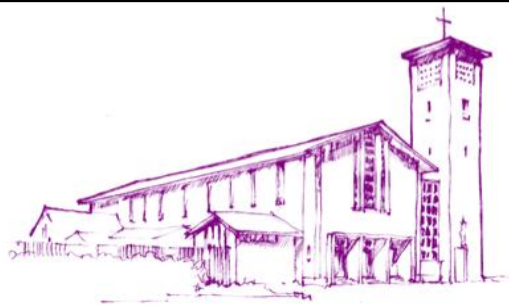


Welcome

# St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C 16 MARCH 2025**

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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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#### SJOA Primary:

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**Principal:** Antoinette McGahan  
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## From the Pastor

### The Importance of Intentions at Mass

Are you at church on the weekend intentionally, or do you just happen to be there? Does it matter? In truth, our presence at Mass should be intentional, and so should our prayers. It is essential to approach the Eucharistic celebration with a clear intention—something specific to offer in prayer.

Sherry Weddell, a convert from Evangelical Christianity to Catholicism, emphasizes the importance of being intentional disciples. What Sherry said about discipleship in general is particularly important as we attend Holy Mass. Before attending Mass—the source and summit of our faith—we should consciously set an intention. This could be an act of thanksgiving for God’s blessings, a prayer for someone dear to us, or an offering for the well-being of our community. Our personal intention joins the universal intention of the Church, expressed in the Preface of the Mass:

*"It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God."*

### Praying for the Departed and the Living

As Catholics, we believe in the communion of saints, which allows us to intercede for the souls of the departed. The Church has always honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers—especially the Holy Eucharist—for their purification and entrance into the presence of God:

*"From the beginning, the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God" (CCC 1032).*

Beyond praying for the deceased, we also bring before God the needs of the living. Whether it is a personal concern, a prayer for a loved one, or an intercession for the broader community, coming to Mass with a clear intention deepens our participation.

### Offering Our Intentions at Mass

Before the Collect (the opening prayer), the priest invites the congregation to pray by saying, *"Let us pray,"* followed by a moment of silence. This pause allows each individual to bring their intention before God. The priest then gathers these prayers and offers them to the Lord on behalf of the congregation.

Later, when the bread and wine are offered on the altar, we are also called to unite our prayers, sacrifices, and personal struggles with the gifts being presented. This act transforms our daily challenges into a spiritual offering, making our participation in the Mass more profound and meaningful.

### Mass as Sacrifice and Intercession

The Holy Mass is more than just a gathering; it is both a sacrifice and an act of intercession. By being intentional in our participation, we align ourselves more closely with Christ’s offering and deepen our connection to God and the Church.

Let us not approach the Table of the Lord as aimless wanderers, but as faithful disciples who come with purpose, gratitude, and intercession in our hearts.



**First Reading** [Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18](#)

A reading from the book of Genesis

*God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.*

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm** [Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v. 1](#)

**(R) The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

1. The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life  
before whom shall I shrink? **(R)**
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
Of you my heart has spoken:  
'Seek his face.' **(R)**
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,  
hide not your face.  
Dismiss not your servant in anger;  
you have been my help. **(R)**
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! **(R)**

**Second Reading** [Philippians 3:17 – 4:1](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.*

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation** [Matthew 17:5](#)

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel** [Luke 9:28-36](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
*As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord .

**Prima lettura** Gen 15,5-12.17-18

*Dio stipula l'alleanza con Abram fedele.*

Dal libro della Genesi

In quei giorni, Dio condusse fuori Abram e gli disse: «Guarda in cielo e conta le stelle, se riesci a contarle» e soggiunse: «Tale sarà la tua discendenza». Egli credette al Signore, che glielo accreditò come giustizia.

E gli disse: «Io sono il Signore, che ti ho fatto uscire da Ur dei Caldei per darti in possesso questa terra».

Rispose: «Signore Dio, come potrò sapere che ne avrò il possesso?». Gli disse: «Prendimi una giovenca di tre anni, una capra di tre anni, un ariete di tre anni, una tortora e un colombo».

Andò a prendere tutti questi animali, li divise in due e collocò ogni metà di fronte all'altra; non divise però gli uccelli. Gli uccelli rapaci calarono su quei cadaveri, ma Abram li scacciò.

Mentre il sole stava per tramontare, un torpore cadde su Abram, ed ecco terrore e grande oscurità lo assalirono.

