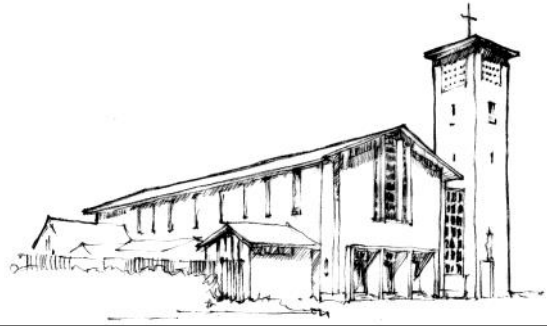


Welcome to

# St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**28 April 2024**

**(Year B)**

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**Eucharist:**

**Weekend:**

**Saturday evening: 5.00pm**

**Sunday: 9.00am & 6.00pm**

(Check for changes on special Feast Days)

**Weekdays:**

**Wednesday & Thursday: 9.00am**

**Friday: 9.15am**

**Reconciliation:**

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

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## *From the Pastor*

ANZAC commemorated last Thursday was a sad yet proud memorial. The fight that was lost in Gallipoli caused the loss of too many Australians. Yet it effected anti English sentiments and consequently a sense of independent identity for Australia. ANZAC Day eventually commemorated not only the fallen diggers of Gallipoli but all soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the integrity of Australia. There is an increased awareness of the national integrity now. Therefore, mentions are made of other violence that challenges the integrity of Australia are heard on ANZAC day. It is important to be focused on the integrity of the country.

According to the Gospel of John, Jesus gave a farewell sermon, and it was about the integrity of the Church (the fellowship of the disciples) He left behind after His ascension into heaven. He used the imagery of vine and branches as an image for the Church. Just like the branches of the vine does not live without feeding on the life-sap from the main stem, the Church not connected with the person of Jesus will not live on. Most associations would count on the code of conduct of their members fore its integrity. But it is not the “dos and don’ts” that determine the membership of the Church, the Body of Christ; it is the personal relationship with Jesus the Lord that determines whether we are truly Christians. Doing this through personal prayer, bible reflection, and most importantly through Eucharistic Communion we keep our Christian integrity.

The church building where we celebrate Eucharist week after week is a profound symbol of our sense of integrity and belonging to the worshipping community. When the church was moved up from Ramsay Street to the present position on the top of the hill, it was a new beginning. Church guided by the Holy Spirit is always in the process of renewal. Under the pontificate of Francis, the Church is working on how to be synodal for renewed presence in the world. In this context, celebrating the platinum jubilee of the relocation of our church has a special significance. Let us celebrate it. I am open to suggestions and ideas. I propose to commence the celebration at Pentecost vigil this year.

Mission 70 program is to highlight how the parish kept up its vitality and who helped it. I want the young people to be part of the story telling. Alf Tornatore, the newly appointed Pastoral Associate, will help us in this process. You can help me get the message across to all parishioners by speaking about it especially to those who may not come to this church. You may also drop a parish bulletin in their letter box. The joy of this jubilee is not to be restricted to a few; ideally all Christians of Haberfield should get behind it. You may ask yourself, “what is my contribution to it?”

## **Our Vision as presented in our Strategic Plan**

*“...a welcoming and modern Catholic community grounded in faith and spirituality, we want to engage with and build a broader community, particularly among the young and with the families of our local Catholic school as well as providing pastoral outreach to those in need within our Haberfield community and also reach out to deliver broader social justice in our community, our nation and beyond.”*

**First reading: Acts 9:26-31**

*Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey*

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God****Responsorial Psalm 21(22):26-28,30-32**

**R.** *I will praise You, Lord, in the assembly of Your people.*

My vows I will pay before those who fear Him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek Him. May their hearts live for ever and ever!

**R** *I will praise You, Lord, in the assembly of Your people.*

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before Him; They shall worship Him, all the mighty of the earth; before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

**R** *I will praise You, Lord, in the assembly of Your people.*

And my soul shall live for Him, my children serve Him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare His faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.'

