

Welcome

St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C 23 FEBRUARY 2025

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From the Pastor

Land & Divine Right

The media is inundated with news of wars and territorial disputes. The justifications for these conflicts often revolve around historical integrity, national security, or even claims of divine mandate over certain lands. Regardless of whether these claims arise from power or prejudice, one undeniable truth remains: humans have an intrinsic attachment to land.

Culture and Land

Human culture is deeply rooted in land and territory. Cultural expressions—such as diverse cuisines, styles of dress, habitat formations, linguistic traditions, civil and political organization, moral values, and etiquette—are all shaped by the land where they originate. While these cultural aspects evolve over time, they are always anchored to a "homeland" or "motherland."

Perceived inadequacies often drive people to migrate to territories with different cultural landscapes. Although such migrations are deliberate, those who relocate often perceive themselves as a diaspora in their new environment. It takes multiple generations before migrants begin to consider their adopted country as their homeland. To aid this transition, countries like Australia implement multicultural policies to help migrants integrate and feel at home in their new socio-cultural context.

Divine Right to Land

Throughout history, certain groups have claimed land as a divine right. For example, is a piece of land in the Levant exclusively designated as God's gift to the Hebrew people? While Israel has political and historical reasons to claim the land, can this claim extend to a religious mandate? For Christians, biblical evidence suggests otherwise.

The land was promised to Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3) and his descendants as part of God's covenant. However, this promise was never solely about physical territory but rather about God's presence with His people and His plan for the entire world.

According to Jeremiah (see Chapter 29), the Hebrew people lost their homeland due to disobedience, and their eventual restoration was an act of divine faithfulness. The prophet Jeremiah presents the deportation and return of the Jews not merely as a geographical displacement but as a reflection of their spiritual condition.

Jesus, in His ministry, spoke of the Kingdom of God as a spiritual rather than a geographical reality. In the Beatitudes, He declared, "*Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth*" (Matthew 5:5), thereby expanding the land promise beyond Israel to encompass the entire world. Jesus' mission was not about reclaiming a specific land but about establishing God's reign over all creation (Luke 4:16-21, Mark 1:15).

Paul echoes this idea in Romans 4:13, stating that Abraham was promised not just a strip of land but the whole world. He reinterprets the Abrahamic promise as being fulfilled in Christ and extended to all nations through faith.

Beyond Boundaries

If any claims can be made in the name of God, they should not be confined to geographical territories but should reflect the broader inheritance of the world under God's reign. This is a spiritual reality, not a physical or political one.

God's people are called to prioritize the dignity, security, and flourishing of all humanity over territorial expansion and the exploitation of natural resources. While cultural identity is rooted in homeland traditions, the transformative experience of Christ calls believers to transcend self-centered worldviews and cultivate a humanity that thrives in love, justice, and peace.



First Reading 1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R)
3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. (R)
4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

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

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ"

Prima lettura 1Sam 26,2.7-9.12-13.22-23

Il Signore ti aveva messo nelle mie mani e non ho voluto stendere la mano.

Dal primo libro di Samuèle

In quei giorni, Saul si mosse e scese nel deserto di Zif, conducendo con sé tremila uomini scelti d'Israele, per ricercare Davide nel deserto di Zif.

Davide e Abisài scesero tra quella gente di notte ed ecco, Saul dormiva profondamente tra i carriaggi e la sua lancia era infissa a terra presso il suo capo, mentre Abner con la truppa dormiva all'intorno. Abisài disse a Davide: «Oggi Dio ti ha messo nelle mani il tuo nemico. Lascia dunque che io l'inchiiodi a terra con la lancia in un sol colpo e non aggiungerò il secondo». Ma Davide disse ad Abisài: «Non ucciderlo! Chi mai ha messo la mano sul consacrato del Signore ed è rimasto impunito?».

Davide portò via la lancia e la brocca dell'acqua che era presso il capo di Saul e tutti e due se ne andarono; nessuno vide, nessuno se ne accorse, nessuno si svegliò: tutti dormivano, perché era venuto su di loro un torpore mandato dal Signore.