Quando, tramontato il sole, si era fatto buio fitto, ecco un braciere fumante e una fiaccola ardente passare in mezzo agli animali divisi. In quel giorno il Signore concluse quest'alleanza con Abram:

«Alla tua discendenza

io do questa terra,

dal fiume d'Egitto

al grande fiume, il fiume Eufrate».

Parola di Dio

**Salmo responsoriale** Sal 26

**Il Signore è mia luce e mia salvezza.**

Il Signore è mia luce e mia salvezza:  
di chi avrò timore?

Il Signore è difesa della mia vita:  
di chi avrò paura?

Ascolta, Signore, la mia voce.

Io grido: abbi pietà di me, rispondimi!

Il mio cuore ripete il tuo invito:

«Cercate il mio volto!».

Il tuo volto, Signore, io cerco.

Non nascondermi il tuo volto,  
non respingere con ira il tuo servo.

Sei tu il mio aiuto, non lasciarmi,  
non abbandonarmi, Dio della mia salvezza.

Sono certo di contemplare la bontà del Signore  
nella terra dei viventi.

Spera nel Signore, sii forte,

si rinsaldi il tuo cuore e spera nel Signore.

**Seconda lettura** Fil 3,17- 4,1

*Cristo ci trasfigurerà nel suo corpo glorioso.*

Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Filippesi

Fratelli, fatevi insieme miei imitatori e guardate quelli che si comportano secondo l'esempio che avete in noi. Perché molti – ve l'ho già detto più volte e ora, con le lacrime agli occhi, ve lo ripeto – si comportano da nemici della croce di Cristo. La loro sorte finale sarà la perdizione, il ventre è il loro dio. Si vantano di ciò di cui dovrebbero vergognarsi e non pensano che alle cose della terra.

La nostra cittadinanza infatti è nei cieli e di là aspettiamo come salvatore il Signore Gesù Cristo, il quale trasfigurerà il nostro misero corpo per conformarlo al suo corpo glorioso, in virtù del potere che egli ha di sottomettere a sé tutte le cose.

Perciò, fratelli miei carissimi e tanto desiderati, mia gioia e mia corona, rimanete in questo modo saldi nel Signore, carissimi!

Parola di Dio

**Canto al Vangelo** Mc 9,7

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù!

Dalla nube luminosa, si udì la voce del Padre:

«Questi è il mio Figlio, l'amato: ascoltatelo!».

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù!

**Vangelo** Lc 9,28-36

*Mentre Gesù pregava, il suo volto cambiò d'aspetto.*

Dal Vangelo secondo Luca

In quel tempo, Gesù prese con sé Pietro, Giovanni e Giacomo e salì sul monte a pregare. Mentre pregava, il suo volto cambiò d'aspetto e la sua veste divenne candida e sfolgorante. Ed ecco, due uomini conversavano con lui: erano Mosè ed Elia, apparsi nella gloria, e parlavano del suo esodo, che stava per compiersi a Gerusalemme.

Pietro e i suoi compagni erano oppressi dal sonno; ma, quando si svegliarono, videro la sua gloria e i due uomini che stavano con lui.

Mentre questi si separavano da lui, Pietro disse a Gesù: «Maestro, è bello per noi essere qui. Facciamo tre capanne, una per te, una per Mosè e una per Elia». Egli non sapeva quello che diceva.

Mentre parlava così, venne una nube e li coprì con la sua ombra. All'entrare nella nube, ebbero paura. E dalla nube uscì una voce, che diceva: «Questi è il Figlio mio, l'eletto; ascoltatelo!».

Appena la voce cessò, restò Gesù solo. Essi tacquero e in quei giorni non riferirono a nessuno ciò che avevano visto.

Parola del Signore

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Year C, Luke 9:28-36

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### *Transfigured Bodysouls*

One often hears the conventional wisdom: 'All religions are the same, with somewhat different packaging.' But, do they believe the same thing about the human person?

What if one believed that the most vital part of a person was 'the soul' which alone was destined for Heaven? This is not the Christian belief.

Today's Gospel recounts that Jesus' *body* was transfigured. This was no out-of-the-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' *body* was totally translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Every molecule of his materiality was reverberating in the halo of divine glory.

That is the destiny which God desires for us also. When we are really in harmony with God, when we really participate in the life of God, then that Divine Life envelops and permeates our whole person, *bodysoul*. That is our *ultimate* destiny, but can it be anticipated in the lives of those close to God?