**R** *I will praise You, Lord, in the assembly of Your people.*

**2nd Reading****1 John 3:18-24**

*The commandment of faith and love*

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the Truth and be able to quieten our conscience in His presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and He knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask Him, we shall receive, because we keep His commandments and live the kind of life that He wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as He told us to. Whoever keeps His commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that He lives in us by the Spirit that He has given us.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Gospel Acclamation John 15:4-5****Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel****John 15:1-8**

*I am the vine, you are the branches*

Jesus said to His disciples: 'I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that bears no fruit He cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in Me, as I make Mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in Me, with Me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from Me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in Me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of My Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be My disciples.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to You, Lord Jesus**



Nei discorsi di addio del Vangelo secondo san Giovanni (capitoli 13-17) l'evangelista prende spunto dalle parole di Gesù per riflettere, con il carisma che gli è proprio, sulla vita dei credenti dal tempo dell'Ascensione al ritorno del Signore. Egli si riconosce talmente legato al Signore attraverso lo Spirito di Dio che parla ai suoi ascoltatori e ai suoi lettori usando l'"io" di Cristo. Per mezzo della sua voce, il Signore rivela a coloro che credono in lui qual è la loro situazione, ordinando loro di agire in modo giusto.

È durante la festa liturgica delle domeniche che vanno da Pasqua alla Pentecoste che la Chiesa propone alla lettura questi discorsi, per mostrare ai credenti cos'è infine importante per la loro vita.

Attraverso un paragone, il Signore ci rivela oggi che tutti quelli che gli sono legati mediante la fede vivono in vera simbiosi. Come i tralci della vite, che sono generati e nutriti dalla vite stessa, noi cristiani siamo legati in modo vitale a Gesù Cristo nella comunità della Chiesa. Vi sono molte condizioni perché la forza vitale e la grazia di Cristo possano portare i loro frutti nella nostra vita: ogni tralcio deve essere liberato dai germogli superflui, deve essere sano e reagire in simbiosi fertile con la vite.

Per mezzo del battesimo, Cristo ci ha accolti nella sua comunità. E noi siamo stati liberati dai nostri peccati dalla parola sacramentale di Cristo. La grazia di Cristo non può agire in noi che nella misura in cui noi la lasciamo agire. La Provvidenza divina veglierà su di noi e si prenderà cura di noi se saremo pronti. Ma noi non daremo molti frutti se non restando attaccati alla vite per tutta la vita. Cioè: se viviamo coscientemente la nostra vita come membri della Chiesa di Cristo. Poiché, agli occhi di Dio, ha valore duraturo solo ciò che è compiuto in seno alla comunità, con Gesù Cristo e nel suo Spirito: "Senza di me non potete far nulla". Chi l'ha riconosciuto, può pregare Dio di aiutarlo affinché la sua vita sia veramente fertile nella fede e nell'amore.

### Prima lettura

At 9,26-31

**In nessun altro c'è salvezza.**

In quei giorni, Saulo, venuto a Gerusalemme, cercava di unirsi ai discepoli, ma tutti avevano paura di lui, non credendo che fosse un discepolo.

Allora Bàrnaba lo prese con sé, lo condusse dagli apostoli e raccontò loro come, durante il viaggio, aveva visto il Signore che gli aveva parlato e come in Damasco aveva predicato con coraggio nel nome di Gesù. Così egli poté stare con loro e andava e veniva in Gerusalemme, predicando apertamente nel nome del Signore. Parlava e discuteva con quelli di lingua greca; ma questi tentavano di ucciderlo. Quando vennero a saperlo, i fratelli lo condussero a Cesarà e lo fecero partire per Tarso. La Chiesa era dunque in pace per tutta la Giudea, la Galilea e la Samaria: si consolidava e camminava nel timore del Signore e, con il conforto dello Spirito Santo, cresceva di numero.

