

Welcome

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CATECHIST SUNDAY, FIFTH SUNDAY YEAR C 9 FEBRUARY 2025

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(Check for changes on special
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Wednesday: 9.00am

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Friday: 9.15am

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Saturday: 4:30pm - 4.50pm

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Mass of Anointing

10.30 am

Saturday

15 February 2025

From the Pastor

Bakhita

Her name was *Lucky*—but only in name. Bakhita, meaning "Lucky" in Arabic, was born around 1869 into a prosperous family of a tribal chief in Sudan. However, her freedom and joy were short-lived. Before the age of ten, she was kidnapped and sold into slavery. Over the next decade, she was passed from one owner to another, bought and sold so many times that she eventually forgot her birth name. At some point during her captivity, she was given the name *Bakhita*.

At around the age of 19, by the grace of God, she ended up in a convent. This was her true moment of fortune. With the intervention of the Canossian Sisters, she was eventually freed. She chose to be baptized, taking the name *Josephine*. Despite the 114 scars permanently etched into her body by some of her former owners, she embraced a life of faith, joy, and gentleness. Even more astonishingly, she bore no bitterness. When speaking of her enslavement, she would often say she was grateful to her kidnappers. For without them, she might never have come to know Jesus Christ or entered His Church. The ability to live without hatred is harder than emancipation from physical slavery and torture. God's grace only can help one to wash off bitterness towards persecutors. That is the true freedom.

Jubilee 2025

Carmel McKeough (Chair of the Pastoral Council) and Vince Sicari (Chair of the Faith Formation) have jointly launched the strategic pastoral plan for the Jubilee Year 2025. According to the Book of Leviticus, the Jubilee was a time of liberation—freeing those bound by debt and restoring fairness and hope to all. Inspired by this biblical tradition, Pope Francis has declared the upcoming Jubilee as a *Pilgrimage of Hope*. Like St. Josephine Bakhita, who saw her life—despite its suffering—as a pilgrimage toward Christ, we too are invited to walk a path of love and transformation. Many within our parish community have their own powerful stories of resilient hope and faith. These stories are not merely for intellectual reflection but should inspire real change in our shared life.

Modern Slavery: A Call to Conscience

While slavery in its historical form may have been abolished, modern slavery persists in different ways, demanding our urgent attention. Margaret Cassidy, leader of our parish's Social Justice Group, reminds us of the hidden injustices in our daily lives. Many of the clothes we wear are made by children and adults working in sweatshops, earning meagre wages in unsafe and inhumane conditions. The *Australian Fashion Report* by Baptist World Aid evaluates popular clothing brands based on workers' safety, wages, and overall labour conditions. To become more informed and take action, consider visiting:

[Baptist World Aid Ethical Fashion Guide](#); [Be Slavery Free](#); [Chocolate Scorecard](#); [Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans \(ACRATH\)](#)

By making ethical choices, let this Jubilee be a celebration of freedom, hope, and solidarity. May our journey, like that of St. Josephine Bakhita, be a pilgrimage toward a more just and hope-filled world.



First Reading [Isaiah 6:1-8](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Here am I! Send me.

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,
for I am a man of unclean lips
and I live among a people of unclean lips,
and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of
hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips,
your sin is taken away,
your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1](#)

(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. ***(R.)***
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. ***(R.)***
3. All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' ***(R.)***
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. ***(R.)***

Second Reading [1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 11](#)

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

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

In the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. But what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

Gospel Acclamation [Matthew 4:19](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.
Alleluia!

Gospel [Luke 5:1-11](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They left everything and followed him.

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

Prima lettura [Is 6,1-2.3-8](#)

Eccomi, manda me!

Dal libro del profeta Isaia

Nell'anno in cui morì il re Ozia, io vidi il Signore seduto su un trono alto ed elevato; i lembi del suo manto riempivano il tempio. Sopra di lui stavano dei serafini; ognuno aveva sei ali. Proclamavano l'uno all'altro, dicendo:

«Santo, santo, santo il Signore degli eserciti!
Tutta la terra è piena della sua gloria».