You might care to read the story of St Seraphim of Sarov from the Russian Orthodox tradition. A follower recounts the dazzling bodily transformation of the saint with the blaze of light spilling over onto the snow-covered meadow.

We might pause for a moment to affirm our Christian hope that, with God's grace, we will be radiant with Divine Light, our bodies immersed in translucent glory, filled with infinite joy in our hearts.

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## Understanding the Gospel, Luke 9:28-36

### Scriptural context – Gospel Parallels

The account of the Transfiguration appears in all three synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). The word, synoptic, means 'seen together' and these three gospels can be seen together because they have so much material in common. It is now accepted that the gospel of Mark was the first written as so much of it appears in the other two, while the gospels of Matthew and Luke both seem to have also drawn on another source of Jesus material (known as the 'Q' source). Despite the parallels, each writer uses the same story to convey the particular message of that gospel.

### Living the Gospel – 'Listen to him!'

God's voice from the cloud claims Jesus as his Son, the Chosen One and then goes on to instruct those present – and we, the readers – to 'Listen to him!' For the disciples, this was a message not to get carried away with their own ideas about the Messiah but to listen to what Jesus was saying about the suffering he must endure and to what he was saying about true discipleship. Jesus tells us that to be a follower of his involves sacrifice, hardship and often unpopularity. It is this message we must listen to as much as the promise of salvation.

### Gospel Focus – Asleep again?

It seems that at crucial points in the gospel where Jesus' true identity and mission are revealed, the disciples are falling asleep! The gospel of Luke is unique in suggesting that the disciples were sleepy at the Transfiguration. They managed to fight off sleep in this instance, but were fast asleep at the Mount of Olives as Jesus prayed in agony. The sleepiness of the disciples at these crucial times is indicative of limited grasp of what Jesus is on about. They are wearied by all that he asks of them, rather than energised by it, and consequently they're not ready to witness great events when they come along.

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### Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

#### 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.

#### April

#### For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



## LOOKING INTO THE EYES OF CHRIST

### LOREDANA

My Italian family lived in Egypt, working on the engineering and construction of the Suez Canal. When the political situation became difficult for foreigners, my family migrated to Australia. I was born in Australia and my brother was born three years after me.

My grandmother, Teresa, was influential to my faith. I remember her bedroom where she kept her rosary beads under her pillow and a little oil light burning for her favourite saints, Padre Pio, St Joseph and St. Anthony. My fondest memories are walking with her on cold Sunday mornings to attend Mass at St Joan of Arc. My other grandparents, too, were instrumental in shaping my faith in the way they worshipped and regularly attended at Sunday Mass and all the feast days.

My faith was also nurtured by the Presentation Sisters from Primary at SJA to High School at Domremy. I learned a lot about prayer from them. My primitive childhood prayers were not only asking God for things but also thanking Him. I was also surrounded by high school friends who also practiced their faith regularly.

I am blessed by God in finding the right husband for me. We married at St Joan of Arc and were very like-minded in our faith. Mario's personal experiences and his faith greatly shaped my prayer life. We moved to Concord and seventeen years ago, when our son and daughter were very young, Mario suffered a severe brain injury during a medical procedure, sadly, caused by medical negligence. By the grace of God we have learned to accept and live with our situation. In 2016 we moved back to Haberfield. Immediately after Mario's brain injury in 2007 we were flooded with offers of help and support. Old friends from SJA Parish, my kids' school community and countless others came to our home with donations of food and particularly giving me holy water from Lourdes. Mario was covered in an 'ocean' of Lourdes water while in ICU. We hoped and prayed for a miracle. Our miracle is that Mario is still with us, though completely dependent and minimally aware.

One night I was visiting Mario in ICU, not long after his brain injury. I was walking in with my brother and I said to him:

'When I see Mario, with his head bandaged, surrounded by tubes, his body convulsing, his bloodshot eyes roaming all over the place, I feel like I am looking into the eyes of Christ, and the bandage on his head is like the crown of thorns. It feels like I am Our Lady standing there at the foot of the cross. I've been to Mass every Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday for as long as I can remember, but I have never felt the passion of Christ like now.'



**Mario's birthday in 2017**

My brother stopped, turned to me in disbelief and said, 'I feel exactly the same way.'

This was a very powerful spiritual experience. I think that God has allowed me that window into His suffering to help my faith. This is my 'big God-moment'. It's something that you can't share with everyone, but I share it with people when I feel the moment is right.