**Parola di Dio.**

*Rendiamo grazie al Signore.*

### Salmo Responsoriale (Sal.21)

**R A te la mia lode, Signore, nella grande assemblea.**

Scioglierò i miei voti davanti ai suoi fedeli.  
I poveri mangeranno e saranno saziati,  
loderanno il Signore quanti lo cercano;  
il vostro cuore viva per sempre! **R**

Ricorderanno e torneranno al Signore  
tutti i confini della terra;  
davanti a te si prostreranno  
tutte le famiglie dei popoli. **R**

A lui solo si prostreranno  
quanti dormono sotto terra,  
davanti a lui si curveranno  
quanti discendono nella polvere. **R**

Ma io vivrò per lui,  
lo servirà la mia discendenza.  
Si parlerà del Signore alla generazione che viene;  
annunceranno la sua giustizia;  
al popolo che nascerà diranno:  
«Ecco l'opera del Signore!». **R**

### Seconda lettera 1Gv 3,18-24

*Questo è il suo comandamento: che crediamo e amiamo.*

Figlioli, non amiamo a parole né con la lingua, ma con i fatti e nella verità. In questo conosceremo che siamo dalla verità e davanti a lui rassicureremo il nostro cuore, qualunque cosa esso ci rimproveri. Dio è più grande del nostro cuore e conosce ogni cosa. Carissimi, se il nostro cuore non ci rimprovera nulla, abbiamo fiducia in Dio, e qualunque cosa chiediamo, la riceviamo da lui, perché osserviamo i suoi comandamenti e facciamo quello che gli è gradito. Questo è il suo comandamento: che crediamo nel nome del Figlio suo Gesù Cristo e ci amiamo gli uni gli altri, secondo il precetto che ci ha dato. Chi osserva i suoi comandamenti rimane in Dio e Dio in lui. In questo conosciamo che egli rimane in noi: dallo Spirito che ci ha dato.

**Parola di Dio**

*Rendiamo grazie al Signore.*

### Canto al Vangelo (Gv 10, 14)

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Rimanete in me e io in voi, dice il Signore, chi rimane in me porta molto frutto.

**Alleluia.**

### † Dal Vangelo secondo Giovanni ( Gv 15,1-8 )

In quel tempo, Gesù disse ai suoi discepoli: «Io sono la vite vera e il Padre mio è l'agricoltore. Ogni tralcio che in me non porta frutto, lo taglia, e ogni tralcio che porta frutto, lo pota perché porti più frutto. Voi siete già puri, a causa della parola che vi ho annunciato. Rimanete in me e io in voi. Come il tralcio non può portare frutto da se stesso se non rimane nella vite, così neanche voi se non rimanete in me. Io sono la vite, voi i tralci. Chi rimane in me, e io in lui, porta molto frutto, perché senza di me non potete far nulla. Chi non rimane in me viene gettato via come il tralcio e secca; poi lo raccolgono, lo gettano nel fuoco e lo bruciano.

Se rimanete in me e le mie parole rimangono in voi, chiedete quello che volete e vi sarà fatto. In questo è glorificato il Padre mio: che portiate molto frutto e diventiate miei discepoli».

**Parola del Signore.**

**Lode a te, Signore Gesù Cristo**

## Writings by the Fathers of the Church

### Christ is the day

*From a sermon by Saint Maximus of Turin, bishop.*

Christ is risen! He has burst open the gates of hell and let the dead go free; He has renewed the earth through the members of His Church now born again in baptism, and has made it blossom afresh with men brought back to life. His Holy Spirit has unlocked the doors of heaven, which stand wide open to receive those who rise up from the earth. Because of Christ's resurrection the thief ascends to paradise, the bodies of the blessed enter the holy city, and the dead are restored to the company of the living. There is an upward movement in the whole of creation, each element raising itself to something higher. We see hell restoring its victims to the upper regions, earth sending its buried dead to heaven, and heaven presenting the new arrivals to the Lord. In one and the same movement, our Saviour's passion raises men from the depths, lifts them up from the earth, and sets them in the heights.

Christ is risen. His rising brings life to the dead, forgiveness to sinners, and glory to the saints. And so David the prophet summons all creation to join in celebrating the Easter festival: Rejoice and be glad, he cries, on this day which the Lord has made.

