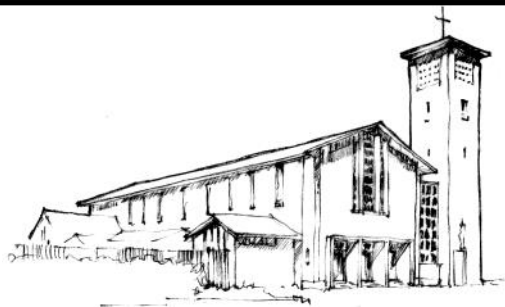


Welcome

# St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



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## Eucharist:

### Weekend:

**Saturday (Vigil):** 5.00pm

**Sunday:** 9.00am & 6.00pm

(Check for changes on special  
Feast Days)

### Weekdays:

**Wednesday:** 9.00am

**Thursday:** 9.00am

**Friday:** 9.15am

## Reconciliation:

**Saturday:** 4:30pm - 4.50pm

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## *From the Pastor*

# Open the Holy Doors Beyond Boundaries



Could there be a Jubilee year without Holy Doors and Indulgences? Going by the experience of The Jubilee Year 2025, one might wonder why the parish churches don't open Holy Doors. With Pope Francis there has been a paradigm shift. The essence of Jubilee is redefined by emphasizing hope through love, justice, peace, and care over the symbolic act of passing through Holy Doors. The Jubilee 2025 limits Holy Doors to three of the major basilicas in Vatican City: St. Peter's Basilica, St. John Lateran, and St. Paul Outside the Walls. You won't enter the Holy Doors this year unless you make trip to Vatican. This change invites believers to find Holy Doors not in physical structures but in the sacredness of their daily lives and professions. Calling to celebrate various professions and walks of life, from educators and healthcare workers to artists and labourers, this approach underscores the divine potential inherent in every vocation. By sanctifying their work, individuals contribute to building a world rooted in dignity, equity, and harmony.

The concept of finding Holy Doors in human activities is a profound reminder that spirituality transcends ritual. It is the caring for the marginalized, forgiving others, and spreading kindness reflect the heart of Christ's teachings. Advocating for fairness in legal systems, workplaces, and communities can serve as a Holy Door to divine grace. Promoting dialogue, understanding, and reconciliation in relationships and international relations becomes a sacred act. Entering these doors, we will have indulgences. It is a passage of filled with love.

This year particularly, SJA parishioners are encouraged to reflect on their roles in society and how they have been Pilgrims of Hope (motto of the Jubilee 2025). Whether a teacher inspiring students for peace and hope, a legal person reflecting on the ethics of the world order, someone in the building industry promoting developments for peace, a technician wondering about AI and our future, or someone in medical field healing the sick, you will be part of the opening the Holy Door as a pilgrim of hope in our parish. In short, you are called to become living testimonies of God's presence in the world.

The Faith Formation Committee in conjunction with the Pastoral Council will be launching our Jubilee 2025 Strategic Pastoral Plan on Sunday 2 February, at 9 am Mass. You don't want to miss it. So, save the date. Welcome to open the Holy Doors beyond boundaries.

## **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 5813 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.

## First Reading

*Isaiah 62:1-5*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

About Zion I will not be silent,  
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,  
until her integrity shines out like the dawn  
and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity,  
all the kings your glory,  
and you will be called by a new name,  
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.  
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of  
the Lord,

a princely diadem in the hand of your God;  
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',  
nor your land 'Abandoned',  
but you shall be called 'My Delight'  
and your land 'The Wedded';  
for the Lord takes delight in you  
and your land will have its wedding.  
Like a young man marrying a virgin,  
so will the one who built you wed you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,  
so will your God rejoice in you.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1-3. 7-10. R. v.3

**(R.)** Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **(R.)**
2. Proclaim his help day by day,  
tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R.)**
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power,  
give the Lord the glory of his name. **(R.)**
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R.)**

## Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 12:4-11*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

There is a variety of gifts but always the same  
spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but

always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

## Gospel Acclamation

*See 2 Thessalonians 2:14*

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel  
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

