

Erano come pecore che non hanno pastore.

In quel tempo, gli apostoli si riunirono attorno a Gesù e gli riferirono tutto quello che avevano fatto e quello che avevano insegnato. Ed egli disse loro: «Venite in disparte, voi soli, in un luogo deserto, e riposatevi un po'». Erano infatti molti quelli che andavano e venivano e non avevano neanche il tempo di mangiare.

Allora andarono con la barca verso un luogo deserto, in disparte. Molti però li videro partire e capirono, e da tutte le città accorsero là a piedi e li precedettero.

Sceso dalla barca, egli vide una grande folla, ebbe compassione di loro, perché erano come pecore che non hanno pastore, e si mise a insegnare loro molte cose.

Parola del Signore. Lode a te, Signore Gesù Cristo

Writings by the Fathers of the Church

The beginning of St Ignatius of Antioch's letter to the Magnesians **We should be Christians in deed, as well as in name.**

Ignatius, also called Theophorus, to the church at Magnesia on the Maeander, a church blessed with the grace of God the Father in Christ Jesus, our Saviour, in whom I salute you. I send you every good wish in God the Father and in Jesus Christ.

I was delighted to hear of your love of God, so well-ordered and devout, and so I decided to address you in the faith of Jesus Christ. Honoured as I am with a name of the greatest splendour, though I am still in chains I sing with the praises of the churches, and pray that they be united with the flesh and the spirit of Jesus Christ, who is our eternal life; a union in faith and love, to which nothing must be preferred; and above all a union with Jesus and the Father, for if in Him we endure all the power of the prince of this world, and escape unharmed, we shall make our way to God.

I have had the honour of seeing you in the person of Damas your bishop, a man of God, and in the persons of your worthy presbyters, Bassus and Apollonius, and my fellow-servant, the deacon Zotion; may I continue to take delight in him for he is obedient to the bishop as to the grace of God, and to the presbyters as to the law of Jesus Christ.

Now it hardly becomes you to presume on your bishop's youth, but rather, having regard to the

power of God the Father, to show him every mark of respect. This, I understand, is what your holy presbyters do, not taking advantage of his youthful condition but deferring to him with the prudence which comes from God, or rather not to him but to the Father of Jesus Christ, to the bishop of all. So then, for the honour of him who loves us, it is proper to obey without hypocrisy; for a man does not so much deceive the bishop he can see as try to deceive the bishop he cannot see. In such a case he has to reckon not with a man, but with God who knows the secrets of the heart.

We should then really live as Christians and not merely have the name; for many invoke the bishop's name but do everything apart from him. Such men, I think, do not have a good conscience, for they do not assemble lawfully as commanded.

All things have an end, and two things, life and death, are side by side set before us, and each man will go to his own place. Just as there are two coinages, one of God and the other of the world, each with its own image, so unbelievers bear the image of this world, and those who have faith with love bear the image of God the Father through Jesus Christ. Unless we are ready through His power to die in the likeness of His passion, His life is not in us.

Reflection on Gospel Mark 6 :30-34

Have you thought? Prayer and reflection

Jesus demonstrated how important it is to engage in times of quiet prayer and reflection. When you expend a lot of time and energy in the service of others it is essential to reflect on those experiences, to learn from them and consider what you'd do differently next time. It is also important that any ministry that seeks to be based in the message of Jesus can only remain so if it is fuelled by prayer. Only through prayerful dialogue with God can we learn what God desires for us.

Living the Gospel – Take time out

I recently travelled to France and was amazed that in the smaller towns and villages everything stopped for two hours in the middle of the day and people went home for lunch. As a tourist used to almost 24 hour convenience, it was at first terribly frustrating. Even tourist attractions would close down. The only businesses open were restaurants. However, the wisdom of the custom soon became apparent. How wonderfully civilised and life-giving to stop for two hours in the middle of the day, go home and have a leisurely lunch. It made me ask myself, 'When do I take time out to renew myself?'