The light of Christ is an endless day that knows no night. Christ is this day, says the Apostle; such is the meaning of his words: Night is almost over; day is at hand. He tells us that night is almost over, not that it

is about to fall. By this we are meant to understand that the coming of Christ's light puts Satan's darkness to flight, leaving no place for any shadow of sin. His everlasting radiance dispels the dark clouds of the past and checks the hidden growth of vice. The Son is that day to whom the day, which is the Father, communicates the mystery of His divinity. He is the day who says through the mouth of Solomon: I have caused an unfailing light to rise in heaven. And as in heaven no night can follow day, so no sin can overshadow the justice of Christ. The celestial day is perpetually bright and shining with brilliant light; clouds can never darken its skies. In the same way, the light of Christ is eternally glowing with luminous radiance and can never be extinguished by the darkness of sin. This is why John the evangelist says: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never been able to overpower it.

And so, my brothers, each of us ought surely to rejoice on this holy day. Let no one, conscious of his sinfulness, withdraw from our common celebration, nor let anyone be kept away from our public prayer by the burden of his guilt. Sinner he may indeed be, but he must not despair of pardon on this day which is so highly privileged; for if a thief could receive the grace of paradise, how could a Christian be refused forgiveness?

## Reflection on John 15: 1-8

### Living the Gospel – Bearing fruit

The vinedresser of this passage cuts away the dead branches and prunes back those that are not bearing fruit. In what way do we bear fruit? When we strive to reach our fullest potential in whatever we do, we bear fruit. When we act out of motivation for the other person rather than ourselves, we bear fruit. When we strive to bring about the reign of God in our small part of the world, we bear fruit. Sometimes we too need to have some of our thoughts and actions pruned so that we might better bear the fruit that we are truly capable of producing.

### Scriptural context – In context

The imagery that Jesus used in his parables and in extended metaphors such as the one used in this week's gospel sometimes seems a little foreign to a 21st century audience. However, the world in which Jesus lived and taught was dominated by small scale farmers and producers in an agrarian economy. His use of images such as 'shepherd', 'vine', 'tenants', 'farmers' and 'wineskins' would all have been immediately recognisable to his audience. They would also have appreciated much more than we do the subtlety of Jesus' use of such images when he twists them in an unexpected way.

### Historical Context – The 'True' vine

The image of the vine has its origins in Psalm 80 where the nation of Israel is likened to a vine: 'You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.' (Ps 80:8-9) However, the people of Israel have forgotten who they are and who it was that planted them in their country – it is like the rootstock of a grafted plant has taken over and gone wild. Jesus' presence as the 'true vine' reminds them of what they are called to be.



## REFLECTION

### Readings 5th Sunday of Easter

In these weeks after Easter and before the feasts of Ascension and Pentecost, our gospel readings come from Jesus' farewell discourses in the Gospel of John. These are the teachings Jesus shared with His disciples in that precious time just before His arrest and crucifixion.

His teachings offered solace to His disciples who were soon to endure His passion and death. We now read and ponder them in the light of his resurrection and Ascension. They also offer comfort to us in our time and place, as we face life's challenges and sorrows.

Last week, the gospel recounted Jesus telling the disciples that He is the Good Shepherd, who knows His sheep by name, who cares for them and protects them, and whose love and care are so great that he lays down His life for His sheep. This image of the Good Shepherd and His sheep describes a relationship of steadfast love and care.

This week, Jesus describes His relationship to his followers differently, this time in terms of a vine and its branches. This image highlights the intimacy, interconnection, mutuality and reciprocity of the relationship of Jesus to us, of Jesus to the Father, and of Jesus and the Father to us, individually and as a community.

Jesus explains that He is the true vine, the Father is the vine grower, and we are the branches. The image reminds us that we, just

like the vine and its branches, rely on each other in order to bear fruit.

