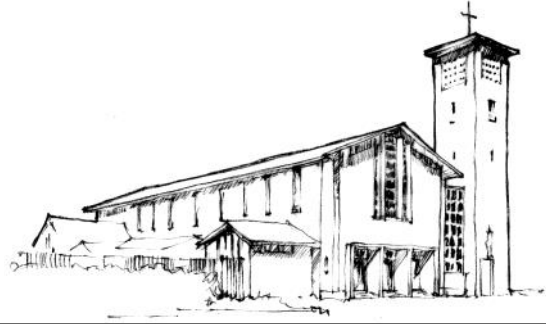


Welcome to

# St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

**26 May 2024**

**(Year B)**

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**Eucharist:**

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**Saturday evening: 5.00pm**

**Sunday: 9.00am & 6.00pm**

(Check for changes on special  
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**Wednesday & Thursday: 9.00am**

**Friday: 9.15am**

**Reconciliation:**

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

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*From the Pastor*

## National Sorry Day, Most Holy Trinity

Sunday, 26 May is National Sorry Day observed annually Australia-wide. It is a day highlighting the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. Stolen generations refer to Indigenous Australians who were forcibly removed from their families and communities. The lack of love and respect needed healing. And it has a religious dimension. Mutual love, indeed total love, is at the heart of our religion. Today, the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, is a reminder that our God is perfect and total love.

Each time we make the Sign of Cross we make a proclamation that our God is a community of three. As it is revealed through Bible, Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit are not three separate individuals, but one unity. John particularly emphasises that the unity between Father, Son, and Holy spirit is love. In practice, love involves giving and receiving. Perfect love is perfect and total giving and receiving of it without any conditions. The history of assigning a day or Mass of the Holy Trinity goes back to countering the Arian heresy. Arian considered the Son (Christ) not equal to the Father. This was a gravely mistaken understanding of the nature of God. The feast of the Most Holy Trinity is celebrated now as a celebration of God's perfect love.

As people of God who is perfect love, we work together towards the ideal of perfect love and respect for all people, including the indigenous Australians. We also commit ourselves to remedy the historic mistakes of the stolen generation. We aspire reconciliation.

Let us not waste any opportunity to experience God through acts of love, respect, and reconciliation. Let us, as a faith-filled people, ask ourselves what are the giving and receiving of love we cherish.

According to a recent blog from Australian Bishops Conference, the average number of people at Mass in Australia on a typical weekend was about 417,300 as per 2021 Mass count. That means there was a decline of around 206,000 (33%) attenders between 2016 and 2021. This drop is more among the English Mass goers than people attending Mass in other languages. But there has been a substantial increase in people continuing to attend "Online Masses" as a substitute for Church attendance. For an increasing number of people, real presence to one another in a Church is becoming less important. Coming together in the name of the Father Son and the Holy Spirit is important in celebrating God's love for us and our love for God. Let's not falter from it.

The Pentecost Vigil last weekend was subdued without the anticipated launch of Mission 70 and Youth Ministry. These areas of our pastoral plan need further discernment. Your prayers and contribution to towards are appreciated.



**First reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40***The Lord is God indeed: He and no other*

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt? 'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: the Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today, so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

*The word of the Lord.***Thanks be to God****Responsorial Psalm Ps 32(33):4-6,9,18-20,22*****R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be His own***

For the word of the Lord is faithful and all His works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with His love. **R.**

By His word the heavens were made, by the breath of His mouth all the stars. He spoke; and it came to be. He commanded; it sprang into being. **R**

The Lord looks on those who revere Him, on those who hope in His love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in You. **R.**

**2nd Reading****Romans 8:14-17***The Spirit Himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God*

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The Spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit Himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing His sufferings so as to share His glory.

**Thanks be to God.****Gospel Acclamation Revelation 1:8****Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come **Alleluia!**

**Gospel Matthew 28:16-20***Go make disciples of all nations*

Go and make disciples of all nations The Eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw Him they fell down before Him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.***Praise to You, Lord Jesus**

**Welcoming into the Church through  
Baptism this weekend..**



**Matteo  
Vincent  
Pellegrini**



Il Nuovo Testamento fonda l'universalità della missione nello speciale rapporto che Gesù risorto ha con ogni uomo.