Historical Context – Sheep and Shepherds

This gospel passage is one of many gospel references and even more Old Testament references to sheep and shepherds. It is an enduring image from the Bible. Much of it stems from the shepherd-become-King, David. When a monarchy developed in Israel it was clear that the role of king was like that of a shepherd, caring for his flock. Jesus applied the image to himself on several occasions, reinforcing an image of servant leadership. The language continues today, with bishops referred to as shepherds of their diocese and carrying a crosier that is reminiscent of a shepherd's crook.

Two common images presented to us in the Scriptures are those of shepherds and banquets. First and foremost, God shepherds His people Israel by caring for them like sheep, keeping them from danger, and preparing a banquet for them.

Many key biblical figures were originally shepherds such as the prophets Moses and Amos, patriarchs Abraham and Jacob, and it was the young shepherd, David, whom God called to be king of his people Israel. Moreover, it was this same King David who wrote today's wonderful psalm acclaiming "The Lord is my shepherd".

Unfortunately, the rulers of Israel ceased to act like shepherds turning to idolatry and resulting in all kinds of hostility among the different tribes. Eventually, this led to the annihilation of Israel by the Assyrians and the captivity of the people of Judah by the Babylonians. The prophet Micah laments that he saw "Israel scattered on the hills like sheep without a shepherd" (I Kings 22:17). Today, we hear God speaking through the prophet Jeremiah pronouncing "doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered" (Jer. 23:1).

Two further promises are made: God will punish the misdeeds of the unfaithful leaders who do not act like shepherds; and God will bring back the scattered flock under the guidance of new shepherds who will feed and care for them (Jer. 23:3-4). God also goes a step further announcing He will shepherd Israel by "gathering the lambs in His arms and carrying them close to His heart" (Isaiah 40:11).

It is Jesus who most perfectly enacts this prophecy of the shepherd leader through His ministry of teaching and healing, His call to discipleship and communion, sharing bread with the hungry, dining with sinners and being the "Good Shepherd (who) lays down His life for His sheep" (Jn. 10:11). So, Jesus the Good Shepherd is also "the Lamb of God" giving His very life that we may live.

Much of Jesus' ministry is expressed through parables and events that emphasise table-fellowship: God's reign is likened to a great banquet where all are invited; Jesus feeds the five-thousand through the miracle of loaves and fish, and the Prodigal Son is greeted on his return with a mighty feast. We also know that Jesus provides his disciples at the Last Supper with a ritual of remembrance and thanksgiving that we re-enact when we celebrate the Eucharist.

Pope Francis consistently speaks of Christ the Good Shepherd as the model of Christian service and leadership. In particular, he calls on priests and pastors to be "shepherds living with the smell of the sheep". We need to heed St Paul who warned Christians to overcome division and hostility, repent of sinfulness, and receive the Good News of grace and peace.

All Christians are called to be shepherds of God's mercy.

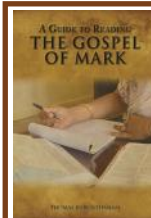
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The National Centre for Pastoral Research.

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.



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: Oreste Piccolo, Salvatore Bananno, Desiterata Evelina D'Onofrio, Maria Marino, Gianni Femia, Giuseppe Talarico, Carmelo Sultana.
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.

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 Taufā'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 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.

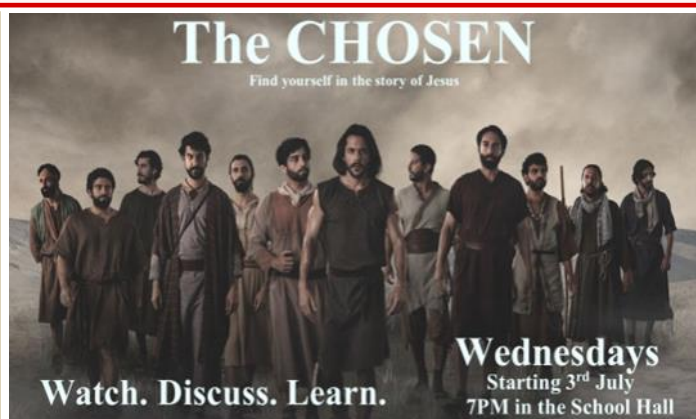
Planned Giving & 2023/2024 Receipts

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.

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.