Vibravano gli stipiti delle porte al risuonare di quella voce, mentre il tempio si riempiva di fumo. E dissi:

«Ohimè! Io sono perduto,
perché un uomo dalle labbra impure io sono
e in mezzo a un popolo
dalle labbra impure io abito;
eppure i miei occhi hanno visto
il re, il Signore degli eserciti».

Allora uno dei serafini volò verso di me; teneva in mano un carbone ardente che aveva preso con le molle dall'altare. Egli mi toccò la bocca e disse:

«Ecco, questo ha toccato le tue labbra,
perciò è scomparsa la tua colpa
e il tuo peccato è espiato».

Poi io udii la voce del Signore che diceva: «Chi manderò e chi andrà per noi?». E io risposi: «Eccomi, manda me!».

Parola di Dio

Salmo responsoriale [Sal 137](#)

Cantiamo al Signore, grande è la sua gloria.

Ti rendo grazie, Signore, con tutto il cuore:
hai ascoltato le parole della mia bocca.

Non agli dèi, ma a te voglio cantare,
mi prostro verso il tuo tempio santo.

Rendo grazie al tuo nome per il tuo amore e la tua fedeltà:

hai reso la tua promessa più grande del tuo nome.
Nel giorno in cui ti ho invocato, mi hai risposto,
hai accresciuto in me la forza.

Ti renderanno grazie, Signore, tutti i re della terra,
quando ascolteranno le parole della tua bocca.

Canteranno le vie del Signore:
grande è la gloria del Signore!

La tua destra mi salva.

Il Signore farà tutto per me.

Signore, il tuo amore è per sempre:

non abbandonare l'opera delle tue mani.

Seconda lettura [1Cor 15, 3-8.11](#)

Così predichiamo e così avete creduto.

Dalla prima lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Corinzi

Fratelli, a voi ho trasmesso, anzitutto, quello che anch'io ho ricevuto, cioè che Cristo morì per i nostri peccati secondo le Scritture

e che fu sepolto

e che è risorto il terzo giorno secondo le Scritture e che apparve a Cefa e quindi ai Dodici.

In seguito apparve a più di cinquecento fratelli in una sola volta: la maggior parte di essi vive ancora, mentre alcuni sono morti. Inoltre apparve a Giacomo, e quindi a tutti gli apostoli. Ultimo fra tutti apparve anche a me come a un aborto.

Dunque, sia io che loro, così predichiamo e così avete creduto.

Parola di Dio

Canto al Vangelo [Mt 4,19](#)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Venite dietro a me, dice il Signore,
vi farò pescatori di uomini.

Alleluia.

Vangelo [Lc 5,1-11](#)

Lasciarono tutto e lo seguirono.

Dal Vangelo secondo Luca

In quel tempo, mentre la folla gli faceva ressa attorno per ascoltare la parola di Dio, Gesù, stando presso il lago di Gennèsaret, vide due barche accostate alla sponda. I pescatori erano scesi e lavavano le reti. Salì in una barca, che era di Simone, e lo pregò di scostarsi un poco da terra. Sedette e insegnava alle folle dalla barca.

Quando ebbe finito di parlare, disse a Simone:

«Prendi il largo e gettate le vostre reti per la pesca».

Simone rispose: «Maestro, abbiamo faticato tutta la notte e non abbiamo preso nulla; ma sulla tua parola getterò le reti». Fecero così e presero una quantità enorme di pesci e le loro reti quasi si rompevano.

Allora fecero cenno ai compagni dell'altra barca, che venissero ad aiutarli. Essi vennero e riempirono tutte e due le barche fino a farle quasi affondare.

Al vedere questo, Simon Pietro si gettò alle ginocchia di Gesù, dicendo: «Signore, allontanati da me, perché sono un peccatore». Lo stupore infatti aveva invaso lui e tutti quelli che erano con lui, per la pesca che avevano fatto; così pure Giacomo e Giovanni, figli di Zebedèo, che erano soci di Simone. Gesù disse a Simone: «Non temere; d'ora in poi sarai pescatore di uomini».