Il Vangelo dev'essere annunciato a ogni uomo, perché Gesù è la verità dell'uomo, ha ricevuto dal Padre ogni potere in cielo e in terra, perché ha fatto la volontà del Padre fino alla

morte aprendo così per ogni uomo la via verso la pienezza della vita. Di qui le caratteristiche della missione:

- la forza che l'anima è lo Spirito Santo che da Gesù risorto viene promesso e trasmesso ai discepoli, come principio della vita nuova, che deve essere annunciata e comunicata a ogni uomo;

- il contenuto della missione è la sequela di Cristo, l'obbedienza al Vangelo, l'osservanza dei comandi di Gesù, l'adesione battesimale alla vita del Padre, del Figlio e dello Spirito Santo, il distacco dalla vita incredula, implorando e accogliendo la remissione dei peccati;

- la speranza che sostiene i missionari nelle fatiche e nelle difficoltà è la certezza che Gesù è sempre con loro sino alla fine del mondo (da Partenza da Emmaus, in "Rivista Diocesana Milanese", sett. 1983, 814-815).

### Prima lettura

*Dt 4,32-34.39-40*

*Il Signore è Dio lassù nei cieli e quaggiù sulla terra; e non ve n'è altro.*

Mosè parlò al popolo dicendo:

«Interroga pure i tempi antichi, che furono prima di te: dal giorno in cui Dio creò l'uomo sulla terra e da un'estremità all'altra dei cieli, vi fu mai cosa grande come questa e si udì mai cosa simile a questa? Che cioè un popolo abbia udito la voce di Dio parlare dal fuoco, come l'hai udita tu, e che rimanesse vivo?

O ha mai tentato un dio di andare a scegliersi una nazione in mezzo a un'altra con prove, segni, prodigi e battaglie, con mano potente e braccio teso e grandi terrori, come fece per voi il Signore, vostro Dio, in Egitto, sotto i tuoi occhi? Sappi dunque oggi e medita bene nel tuo cuore che il Signore è Dio lassù nei cieli e quaggiù sulla terra: non ve n'è altro.

Osserva dunque le sue leggi e i suoi comandi che oggi ti do, perché sia felice tu e i tuoi figli dopo di te e perché tu resti a lungo nel paese che il Signore, tuo Dio, ti dà per sempre». **Parola di Dio.**

**Rendiamo grazie al Signore.**

### Salmo Responsoriale (Sal.32)

**R Beato il popolo scelto dal Signore. .**

Retta è la parola del Signore e fedele ogni sua opera.

Egli ama la giustizia e il diritto; dell'amore del Signore è piena la terra. **R**

Dalla parola del Signore furono fatti i cieli, dal soffio della sua bocca ogni loro schiera. Perché egli parlò e tutto fu creato, comandò e tutto fu compiuto. **R**

Ecco, l'occhio del Signore è su chi lo teme, su chi spera nel suo amore, per liberarlo dalla morte e nutrirlo in tempo di fame. **R**

L'anima nostra attende il Signore: egli è nostro aiuto e nostro scudo. Su di noi sia il tuo amore, Signore, come da te noi speriamo. **R**

### Seconda lettera Rm 8,14-17

*Avete ricevuto lo Spirito che rende figli adottivi, per mezzo del quale gridiamo: «Abbà! Padre!».*

Fratelli, tutti quelli che sono guidati dallo Spirito di Dio, questi sono figli di Dio. E voi non avete ricevuto uno spirito da schiavi per ricadere nella paura, ma avete ricevuto lo Spirito che rende figli adottivi, per mezzo del quale gridiamo: «Abbà! Padre!».