*John 2:1-11*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

**Recently Deceased:** Franca Campagna, Salvatore Caliutti, Vicki MacDonald, Noemia Fong Wai Cheng,

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

**Anniversary:** Franco Gslasso, Frank Bova. Anna Vella, Pietro Vella,

**Rest in Peace:** .Dominic Banna, Rio Della Plata, Avico Family, Latari & Avesa Families

**PRIMA LETTURA** ([Is 62,1-5](#))

Dal libro del profeta Isaia

Per amore di Sion non tacerò,  
per amore di Gerusalemme non mi concederò riposo,  
finché non sorga come aurora la sua giustizia  
e la sua salvezza non risplenda come lampada.  
Allora le genti vedranno la tua giustizia,  
tutti i re la tua gloria;  
sarai chiamata con un nome nuovo,  
che la bocca del Signore indicherà.  
Sarai una magnifica corona nella mano del Signore,  
un diadema regale nella palma del tuo Dio.  
Nessuno ti chiamerà più Abbandonata,  
né la tua terra sarà più detta Devastata,  
ma sarai chiamata Mia Gioia  
e la tua terra Sposata,  
perché il Signore troverà in te la sua delizia  
e la tua terra avrà uno sposo.  
Sì, come un giovane sposa una vergine,  
così ti sposteranno i tuoi figli;  
come gioisce lo sposo per la sposa,  
così il tuo Dio gioirà per te.

Parola di Dio

**SALMO RESPONSORIALE** ([Sal 95](#))

**Rit: Annunciate a tutti i popoli le meraviglie del Signore.**

Cantate al Signore un canto nuovo,  
cantate al Signore, uomini di tutta la terra.  
Cantate al Signore, benedite il suo nome.

Annunciate di giorno in giorno la sua salvezza.  
In mezzo alle genti narrate la sua gloria,  
a tutti i popoli dite le sue meraviglie.

Date al Signore, o famiglie dei popoli,  
date al Signore gloria e potenza,  
date al Signore la gloria del suo nome.

Prostratevi al Signore nel suo atrio santo.  
Tremi davanti a lui tutta la terra.  
Dite tra le genti: «Il Signore regna!».  
Egli giudica i popoli con rettitudine.

**SECONDA LETTURA** ([1Cor 12,4-11](#))

Dalla prima lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Corinzi

Fratelli, vi sono diversi carismi, ma uno solo è lo Spirito; vi sono diversi ministeri, ma uno solo è il Signore; vi sono diverse attività, ma uno solo è Dio,

che opera tutto in tutti.

A ciascuno è data una manifestazione particolare dello Spirito per il bene comune: a uno infatti, per mezzo dello Spirito, viene dato il linguaggio di sapienza; a un altro invece, dallo stesso Spirito, il linguaggio di conoscenza; a uno, nello stesso Spirito, la fede; a un altro, nell'unico Spirito, il dono delle guarigioni; a uno il potere dei miracoli; a un altro il dono della profezia; a un altro il dono di discernere gli spiriti; a un altro la varietà delle lingue; a un altro l'interpretazione delle lingue.

Ma tutte queste cose le opera l'unico e medesimo Spirito, distribuendole a ciascuno come vuole.

Parola di Dio

**Canto al Vangelo** ([2Ts 2,14](#))

Alleluia, alleluia.

Dio ci ha chiamati mediante il Vangelo,  
per entrare in possesso della gloria  
del Signore nostro Gesù Cristo.

Alleluia.

**VANGELO** ([Gv 2,1-11](#))

+ Dal Vangelo secondo Giovanni

In quel tempo, vi fu una festa di nozze a Cana di Galilea e c'era la madre di Gesù. Fu invitato alle nozze anche Gesù con i suoi discepoli.

Venuto a mancare il vino, la madre di Gesù gli disse: «Non hanno vino». E Gesù le rispose: «Donna, che vuoi da me? Non è ancora giunta la mia ora». Sua madre disse ai servitori: «Qualsiasi cosa vi dica, fatela».

Vi erano là sei anfore di pietra per la purificazione rituale dei Giudei, contenenti ciascuna da ottanta a centoventi litri. E Gesù disse loro: «Riempite d'acqua le anfore»; e le riempirono fino all'orlo. Disse loro di nuovo: «Ora prendetene e portatene a colui che dirige il banchetto». Ed essi gliene portarono. Come ebbe assaggiato l'acqua diventata vino, colui che dirigeva il banchetto – il quale non sapeva da dove venisse, ma lo sapevano i servitori che avevano preso l'acqua – chiamò lo sposo e gli disse: «Tutti mettono in tavola il vino buono all'inizio e, quando si è già bevuto molto, quello meno buono. Tu invece hai tenuto da parte il vino buono finora». Questo, a Cana di Galilea, fu l'inizio dei segni compiuti da Gesù; egli manifestò la sua gloria e i suoi discepoli credettero in lui.