*You ask me how I cope with the fact that this has happened to us.* I feel that if I was angry or resentful it would be an insult to God and to others suffering in the world. We have a warm home and more than enough food, when there are so many people who are starving without shelter or medical aid.

My faith has developed over the years. I love going to Mass, even on weekdays when I can, it gives me great support. The Mass is my peaceful place. It centres and strengthens me for whatever happens in the day. I feel nourished by receiving Jesus in the Eucharist.

*Does it make a difference to be part of a faith community?* Absolutely it does! At the time of Mario's brain injury, people wanted to help. I would get calls and messages about Novena's and Masses that were being said and offered for him and my family. I am eternally grateful for everyone's help, and the army of people I have never met, for their support across the years. It would be easy to become a victim but I have never rejected God, nor blamed him. I have belonged to 3 faith Communities - St Ambrose Concord West, St Patrick's Mortlake and back again at St Joan of Arc. What an immense blessing!

*What would I have others take from my story?* Mainly that my relationship with God has saved me from despair. I have often looked up at the image on the wall of the Sacred Heart above Mario's bed and cried out to God, 'What do You want from me? I can't do this anymore.' I worried that I would be in trouble with God, for speaking to Him like that. When I sought counsel on this, the priest replied that this is not so, and that I was in dialogue with God, having a conversation with Him - and that is prayer. Other times I say to God, 'if this is where you want me to be, help me to accept, and help me to bring others to you through our situation.'

Our purpose in this life is to get to heaven. If we are not striving for that, what are we doing here? If I didn't believe that my God went through all that suffering for me, I might as well stop coming to church every Sunday. Suffering brings us closer to Jesus, our path to Salvation. I hope I'm on the right path to heaven, to be a good mum leading my kids, and all those on the journey with us, into a closer relationship with God.

I volunteer at the Missionary Sisters of Charity (St Mother Teresa's) soup kitchen at Surry Hills. We share our stories while chopping vegies. You learn to embrace suffering and say this is your cross. I thank God for my cross. Some people say 'How can God do this to Mario?' but they don't see that God is here in Mario, that Jesus is here. Suffering is part of life. To love is to suffer. The saints have helped me to grow closer to God.

Our Church has taken a terrible battering with the scandals, but there are wonderful people in our churches, wonderful priests all over the world -priests and bishops on podcasts, apologists and evangelizers. I don't think we have ever lived in a time like this when we have access to so much faith formation.

I want to be as enamored with Christ as the saints were, especially St Therese of Lisieux, and like Padre Pio as a child running to get to Mass on time without shoes. We are so blessed in our Catholic faith. I pray for all baptized Catholics who have distanced themselves from the Church, that they find Jesus again. As a scripture teacher, I pray that God will work through the kids to bring their parents back to church. That's where I hope I can make a little bit of difference.

**Recently Deceased:** Alberto Defina, Antonio Lo Surdo, Jose Nunes, Salvatore Calabro, Lilla Scaltrito, Paul Ponticello, Bartolo Ficarra

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

**Anniversary:** Davide & Teresa Gazzola, Martin Carey, Giuseppe Aversa

**Rest in Peace:** Franco Cerri Telli, Alfia Torrisi, Rosetta Ursino, Giuseppe Fedele, Maria Barbatj, Adam George Elie Messih, Francisconicola & Rafael Azena

**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:**

Lucy Denley, Lucy Tudehope, 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](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.

## 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](mailto:admin@stjoanofarc.org.au)

## World Day of Prayer

Thank you to everyone who helped organised and/or participated in the 2025 World Day of Prayer hosted by the St Joan of Arc Parish. Please visit the Parish website: [www.stjoanofarc.org.au](http://www.stjoanofarc.org.au) to view photos taken at the event.

## Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of the Cross prayed in the Church @6.30 pm on Fridays of the Lent. It will be a half an hour devotion, and it will be followed by Confessions for those who want to.