Davide passò dall'altro lato e si fermò lontano sulla cima del monte; vi era una grande distanza tra loro. Davide gridò: «Ecco la lancia del re: passi qui uno dei servitori e la prenda! Il Signore renderà a ciascuno secondo la sua giustizia e la sua fedeltà, dal momento che oggi il Signore ti aveva messo nelle mie mani e non ho voluto stendere la mano sul consacrato del Signore».

Parola di Dio

Salmo responsoriale Sal 102

Il Signore è buono e grande nell'amore.

Benedici il Signore, anima mia, quanto è in me benedica il suo santo nome.

Benedici il Signore, anima mia, non dimenticare tutti i suoi benefici.

Egli perdona tutte le tue colpe, guarisce tutte le tue infermità, salva dalla fossa la tua vita, ti circonda di bontà e misericordia.

Misericordioso e pietoso è il Signore, lento all'ira e grande nell'amore.

Non ci tratta secondo i nostri peccati e non ci ripaga secondo le nostre colpe.

Quanto dista l'oriente dall'occidente, così egli allontana da noi le nostre colpe. Come è tenero un padre verso i figli, così il Signore è tenero verso quelli che lo temono.

Seconda lettura 1Cor 15,45-49

Come eravamo simili all'uomo terreno, così saremo simili all'uomo celeste.

Dalla prima lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Corinzi

Fratelli, il primo uomo, Adamo, divenne un essere vivente, ma l'ultimo Adamo divenne spirito datore di vita.

Non vi fu prima il corpo spirituale, ma quello animale, e poi lo spirituale.

Il primo uomo, tratto dalla terra, è fatto di terra; il secondo uomo viene dal cielo. Come è l'uomo terreno, così sono quelli di terra; e come è l'uomo celeste, così anche i celesti.

E come eravamo simili all'uomo terreno, così saremo simili all'uomo celeste.

Parola di Dio

Canto al Vangelo Gv 13,34

Alleluia, alleluia.

Vi do un comandamento nuovo, dice il Signore: come io ho amato voi, così amatevi anche voi gli uni gli altri.

Alleluia.

Vangelo Lc 6,27-38

Siate misericordiosi, come il Padre vostro è misericordioso.

Dal Vangelo secondo Luca

In quel tempo, Gesù disse ai suoi discepoli:

«A voi che ascoltate, io dico: amate i vostri nemici, fate del bene a quelli che vi odiano, benedite coloro che vi maledicono, pregate per coloro che vi trattano male. A chi ti percuote sulla guancia, offri anche l'altra; a chi ti strappa il mantello, non rifiutare neanche la tunica. Da' a chiunque ti chiede, e a chi prende le cose tue, non chiederle indietro.

E come volete che gli uomini facciano a voi, così anche voi fate a loro. Se amate quelli che vi amano, quale gratitudine vi è dovuta? Anche i peccatori amano quelli che li amano. E se fate del bene a coloro che fanno del bene a voi, quale gratitudine vi è dovuta? Anche i peccatori fanno lo stesso. E se prestate a coloro da cui sperate ricevere, quale gratitudine vi è dovuta? Anche i peccatori concedono prestiti ai peccatori per riceverne altrettanto. Amate invece i vostri nemici, fate del bene e prestate senza sperarne nulla, e la vostra ricompensa sarà grande e sarete figli dell'Altissimo, perché egli è benevolo verso gli ingrati e i malvagi.

Siate misericordiosi, come il Padre vostro è misericordioso.

Non giudicate e non sarete giudicati; non condannate e non sarete condannati; perdonate e sarete perdonati. Date e vi sarà dato: una misura buona, pigiata, colma e traboccante vi sarà versata nel grembo, perché con la misura con la quale misurate, sarà misurato a voi in cambio».

Parola del Signore

Seventh Sunday Year C, Luke 6:27-38

In the Book of Samuel, we find two mortal enemies, David and Saul, in conflict. Saul is the anointed King of Judah and David has been anointed to succeed him. What happens next is an all too familiar human story. David is jealous of Saul's power; Saul is suspicious of David's motives.

How often family feuds and human relations take on these negative forces of jealousy and suspicion, resulting in the breakdown of relationships. We also see this operating at the international level between ethnic groups and nations, resulting in open conflict and even warfare.