Lo Spirito stesso, insieme al nostro spirito, attesta che siamo figli di Dio. E se siamo figli, siamo anche eredi: eredi di Dio, coeredi di Cristo, se davvero prendiamo parte alle sue sofferenze per partecipare anche alla sua gloria.

**Parola di Dio**

**Rendiamo grazie al Signore.**

### Canto al Vangelo (Ap 1,8)

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gloria al Padre e al Figlio e allo Spirito Santo, a Dio, che è, che era e che viene

**Alleluia.**

### † Dal Vangelo secondo Giovanni ( Mt 28,16-20 )

*Battezzate tutti i popoli nel nome del Padre e del Figlio e dello Spirito Santo.*

In quel tempo, gli undici discepoli andarono in Galilea, sul monte che Gesù aveva loro indicato. Quando lo videro, si prostrarono. Essi però dubitarono. Gesù si avvicinò e disse loro: «A me è stato dato ogni potere in cielo e sulla terra. Andate dunque e fate discepoli tutti i popoli, battezzandoli nel nome del Padre e del Figlio e dello Spirito Santo, insegnando loro a osservare tutto ciò che vi ho comandato. Ed ecco, io sono con voi tutti i giorni, fino alla fine del mondo».

**Parola del Signore.**

**Lode a te, Signore Gesù Cristo**

## Writings by the Fathers of the Church

*A Letter from St. Athanasius*

### Light, radiance and grace are in the Trinity and from the Trinity

When the Lord told His disciples to go and teach all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, He conferred on them the power of giving men new life in God.

He had promised through the prophets that in these last days He would pour out His Spirit on His servants and handmaids, and that they would prophesy. So when the Son of God became the Son of Man, the Spirit also descended upon Him, becoming accustomed in this way to dwelling with the human race, to living in men and to inhabiting God's creation. The Spirit accomplished the Father's will in men who had grown old in sin, and gave them new life in Christ.

Luke says that the Spirit came down on the disciples at Pentecost, after the Lord's ascension, with power to open the gates of life to all nations and to make known to them the new covenant. So it was that men of every language joined in singing one song of praise to God, and scattered tribes, restored to unity by the Spirit, were offered to the Father as the first-fruits of all the nations.

This was why the Lord had promised to send the Advocate: He was to prepare us as an offering to God. Like dry flour, which cannot become one lump of dough, one loaf of bread, without moisture, we who

are many could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes down from heaven. And like parched ground, which yields no harvest unless it receives moisture, we who were once like a waterless tree could never have lived and borne fruit without this abundant rainfall from above. Through the baptism that liberates us from change and decay we have become one in body; through the Spirit we have become one in soul.

The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of God came down upon the Lord, and the Lord in turn gave this Spirit to his Church, sending the Advocate from heaven into all the world into which, according to his own words, the devil too had been cast down like lightning.

If we are not to be scorched and made unfruitful, we need the dew of God. Since we have our accuser, we need an advocate as well. And so the Lord in his pity for man, who had fallen into the hands of brigands, having Himself bound up His wounds and left for His care two coins bearing the royal image, entrusted Him to the Holy Spirit. Now, through the Spirit, the image and inscription of the Father and the Son have been given to us, and it is our duty to use the coin committed to our charge and make it yield a rich profit for the Lord.

## Reflection on Mathew 28:16-20

### Historical Context – I believe

The word 'Trinity' does not appear anywhere in the New Testament although one can certainly see the beginnings of ideas about a Trinitarian God. It was not until 325, at the Council of Nicea, that the doctrine of the trinity was established as being orthodox teaching. This council sought to officially define the relationship between the Father and the Son as a response to the arguments of Arius (later known as Arian heresy). The statement of beliefs developed by this council in 325 is the Creed (credo = I believe) that is used in Catholic churches around the world today.

### Have you thought? Mystery

I always thought that to describe the Trinity as a 'mystery' was a bit of a 'cop out' for not offering a decent explanation. However, a theological 'mystery' is defined as something that not only are we incapable of discovering except through divine revelation, but that even when its truth has been fully revealed, we are incapable of fully grasping it. Our understanding can never be any more than partial, even when we fully accept it. This is a concept with which our world struggles – that there is something that is not fully able to be known but it's OK not to fully understand it.