Parola del Signore

**In your love and concern please pray for the following ill members of our community:**

Silvana Cocilova, Vittoria Colantuono, Enrico Cuomo, Neville Hill, John Kcoury, Mary Finios, Glen Dixon, Roberto Tramarin, Vittoria Lavecchia, Rosa Santos, Elisha Lau, Liz Smith, Pat Rankine, Jerry Andre, Donna Neeley, Adeline Ashing, Annelise Buda, Giovanni Luci, Stephan Ferenc, Giancarlo Buda, Mario Bianco.

## REFLECTION, 2ND SUNDAY YR C JN 2:1-11

The readings that are offered to us as we begin Ordinary Time carry over some of the themes that we considered during the Christmas season. Then we celebrated the new era that God inaugurated through the birth of Jesus. Now we look deeply into our minds and hearts to see just how open we are to the demands of that new year. Last Sunday we considered the manifestation of the Spirit at the time of the baptism of Jesus. This Sunday we contemplate the various manifestations of that same Spirit in our own lives. Finally, we are brought to realise that this variety of Spirit-filled ministries is intended to be a source of Christian unity and not of fragmentation or division.

One of the major themes gleaned from the readings for today is that of the call to newness. God summons us to something new, gives us a new name, provides us with new experiences, launches us into new ministries, and calls us to sing a new song of praise. Even Jesus experienced a call to newness. Through Mary, God called him out into ministry, a ministry that would bring the fruits of the eschatological age of fulfilment to the whole world. We may be inclined to think of Pentecost as the season of the Spirit, but in reality the newness of God always comes to us through the Spirit regardless of the season of the year. In the world of the new age, the real glory of Jesus will be manifested in the variety of the gifts of the Spirit given to the church.

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### Altar Servers Training

Boys and girls who have received First Holy Communion and are not Students of St Joan of Arc School are welcome to apply for Altar Server training by sending an email to the parish office. Students of St Joan of Arc School are recruited and trained through the School.

### Weekly Diary Dec Jan 22-26

Date	Time	To note
Wednesday,	9:00 am	Mass
Thursday,	9:00 am	Mass
Friday, Francis de Sales	9:15am	Mass
Saturday,	5:00 pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday, <a href="#">Australia Day</a>	9:00 am 6.00pm	Mass, Mass,

## Reflection on Gospel, John 2:1-11

### From the perspective of ... The servants

What must the servants have been thinking? First of all, there was insufficient wine for the feast. They probably knew who was going to wear the blame for that ordering mistake! Then they're told to fill the enormous water jars with water, draw some into a serving vessel and go and present it to the steward of the household – effectively their overseer; their boss! They must have been very nervous about how the steward would respond to what they were taking to him. Yet they, along with Mary and Jesus, were the only witnesses to Jesus' first miracle! Even the steward was unaware of the miracle.

### Different View – Use of alcohol

Sadly, this text is sometimes used by people to show that Jesus legitimises drinking alcohol. If there was anything wrong with drinking, they say, Jesus wouldn't have made wine out of water! This argument is used to not only justify consumption of alcohol (sometimes to excess) but also to berate and ridicule those who, for religious and other reasons, abstain from alcohol. It is, of course, a feeble attempt to misappropriate scripture and use it completely out of context and for their own purposes. One could not even justify this argument on the grounds of a literal interpretation of scripture!

### Gospel Focus – The best wine

The steward comments that the best wine had been kept until the end of the wedding celebration – a clever use of an image for Jesus. Remembering the use of wedding imagery to describe the relationship between the people of Israel and God, the wedding feast is celebration of that relationship, and at the very heart of the celebration and the relationship is Jesus. He is the best wine that is kept until the end – the 'finishing touch' to a magnificent celebration, just as he is the 'finishing touch' to the relationship between God and God's people to that point.

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### The harmony of unity

#### From St Ignatius of Antioch's letter to the Ephesians

It is right for you to give glory in every way to Jesus Christ who has given glory to you; you must be made holy in all things by being united in perfect obedience, in submission to the bishop and the presbyters.