To return to the story of King Saul and the yet-to-be appointed King David, there is a glimmer of light.

Previously, in a rage, Saul had attempted to kill David by throwing a javelin at him! In this week's story, David has the opportunity to kill Saul, but relents. Choosing not to kill your enemy is a good first step! Even here we note David's motives are not entirely pure. He acts partly out of guilt, fearing divine anger if he was to kill one of God's anointed.

However, fear of God has its role as a pathway to a more authentic and loving life.

Let us now compare this approach to the words of Jesus in the gospel: "Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you". At a logical level, Jesus' reasoning is difficult to dispute: "If you only love those who love you, what thanks can you expect?" No, says Jesus, you must overcome all those narrow views of love and forgiveness: "Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate". Moreover, "don't judge others, don't condemn, always forgive".

We may complain that Jesus is asking too much of us! Surely all this love and forgiveness will be seen as pure weakness, leading us to being eaten up, spewed out and trodden underfoot by our enemies! Yet, something within us knows we must break the cycle of violence and vengeance if we are to achieve peace, harmony and goodwill among people and nations. This is the way of the gospel as lived and proclaimed by Jesus.

This is also the centre-point of Pope Francis' encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* (2020), where Francis uses the parable of the Good Samaritan to insist that love must go beyond tribe, family and nation to include stranger, migrant and refugee. We also note Francis' joint statement with Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayeb in Abu Dhabi (2019) which acknowledged that "God has created all human beings equal in rights, duties and dignity, and has called them to live together as brothers and sisters".

In today's world, 'loving your enemy' is best expressed in terms of commitment to dialogue and mutual respect among peoples of diverse religions and cultures. This enables us to open our hearts to become people of love, service and compassion.

This way, we allow God's love to enter our lives and world, mindful of Jesus' words: "The amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back!"

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Understanding the Gospel, Luke 6:27-38

Historical Context – In the midst of oppression

What a powerful message Jesus delivered to people who were subjugated and oppressed by an invading army. It would have been easy, and somehow 'natural', for the people of Palestine to hate the Roman occupiers and to seek revenge upon them. How confronting then for Jesus to say, 'love your enemies'! He tells the people that the way to live God's way in this situation was to be compassionate towards the oppressors; that when they rob you of your cloak to present them with your shirt as well. To do otherwise is to become like the oppressors themselves. Meeting hatred with hatred never ended hatred.

Scriptural context – Compassion

The compassion of God is a very strong theme that runs through the Gospel of Luke. Throughout the gospel, the compassion and mercy of God is emphasised and a defining feature of the gospel is the number of healings and parables that relate to people who were regarded as the outcasts of society. In this gospel, Jesus is the embodiment of God's compassion. Jesus wants all people to experience first hand the abundant love God holds for them. Today's gospel passage is a reminder that when we experience God's compassion we are also called to show it to others.

Gospel Focus – Treated as the prophets

As part of his sermon, Jesus announces, 'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man... This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.' The prophets of the Old Testament were the chosen spokesmen of God. Their message was often unpopular and they were often threatened and berated for challenging the social order. To be treated in this way is in fact something of an affirmation that one's words and actions are reflecting the message of God. The Word of God is confronting and challenging!

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FROM THE FATHERS OF THE CHURCH

Without love everything is in vain

A treatise on Charity by St Maximus the Confessor

Charity is a right attitude of mind which prefers nothing to the knowledge of God. If a man possesses any strong attachment to the things of this earth, he cannot possess true charity. For anyone who really loves God prefers to know and experience God rather than his creatures. The whole set and longing of his mind is ever directed towards him.

For God is far superior to all his creation, since everything which exists has been made by God and for him. And so, in deserting God, who is beyond compare, for the inferior works of creation, a man shows that he values God, the author of creation, less than creation itself.

The Lord himself reminds us: *Whoever loves me will keep my commandments. And this is my commandment: that you love one another.* So the man who does not love his neighbour does not obey God's command. But one who does not obey his command cannot love God. A man is blessed if he can love all men equally. Moreover, if he truly loves God, he must love his neighbour absolutely. Such a man cannot hoard his wealth. Rather, like God himself, he generously gives from his own resources to each man according to his needs.