But, most important of all, Jesus urges us: "Abide in Me as I abide in you." To abide means to remain, to stay, to dwell, to make a home in, to endure, and to hold fast. This notion of 'abiding' is of utmost importance in John's Gospel. (Even in today's short reading this word, abide, occurs 8 times.)

Jesus is very clear: this abiding is essential and core to our relationship with Him. It is this abiding in Him and He in us that will result in great fruitfulness. The fruits will be life-giving fruits, internal as well as external, for us personally and for the community. They will be peace, freedom, justice, joy, and the flourishing of creation.

What then is the call and the challenge for us? It is to nurture our relationship with Jesus. This is the discipleship to which He calls us: it is abiding in Him, keeping company with Him, living in daily conversation with Him. We are called to a life-long process of entering ever more deeply into this relationship with Him, learning to abide in His love, and learning to love one another as God has loved us. It is learning to live like that every day!

And, in the process, we will gradually come to better see the world, ourselves, other people, and whatever situations we face with our hearts and minds attuned to His.

Anne Hunt  
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### Mass of Anointing

*Mass of the Anointing of the sick  
10am Saturday, 18th May,  
followed by morning tea.*



**Next CWF Appeal:**

**4 / 5 May 2024**

**Donations are Tax deductible**

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*Behold, I make all things new.*  
(Rev. 21:5)

A EUCHARISTIC RETREAT DAY  
for those involved in Liturgical Ministries

**11 May 2024, 10AM - 4PM**  
St Martha's, Leichhardt




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**WALK WITH CHRIST**  
FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI  
**SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE | 2024**

**WWW.SYDNEYCATHOLIC.ORG/WALKWITHCHRIST**

**FESTIVAL:**  
Martin Place from 1:00PM

**PROCESSION:**  
Begins at 2:30PM sharp.  
Corner of Martin Place and Pitt St



### Holy Father's Monthly Prayer Intentions

**May** *For the formation of religious and seminarians*

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual & community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel

**June** *For migrants fleeing their homes*

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.



## Welcome and Events Committee

### Fashion Parade

*Lovely clothes will be modelled  
and will be for sale,  
many at discounted prices*

**Tickets: \$10**  
**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024**  
**Commencing: 1pm**  
**SJA School Hall, Haberfield**

*Tickets available after weekend Masses  
or from the Piety store*

## Sacraments Preparation



### Sacraments 2024 Confirmation and First Communion

The google form for each Sacrament can be located on the parish website -  
<https://www.stjoanofarc.org.au/>  
under the tab "Sacraments 2024".

**All forms have a closing date for enrolment.** The week after the closing date I will be in touch with details about your ceremony preference. **Please take note** of the minimum year grade your child must have for eligibility for the relevant Sacrament and be baptised.

*If you have any further questions please email  
AlfioTornatore  
Pastoral.Associate@stjoanofarc.org.au*

**Recently Deceased:** Lee & The Families, Frank Sibillin, Santo Talarico, Domenica Di Gregorio, Judith Molloy, Betty Artz

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

**Anniversary:** Pietro & Anna Giarratano, Elisabetta Areana, Giuseppe Ciliberto,

**Rest in Peace:** Santo Talarico, Domenica Di Gregorio, Judith Molloy, Betty Artz

**Please note:** Names of **Anniversary and Rest in Peace** will remain for **2 weeks** period before being removed.

**In your love and concern please pray for the following ill members of our community:** Sam Taufa'ao, Enrico Cuomo, Neville Hill, John Kcoury, Mary Finios, Rose Uthappa, Glen Dixon, Venu Uthappa, Roberto Tramarin, Vittoria Lavecchia, Anna Attard, Rosa Santos, Elisha Lau, Aitken Family, Liz Smith, Pat Rankine, Jerry Andre, Donna Neeley, Adeline Ashing, Annelise Buda, Giovanni Luci, Stephan Ferenc, Giancarlo Buda, Mario Bianco,

In keeping with the Privacy Act names cannot be published in our Parish Bulletin without the permission of the persons themselves or their next of kin. Please specify on your Mass Envelope your intention to include the person's name in this Bulletin or contact the Parish Office on 9798 6657

# PENTECOST VIGIL

**We celebrate 70-year Jubilee of the Church  
on the Hill**

**at Pentecost this year.**

**Mass at 7 pm. Saturday, 18th May**

**The Vigil will be extended form of Liturgy.**

**Launch of MISSION70 (M70)**

**Dress in RED for the Mass**

*Red Candles will be supplied.*



## **New Pastoral Associate**

Alfio Tornatore is appointed as Pastoral Associate to the Parish.