**FIRE UP MINISTRIES**

Family & Faith

# Lenten Parish Mission

with Simon Carrington

<b>Tue, April 8</b>	The Passion of Christ: His Radical Love for You
<b>Wed, April 9</b>	The 4 Pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving and Forgiveness
<b>Thu, April 10</b>	Your Sins Are Forgiven: The Healing Power of Confession

**St. Joan of Arc Parish, Haberfield**  
97 Dalhousie St, Haberfield, NSW, 2045

**6:30pm** Rosary  
**7:00pm** Talk

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# Bishop's Visitation



The revised Directory of the Pastoral Ministry of Bishops (2004) speaks of the pastoral visit of the bishop as a means by which a bishop “maintains personal contact with the clergy and other

members of the people of God”. It says, “it is an occasion to rejuvenate the energies of those engaged in evangelisation, to praise, encourage and reassure them”. (n220). Accordingly, Most Rev Danny Meagher, the Auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Sydney, in charge of our region, will make a formal visit to the parish on 28 & 30 March.

On Friday, 28 March, the bishop will preside over at 9.15 am Mass with school children in attendance. Then he will meet Domremy College staff at 11 am and have lunch with SJA Primary School Staff. In between he will be checking Church Records, visiting some of the sick and elderly who are home bound.

On Sunday, 30 March, the bishop will preside over 9 am Mass, after which he will join our morning tea put on by the Welcome and Events Committee. It is an opportunity for the parish community to share its life and activities with the bishop, reflecting upon our evangelising community life.

Bishop Danny would like to make the visitation an occasion to acknowledge all the good works that is being done in the parish and affirm the many people who so generously contribute to the parish's life and ministry. Therefore, I invite all volunteers to come along to the 9 am Mass on the day and stay back to the bishop for morning tea.

In preparation, I have been meeting with the Executive of the Pastoral Council and our dean Very Rev Sebastian Savarimuthu.

**Join now!**

**St Joan of Arc Playgroup**  
9:15 AM WEDNESDAY'S

Join Miss Belinda and friends during school term's

Our Fun-filled, Play-based learning and educational content fosters cognitive, social, and emotional development in young children. Through interactive games, stories, and creative projects, children learn essential skills while having fun within their future school's environment.  
Bring your water bottle, morning tea and hat.

Contact Miss Belinda to join:  
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**CONTACT MISS BELINDA TO JOIN TODAY!!**  
 AT ST JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
 88 DALHOUSIE ST., HABERFIELD

## A very big Thank You

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our stall at the SJA Fair – to those who made things and to all who purchased goodies we are very grateful.



We raised **\$1300 for our John Berne student** towards the school fees for 2025. We do indeed have very caring and generous Parishioners.

## Holy Week Roster

Ministers and volunteers are needed to complete the roster for the Holy week. Please roster yourself on the clop board in the Sacristy.

### Weekly Diary 17 - 23 Mar 2025

Date	Time	To note
Wednesday, 19 Mar	9:00 am	Mass
	9:30 am	Faith Formation Committee
Thursday, 20 Mar	9:00 am	Mass
	2:00 pm	Charismatic Prayer Group
Friday, 21 Mar	9:15 am	Mass
	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross & Confessions
Saturday, 22 Mar	1:00 pm	Fashion Parade @ SJA School Hall
	4:15 pm - 4:45pm	Confession
	5:00 pm	Mass
Sunday, 23 Mar	9:00 am	Mass
	6:00 pm	Mass



# Holy Week

**Lenten Mission** Tuesday – Thursday, April 8-10 @6.30pm  
**Palm Sunday** Saturday, April 12: Vigil @5pm  
 Sunday, April 13: Mass @9am & 6pm  
 (blessing of Palms & Passion Reading)  
**Confession** Tuesday & Wednesday, April 15 & 16: @6.30pm-8.00pm

**Holy Thursday** April 17  
 10.30 am Chrism Mass @ St Mary’s Cathedral  
 7.30 pm Presentation of the Holy Oils  
 7.35 pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper & Washing of Feet.  
 (Bring your Project Compassion envelopes and boxes for offertory)  
 Adoration @ the Altar of Repose till midnight

**Good Friday** April 18  
 10 am Stations of the Cross  
 3 pm Passion Service

**Holy Saturday** April 19  
 9 am Morning Prayer and Blessing of Food  
 7 pm Solemn Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday** April 20  
 9 am Easter Mass  
 (NO evening Mass)



## 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.



## Annual Fashion Parade – W&EC

We will once again be holding our annual Fashion Parade on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.**  
 Come and join us for a great social afternoon!!

## Sacramental Program 2025 Enrolment Opens

Please visit the Parish website, **[www.stjoanofarc.org.au](http://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.

For further questions please contact office by phone on 9798 6657 or by email [admin@stjoanofarc.org.au](mailto:admin@stjoanofarc.org.au)