Since he imitates God's generosity, the only distinction he draws is the person's need. He does not distinguish between a good man and a bad one, a just man and one who is unjust. Yet his own goodness of will makes him prefer the man who strives after virtue to the one who is depraved.

A charitable mind is not displayed simply in giving money; it is manifested still more by personal service as well as by the communication of God's word to others. In fact, if a man's service towards his brothers is genuine and if he really renounces worldly concerns, he is freed from selfish desires. For he now shares in God's own knowledge and love. Since he does possess God's love, he does not experience weariness as he follows the Lord his God. Rather, following the prophet Jeremiah, he withstands every type of reproach and hardship without even harbouring an evil thought towards any man.

For Jeremiah warns us: *Do not say: "We are the Lord's temple."* Neither should you say: *"Faith alone in our Lord Jesus Christ can save me."* By itself faith accomplishes nothing. *For even the devils believe and shudder.*

No, faith must be joined to an active love of God which is expressed in good works. The charitable man is distinguished by sincere and long-suffering service to his fellow man: it also means using things aright.

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.

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

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

Recently Deceased: Adam Messih, Paul Ponticello, Bartolo Ficarra, Salvatore Aiello, Pasqualina Tomassetti, Maria Italia Barbati, Rosetta Ursino

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

Anniversary: Giuseppe Azena, Francesconicola Azena, Raffaella Azena, Lucy The, Angela Ramirra, Angelo Testa, Constantine Bourbous, Giovanni & Giuseppa Fonti

Rest in Peace: Antonio Lagana, Alfia Torrissi,

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 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.



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

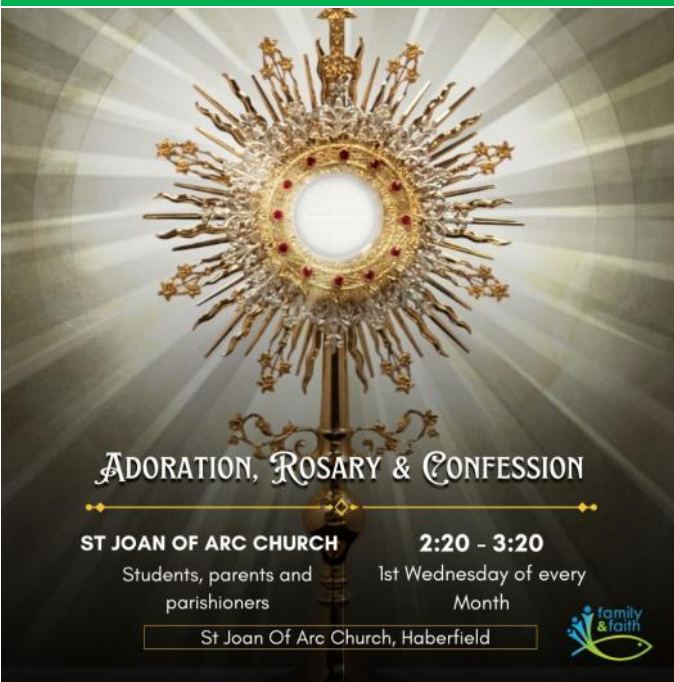
For vocations to the priesthood & religious life

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.



ADORATION, ROSARY & CONFESSION

ST JOAN OF ARC CHURCH **2:20 - 3:20**
Students, parents and parishioners 1st Wednesday of every Month

St Joan Of Arc Church, Haberfield



SJA Family 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=oddtcreator> or from the Piety Stall after weekend Masses **from 8th**

February.



Enrolment now opens for the Sacramental Program 2025

Please visit the Parish website, www.stjoanofarc.org.au to enrol your child/children for First Holy Communion and Confirmation preparation programs using the online forms.

Closing date for enrolment is 3pm, Tuesday 1 April 2025.

There will not be any Reconciliation Program in 2025.

If you have any further questions please contact office by phone on 9798 6657 or by email admin@stjoanofarc.org.au

Education for Peace & Hope — Jubilee 2025



As part of Jubilee Year 2025, we are celebrating the contribution by all educators – past and present - from preschool to tertiary levels and in all capacities. So all you teachers, support staff and admin staff are specially invited to join us for Mass on **Sunday 2nd March at 9am**, followed by morning tea (if you would like to bring a plate it would be most welcome).