E, tirate le barche a terra, lasciarono tutto e lo seguirono.

Parola del Signore.

Reflection, Catechist Sunday, Fifth Sunday Year C, Luke 5:1-11

In this week's gospel, we witness the all-too-familiar story of Jesus by the Sea of Galilee calling Simon Peter and other fisherfolk to join him in his mission.

Unlike similar call stories in Mark (1:16-20) and Mathew (4:18-22), the journey to discipleship in Luke is not a single moment of decisive conversion but rather a gradual process, marked by repeated encounters, personal challenges, and an evolving understanding of Jesus' identity.

By the time we encounter Simon Peter in this passage, he has already had several meetings with Jesus. Earlier, Jesus performed miracles in Peter's hometown of Capernaum (Lk 4:31-37), healing many who came to Peter's house (4:40-41), including Peter's mother-in-law (Lk 4:38-39).

Peter and his colleagues may have been curious about this miracle worker from Nazareth. However, curiosity alone was not enough to prompt them to abandon their lives and livelihoods. In this later encounter by the lake, Peter and his companions still engaged in their work, weary from an unfruitful night of fishing, are still rooted in the security of their familiar lives.

Jesus enters Peter's boat and asks him to "put out into the deep" (Lk 5:4) which, in Luke is probably meant to be read as both a physical and a spiritual quest. The depth of the lake symbolises a deeper dive into trust and faith, a willingness to venture beyond comfort.

The miraculous catch that follows is not only a sign of Jesus' power but also a revelation for Peter, who, "seized with astonishment" (Lk 5:9), falls to his knees and acknowledges his own unworthiness. This response signifies a transformative moment, one in which Peter's initial curiosity is challenged by the overwhelming presence of the sacred in Jesus.

This passage reminds us that discipleship often requires repeated encounters with the sacred presence in our lives. Each encounter deepens the call, drawing us from curiosity to faith and, eventually, to a committed life of discipleship. It is easy to think that a single moment of conviction or inspiration will suffice to sustain a life of faith.

However, Peter's journey suggests that a faithful response to Jesus is nurtured over time, with each encounter inviting us to trust more deeply and let go of our reservations. The call to "leave everything and follow" (Lk 5:11) becomes possible only when Peter has experienced both Jesus' authority and his compassion in a personal and transformative way.

In our own lives, we may find that discipleship also unfolds through a series of invitations to trust, each one a step deeper into relationship with Jesus. We might be drawn to the message of Jesus through curiosity, but it is through ongoing encounters—moments of insight, challenge, or comfort—that we grow into a life of committed discipleship.

Like Peter and his fellow fisherfolk, we come to realise that following Jesus is not merely a call to faith but a call to transformation. We are invited to leave behind the life we know, trusting in the new purpose Jesus reveals, one encounter at a time.

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Understanding the Gospel, Luke 5:1-11

Scriptural context – The Call of the disciples

In the other two synoptic gospels – Matthew and Mark – the call of the disciples is one of the first recorded actions of Jesus' adult life. Luke, on the other hand, delays the call until after Jesus' public ministry has commenced. By this stage of the gospel, Jesus has made a public declaration about the nature of his ministry and begun to enact it. In this way, the sort of ministry Jesus will undertake is already established when the disciples are called to join it. It becomes a more conscious decision by the disciples – they know what they're getting in to!

Have you thought? – Do not be afraid

When Peter is overcome by the catch of fish and falls on his knees before Jesus, the response Jesus makes is to simply say, 'Do not be afraid'. This phrase is the most often repeated phrase in the Bible. It appears more than 60 times throughout the Bible – depending on which translation one uses. This is an extraordinary number of times for the one phrase to appear. And the references stretch from the first book, Genesis, to the last, Revelation. It is God's message to us echoing throughout the Bible: Do not be afraid!