He will fill the vacancy created by Maria Con-dello, stepping down.

Alf is a parishioner, and known to many of you. He took lead in organising programs like Alpha and Wild Goose in parish in the past.

His passion for Adult Faith Formation programs and Youth Ministry will be an asset. His computer technical skills and business experience also will be added benefits. He will be helping with the Sacramental Programs and also liaise with nearby Catholic High Schools.

Alf will start on Tuesday, 30 April, on a part time basis, equivalent of 24 hours over four days. We wish him all the best.



**We welcome  
into the Church  
through Baptism  
this weekend**

**Adrian Anjun Rullo**

## **Carmelite weekend retreat 10 - 12 May, 2024**

**PRESENTER:** Fr. Paul Maunder, OCD & Cristina Leontini, translator of *Life and thoughts of Mariam Baouardy, 'the little nothing'*

**WHEN:** May 10 - 12, 2024 • 6pm (Fri) - 12:30 pm (Sunday)

**WHERE:** Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW

**COST:** \$330

Please register at the following link: [www.mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program](http://www.mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program)



## Keeping Our St Joan of Arc Community Safe



St Joan of Arc Parish is wholly committed to ensuring the safety of all children and adults at risk. The Parish has implemented the 10 **National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (NCSS)** and has in place a **Continuous Improvement Plan**, to ensure safeguarding remains a priority.

You can find information on the safeguarding notice board in the foyer, via the kiosk (next to the Piety Stall) and on the parish website.

For more information please contact Tony Mediati [pssso@stjoanofarc.org.au](mailto:pssso@stjoanofarc.org.au)

## A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

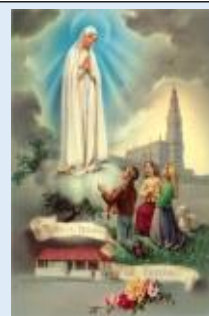
Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org).

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.



*Some 225 people in Sydney sleep rough every night*, and Cana Communities operates homeless shelters in Sydney, with St Francis Shelter the latest to open its doors in Redfern. Run entirely by volunteers, Cana needs volunteers for Tuesday (women's only night) and Friday shifts (6pm-9:30pm or 9:30pm-7:30am) to welcome and assist guests and prepare meals.

All volunteers will receive training. The impact on guests at these shelters cannot be overestimated, considering the alternatives. Be part of a caring community passionate about helping others and making a change. *Find out more about becoming a volunteer by emailing [info@cana.org.au](mailto:info@cana.org.au)*



**The Sydney Archdiocese Committee, of the World Apostolate of Fatima invites you to**

**St. Mary's Cathedral  
Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>  
11.30am**

**Honoring Our Lady of Fatima and asking for her intercession for world peace.**

*For further enquiries  
please contact us on - 0403578994*



**Pope Francis has called for 2025 to be a Jubilee Year.**  
*“Pilgrims of Hope: On the path of peace”*

2024 will be a year of prayer and spiritual preparation. The Jubilee Year itself is a time of pilgrimage, prayer, repentance and acts of mercy. Jubilee means rest, forgiveness and renewal.



## Welcome Pack

Are you new to the parish, or have you been a part of St Joan of Arc for a long time? It is important for the parish to have up-to-date information on its parishioners.

If you haven't already completed a census form and do not have a copy of one you may do so by

- i) taking a Welcome Pack,
- ii) going to the parish website. or
- iii) contacting the office on [admin@stjoanofarc.org.au](mailto:admin@stjoanofarc.org.au)