I am not giving you orders as if I were a person of importance. Even if I am a prisoner for the name of Christ, I am not yet made perfect in Jesus Christ. I am now beginning to be a disciple and I am speaking to you as my fellow-disciples. It is you who should be strengthening me by your faith, your encouragement, your patience, your serenity. But since love will not allow me to be silent about you, I am taking the opportunity to urge you to be united in conformity with the mind of God. For Jesus Christ, our life, without whom we cannot live, is the mind of the Father, just as the bishops, appointed over the whole earth, are in conformity with the mind of Jesus Christ.

It is fitting, therefore, that you should be in agreement with the mind of the bishop as in fact you are. Your excellent presbyters, who are a credit to God, are as suited to the bishop as strings to a harp. So in your harmony of mind and heart the song you sing is Jesus Christ. Every one of you should form a choir, so that, in harmony of sound through harmony of hearts, and in unity taking the note from God, you may sing with one voice through Jesus Christ to the Father. If you do this, he will listen to you and see from your good works that you are members of his Son. It is then an advantage to you to live in perfect unity, so that at all times you may share in God.

If in a short space of time I have become so close a friend of your bishop – in a friendship not based on nature but on spiritual grounds – how much more blessed do I judge you to be, for you are as united with him as the Church is to Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ to the Father, so that all things are in harmony through unity. Let no one make any mistake: unless a person is within the sanctuary, he is deprived of God's bread. For if the prayer of one or two has such power, how much more has the prayer of the bishop and the whole Church.

### Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

**January**—For the gift of diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

**February** -For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life

### WELCOME AND EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Welcome and Events Committee aims to strengthen the SJA Catholic Community by building a culture of welcome and hospitality and is responsible for planning and organising social events, celebrations and activities. The Committee also undertakes fundraising to support the John Berne Scholarship for an indigenous student attending the school.

The Committee meets monthly to ensure all events, celebrations and activities are well planned and organised.

*The first meeting for 2025 will be held at the presbytery on Tuesday, 28th January commencing at 7.00pm*

**New members are welcome.**



**9.00 am 2 February 2025**

**Launching Jubilee 2025, Parish Strategic Plan**

## HABERFIELD CONFERENCE OF THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Conference will hold its first meeting for 2025 on *Tuesday, 28th January at 5.00pm in the Children's Liturgy Room at SJA Church*

Our small but active conference undertakes:

- home visitation to clients in need and provides emergency assistance which can include food cards or hampers, Vinnies gift cards, basic furniture and whitegoods;
- two clothing collections (usually in May and November);
- annual Christmas and Winter Appeals;
- distribution of Christmas hampers to clients; and support for Mary McKillop Outreach through the Christmas giving tree and Easter egg hunt.

There are also opportunities to volunteer with Vinnies Night Patrol, Burwood Vinnies Support Centre or nearby Vinnies shops.

Please join us if you would know more about the Haberfield Conference and work of the Society.



## Children's Liturgy



Thank you to all those who helped out and attended in 2024. In 2025 **we are looking for new leaders to assist with this very rewarding ministry.** If you can help and join the roster please contact Antonia on email as soon as you can: [antc84@hotmail.com](mailto:antc84@hotmail.com) We need more help to keep this ministry going strong.

Thank you.

## Sacramental Program 2025

### Registration

Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion will be open during the month of March 2025. It is important to register early. There will not be any Reconciliation Program in 2025. In 2026 children in year 3 or over will be invited to register for First Reconciliation Program. Age appropriation for the Sacrament is raised from now on.

### First Holy Communion

FHC Parents meet with Fr Thomas on Wed. 27 Aug @ 7 pm.

Commitment to the preparation program will be on Sat 29 Aug @ 5PM/ Sun 30 Aug @ 9 AM.

FHC children's weekly Journalling of Church (Mass) experience starts on 14/15 September (weekend).

Weekly Catechesis starts on Wednesdays starting on 15 October.

**First Holy Communion will be @ 3pm on Saturday 22 & @11 am on Sunday 23 November.**

Should any child be seeking first communion next year and has not made their First Reconciliation must seek advice from Fr Thomas in February 2025.

### Confirmation

Parents meeting with Fr Thomas at 7 pm on Wednesday 30 April.

Commitment to the Program @ Mass Sat 3 May, 5PM & Sun 4 May 9 AM

weekly Catechesis on Wednesdays 7-28 May @7PM

Confirmation Retreat May 31/ June 1 weekend

**Bishop Danny Meagher will do the confirmation on Sunday 29 June @ 11 AM**

Note the change of Dates