Living the Gospel – Hearing the Call

Like Isaiah and Peter, each and every one of us is called. It may not happen through Jesus stepping into our boat, but when we quieten our minds and our hearts enough to really listen, we become aware that God truly is calling to each and every one of us. The call comes to us through our friends; our experiences; our hopes and our fears. Sometimes we are so afraid of hearing the call that we fill our lives with noise and distractions. We fear that the call will involve hardship, or at the very least: unpopularity. But that's no excuse!

Greg Sunter

Jubilee Year 2025

From the Archbishop

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP opened the Ordinary Jubilee Year of Hope for the church in Sydney with Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on the 29 December feast of the Holy Family.

In his homily, Archbishop Fisher referred to the Pope's intentions for the jubilee year, expressed in his [*Bull of Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025*](#) which reminds Christians of the centrality of hope in Christian life.

"It is this sustaining hope, envisioning glory to come, that allows us to continue amidst the sin and cruelty that darken our age and sometimes our own relationships closer to home," the archbishop said.

"It empowers us to bear fruit as peacemakers, life givers, lovers of the poor, sick and suffering, protectors of the vulnerable unborn, elderly or persecuted.

"In attending to them with those acts of love commended in our epistle (1Jn 3:1-2,21-24), we become, the Holy Father notes, "tangible signs of hope for our brothers and sisters".

"As we embark on a year of pilgrimage in hope, we ask that, like Jesus, we might "increase in wisdom, in stature and in favour with God and men" (Lk 2:52).

The church celebrates a jubilee year every 25 years, when people are encouraged to make a pilgrimage to Rome or to dedicated local churches, pray and approach the sacrament of reconciliation.

Pope Francis proclaimed an extraordinary jubilee year of mercy in 2015 to encourage all to know the "merciful face of God." This year he has also invited the faithful of the Eastern churches, especially those already in full communion with the Roman church, to take part in a pilgrimage to Vatican city.

The Jubilee year will conclude in Sydney and the other particular churches on 28 December 2025, and in Rome with the closing of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica on 6 January 2026, the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.

source: Catholic Weekly December 30, 2024

Jubilee 2025 Strategic Plan

Opening the Sacred Doors of Our Daily Lives and Professions is the title of the Strategic Plan launched last Sunday. An Italian version of the handout document is now being prepared and it will be available next weekend (16 Feb). It is exciting times.

Education for Peace is the first of Jubilee Program and it will be at 9 am Mass on Sunday, 2 March. All people working in educational field are specially invited to it. If you are involved in education or formation activities, consider this as an invitation. You may also invite anyone you know working in schools, universities, early learning and similar field, to **Sunday 2 March Mass at 9 am**. There will be a blessing for all educators. Three principals – Amanda Gahan, Antoinette McGann, and Enrica Bova – will be speaking at the occasion.



We hope to enter the Holy Doors of the Jubilee 2025 which will not disappoint us. The sacredness of our daily lives and professions are the doors we seek. Calling to celebrate various professions, from educators and health care workers, artists and laborers, this approach underscores the divine potential inherent in every vocation.

We are in a passage filled with love and hope. Whether a teacher inspiring students for peace and hope, a legal professional reflecting on the ethics of the world order, an architect revealing the sacred dimension of sacred edifices, a technician wondering about AI and our future, or a medical professional healing the sick, you are in that passage. We are called to become living testimonies of God's presence in the world.

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.

Recently Deceased: Salvatore Aiello, Pasqualina Tomassetti, Maria Italia Barbati, Adam Messih, Rosetta Ursino, Antonio Lagana, Carmela Squadritto, Letteria Scaltrito

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

Anniversary: Nunzia Colacicco, Elisabetta Arena, Domenico & Olimpia Spadaro

Rest in Peace: Brian Parker, Rosaria Santarpiia, Federico Tomei, Rosaria Santarpiia

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:

Silvana Cocilova, Vittoria Colantuono, Enrico Cuomo, Neville Hill, John Kcory, 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.