Fr Thomas will give those present a special blessing.
Everyone is welcome.

News from your parish school



This week we are proud to announce the appointment of Miss Jaimie Kolenko as Acting Religious Education Coordinator for 2025.

Miss Jaimie Kolenko is an experienced teacher with a strong background in sport, ICT, and curriculum leadership. Her academic pursuits include studies in Gifted Education and Early Childhood Education, further enhancing her ability to cater to diverse student needs. As an active parishioner at St Joan of Arc Church, she is deeply committed to guiding our students in celebrating their faith within the secular world they navigate daily.

Miss Kolenko will begin her time at St Joan of Arc as soon as a replacement has been found for her at her current school. This should be in the next few weeks. We are excited to welcome her and look forward to the positive impact she will have on our students and parish community.

Sonia Gomez

Sonia Gomez is the latest addition to our parish ministries. Always there are new additions to the various ministry groups of the parish, and most of them are parishioners. But Sonia who has volunteered to be part of the Parish Pastoral ministries is different. She is training to be the first woman Catholic chaplain to the Defence Force of Australia. She is currently mentored by Fr Tom Steven at Mortlake. In addition to her involvement with Mortlake parish, she will be joining our parish teams as acolyte. She will also help with Sacramental programs, RCIA, and Faith Formation Group. We welcome her to our parish teams.

Weekly Diary 24 Feb - 2 Mar 2025

Date	Time	To note
Tuesday, 25 Feb	5:00 pm	St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting
	7:00 pm	Welcome & Events Committee
Wednesday, 26 Feb	9:00 am	Mass
Thursday, 27 Feb	9:00 am	Mass
	2:00 pm	Catholic Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group
Friday, 28 Feb	9:15 am	Mass
	6:00 pm	Volunteers Drinks & Dinner
Saturday, 1 Mar	4:15 pm - 4:45pm	Confession
	5:00 pm	Mass
Sunday, 2 Mar	9:00 am	Mass, Jubilee for Educators & morning tea
	6:00 pm	Mass

Lenten Prayer Groups

Lent starts on March 5, Ash Wednesday. Stations of the Cross, Project Compassion, and Lenten Groups are Lenten specials.

Thanks to all who signed up to join or lead Lenten Prayer Groups. Initially we were planning to use resources from the Wollongong Diocese. Unfortunately, these resources are sold out. But we are fortunate to have Sydney Archdiocesan Lenten Companion 2025, *LET YOUR WILL BE DONE* as a resource for the Prayer Groups. They are free of charge.

Those who have signed up to join Lenten Prayer Groups and anyone else intending to do so will need to collect your copy of the book this weekend (or ASAP). The remaining books will be made available for the parish at large.

World Day of Prayer 2025 Cook Islands "I made you wonderful"



Date and Time Friday, 7th March 2025
Morning Tea- 9.45am Mother Teresa's court
Service- 10.30am

Location St Joan of Arc church Haberfield

Contact Grace 0452 513 017
Beatrice 0425 309 699



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A ceasefire means more aid can assist people affected in Gaza. Your support is urgently needed.



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How to Rebuild my Church

This Adult Faith Formation program is held at All Hallows Parish Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday, 27th February. Details are on the Notice Board in the Foyer (Entrance) of the Church.

FAMILY FAIR

SATURDAY, 8TH MARCH

10AM TO 3PM

ST JOAN OF ARC PRIMARY SCHOOL
88 DALHOUSIE ST, HABERFIELD

HAIR BRAIDING & FACE PAINTING
CHOOSE FROM THE VARIETY OF FOOD ON OFFER!
COFFEE CART ON THE PREMISES
BRING YOUR PET TO JOIN OUR PET PARADE!
RIDES FOR THE KIDS
CHOCOLATE WHEEL & AMAZING PRIZES!
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WONDERFUL STALLS!
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CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
WITH SPECIAL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES
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St Joan of Arc Playgroup

9:15AM WEDNESDAY'S

Join Miss Belinda and friends during school term's

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