### Living the Gospel – The Sign of the Cross

Jesus' instruction that the disciples go out to all the nations and baptise them 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' is an instruction that is still being carried on today. Those precise words are used by the priest at every baptism. They are also the words used in the sign of the cross – whether that is a personal, private blessing of oneself or a blessing of a group as in the introductory and dismissal rites as part of a Eucharistic celebration. When we make the sign of the cross we use the words of Jesus.

The Jesuit spiritual writer, Mark Link, begins his widely read book *Experiencing Prayer* (1984) with an extract from Eugene Ionesco's play *The Bald Soprano* (1950). In the scene, a couple meet and enter dialogue about their lives. They discover that they share much in common – they live in the same city, on the same street, in the same apartment, and they each have a daughter named Alice.

Much to their surprise, they also discover they are husband and wife. As Mark Link observes, this story is repeated in many households, where husbands and wives, sons and daughters, rarely develop deep and abiding relationships. They never truly come to “know” their life partner or sibling, as their relationship remains “largely on the surface.”

Similarly, our relationship with God is often superficial. Outwardly we may appear committed to our faith. We wear crosses, scapulars or miraculous medals. We attend Mass every Sunday. We can recite the Nicene Creed by heart, proclaiming that in Jesus, God became human.

However, many of us do not really “know” this God who became like us. We do not share an intimate relationship with the divine, the ground of all being, the life that gives us life, despite our belief in the Incarnation.

Today's gospel reminds us that we were baptised into a community that has for centuries been initiating catechumens into the faith via the Trinitarian formula of Father, Son and Spirit (Mt 28:19; cf. 2 Cor 13:13). Paul writes to the Romans (8:14-17) in our Second Reading, that through Baptism we are adopted into the family of God, liberated from slavery, and called to intimate relationship with the Father through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Like Matthew, Paul and the first Christians saw in the coming of Christ an invitation to commune with God whose essential nature was a mutual sharing of three persons in one

Godhead. As John says elsewhere, “God is love; so, whoever does not love, does not know God” (1 John 4:8).

It is because God is a Trinity of Persons that we can speak of God as love. But it also because God the Father sent His Son into the world that we can both know and participate in the love of God. While we can come to appreciate the love of God by looking at the divine handiwork in creation, we can only truly come to “know” God's through the divine Word made fully incarnate in Jesus of Nazareth.

The story of the Incarnation and its revelation of the Trinity teaches us that because God became human, we can become like God. Entering communion with God through Christ, we are transformed and empowered by the Spirit to transcend our limited existences, live lives of love and self-sacrifice, and inherit eternal lives in God.

Like the couple in Eugene Ionesco's play, we are called to a conversation with God, which leads us to discover we are children of God.

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MONTHLY

YOUTH MASS OF  
CELEBRATION &  
THANKSGIVING

At St Joan of Arc

*Singers and Musicians  
required*

Celebrate

ST JOAN OF ARC Feast Day

Thursday 30th May 2024

**Join us for the events of the day:**

8:30am - Meet at Federation Place  
and join in a special procession to  
the church

9:15am - Mass

10am - Morning tea for adults

11:30 - 1:30 - SJA Amazing Race

1:30 - 2:10 - Family Picnic lunch

2:10 - 3:10 - Open Classrooms

Wear the French colours for the  
day!



**Recently Deceased:** Monica Zadro, (Fr. Phil's sister in law) Lee & The Families, Frank Sibillin, Santo Talarico,.

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

**Anniversary:** **Francesco Giannini**, Cesare Maresso, Mario Carlucci, Joe Di Marti, Rosario Daidone, Pietro & Anna Giarratano, Elisabetta Areana, Giuseppe Ciliberto,

**Rest in Peace:** Santo Talarico, Domenica Di Gregorio,

**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,



## Welcome & 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*

## Professional Learning Seminar

***THLS606 Celebrating Liturgy Today:  
Exploring the Ritual Enactment of Faith***

Explores the nature of liturgy as an expression  
of faith focusing on the Eucharist .