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. 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.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

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.

March

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

SJA Autumn Fair

Saturday 8th March

The W&EC will hold a stall at the Fair to be held in the SJA school grounds from 10am till 3pm.

We are looking for anyone who could bake for us, make jams or provide knitted goods for us to sell.

All money raised will go towards our scholarship fund to again sponsor an Indigenous student in 2025 at John Berne.

Please talk to **Rhonda (0411122641)** or **Carmel (0407455526)** if you can help.

Thanks in anticipation and don't forget to come on the day for a fun time.



Annual Fashion Parade – W&EC



We will once again be holding our annual Fashion Parade on **Saturday 22nd March at 1pm in the SJA school Hall.**

Cost remains at \$10 each, and we will provide delicious food and drink, and of course a great variety of clothes in a wide size range, as well as jewellery and bags.

Tickets will be available on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/fashion-parade-tickets-1234221262019?aff=oddttdtcreator> or from the Piety Stall after weekend Masses **from 8th February.**

Come and join us for a great social afternoon!!

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 30 Aug @ 5PM/ Sun 31 Aug @ 9 AM.

FHC children's weekly Journalling of Church (Mass) experience starts on 13/14 September (weekend).

Weekly Catechesis 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



Lenten Prayer Groups

Meditating on the Sunday Gospel in groups during Lent is a fruitful spiritual exercise. **You can join Lenten Group or host one at your preferred location and time by registering your name in the sheet provided at the entrance of the Church.** The Parish will

bulk order the resource (book and CD) for your group.

There will be another set of programs available later, for use in family groups and by individuals. That will be made available free of Charge. It does not require registration.



Nominate a Parishioner

The parish exists because of the people of faith who continue to come together for worship and share their God experience. Each of these parishioners has a story to tell.

The Faith Formation Group is working on interviewing nominated parishioners and collecting their stories. We would like you to nominate one or more names of parishioners to be interviewed. There is a blue box and blue cards near the Baptismal Font. Please use the blue cards to write your nomination and place them in the blue box. Alternatively, you can contact the parish office by email: admin@stjoanofarc.org.au

Weekly Diary 10 Feb - 16 Feb 2025

Date	Time	To note
Wednesday, 12 Feb	9:00 am	Mass
Thursday, 13 Feb	9:00 am	Mass
Friday, 14 Feb	9:15 am	Mass, School Opening mass
	3pm	Mass @SJA Villa
Saturday, 15 Feb	10:30 am	Anointing mass & morning tea
	5:00 pm	Mass
Sunday, 16 Feb	9:00 am	Mass, first Family mass
	6:00 pm	Mass

Mass of Anointing

A special Mass of Anointing at
10.30 am on Saturday, 15 February.



Morning Tea to follow, organised by the Welcome and Events Committee.



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Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal



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Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.

Artes Christi Chamber Choir Presents Sacred Music for Lent

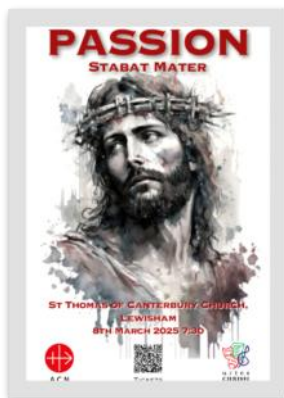
Experience the profound journey of Christ's passion through masterworks including Pergolesi's Stabat Mater, Bruckner's Christus Factus Est, and Byrd's Miserere Meus. This Lenten concert invites listeners on a musical pilgrimage from darkness to light, from suffering to hope.

Join us Saturday, March 8, 2025, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, 3 Thomas Street, Lewisham.

Tickets: Adult \$35 | Concession \$25 | Family \$75

For bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/CXXHA>

The QR Code to the link is included below:



New Website



The parish website needs reworking. A new website is being designed now. It is in the preliminary stages. Should you have any comments on how to improve the website, you may either speak with Fr Thomas or contact the parish office by email: admin@stjoanofarc.org.au