**Details: 8, 9, 10, 11 July 2024,  
9am-5pm Live Online via Zoom**

Cost: The cost of the Professional Learning  
Seminar is \$600 per person (for 12 contact hours  
over 8 sessions in total).

*For more information contact  
CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au, 029701 4751*

## 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.

## Liturgy Ministers

Volunteers are invited to be trained for various liturgical ministries. These include Lector (Reader at Mass), Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Acolyte, Sacristan, and Music Ministry. Schedule and registration forms can be found on the Liturgy Office website <https://liturgy.sydneycatholic.org/ministry-training-formation>.

Applicants will require Parish Priest's reference. Therefore, volunteers may contact me before registering for the training.

The training sessions are done in various parishes and Archdiocesan Offices, St Martha's, 38 Renwick St, Leichhardt. Dates of courses at St Martha's are as follows:

**EMHC: May, 28<sup>th</sup> May and 4<sup>th</sup> June, 6pm-9pm.**

## Time to Register

### for First Holy Communion

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

*If you have any further questions please email  
Alfio Tornatore [Pastoral.Associate@stjoanofarc.org.au](mailto:Pastoral.Associate@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.

# Walk with Christ

**Next Sunday, 2 June is the Walk with Christ in the city. This is part of the annual celebration of the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.**

The procession will start at 2.30 pm from Martin Place to St Mary's cathedral. Prior to the procession there will be festival starting at 1 pm.

We as the parish of St Joan of Arc shall walk together under our own banner in the procession. To facilitate it, let us travel to the city together. I invite you to gather in front of our church by 11.45 am next Sunday. Then we shall move to the bus stop and catch a bus to Martin Place.

*We will be catching Sydney bus. Therefore please keep your Opal / Credit Card handy.*

# Catholic Inquiry

Thinking to be Catholic?  
Join us

**Thursday, June 6 at 7pm - 8pm**  
**Thursday, June 13 at 7pm - 8pm**  
**Thursday, June 27 at 7 pm - 8pm**

Those who are interested in learning about Catholic Faith and those wanting to join Catholic Church are welcome

*Contact Fr Thomas or the parish office for more information.*



JOIN US FOR THE FIRST OF OUR MONTHLY

## ST JOAN OF ARC PARISH DINNER CLUB

OUR FIRST DINNER CLUB WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY 30TH MAY SO THAT WE CAN CELEBRATE THE FEAST DAY OF OUR SAINT.

DATE: THURSDAY 30TH MAY  
LOCATION: BISTRO COCOTTE,  
78 RAMSAY STREET HABERFIELD  
TIME: 6:30PM  
COST: \$75 PER PERSON SET MENU

### SET MENU

CHOOSE ONE DISH FROM EACH OF THE THREE COURSES

Entree:  
French Onion Soup  
Duck Liver Parfait  
Baked Salmon Cocotte

Main:  
Pan Seared Barramundi with Leek  
Fondue, Mussels & Little Neck Clam  
Steamed Black Mussels in Provencal Sauce  
Confit Pork Belly

Dessert:  
Petit Fours  
Selection of Ice Cream  
Creme Brulee

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE TO SECURE YOUR SPOT PLEASE CONTACT AMANDA, CARMEL OR RHONDA

# Mental Health First Aid Course

*Course participants learn about the signs & symptoms of common mental health in adults, how to recognise & respond to an emerging or worsening mental health problem and the treatments and support available.*

**When:** Saturday 22 & 29 June

**Time:** 9.30am—4.00pm

**Where:** St Joan of Arc School  
88 Dalhousie St. Haberfield.  
(Multi Purpose Centre)

**Cost:** \$25 donation for book  
(Lunch will be provided)

**Contact:** Sr. Ruth  
0421 867 209 or e-mail  
ruth@maristsisters.org