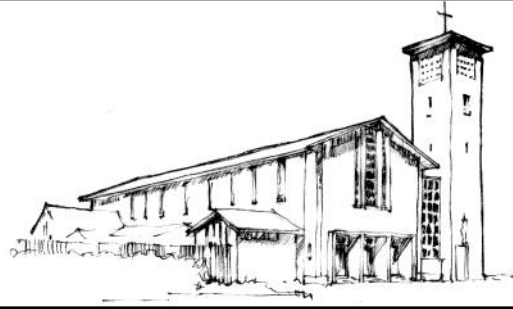


Welcome

# St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



**TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY in Ordinary Time 15 September 2024 Year B**

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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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## From the Pastor

### Pope Francis in Oceania



Pope Francis' recent visit to Oceania, which included Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste, and Singapore, showcases his resilience and courage despite ongoing health challenges. The trip was his longest Apostolic Journey at the age of 87, following multiple surgeries and health setbacks in recent years, including colon surgery in 2021 and abdominal surgery in 2023. His health has been a point of concern, yet he was determined on the mission to reach even the most distant parts of the world.

Visiting Indonesia, Pope Francis emphasized the importance of cooperation between different religious communities, particularly between Christians and Muslims, in promoting peace and understanding. During a significant interreligious meeting at the Istiqlal Mosque in Jakarta, he encouraged leaders to work together for the common good and to combat extremism through dialogue and cooperation.

The senior parishioners might remember their childhood days when going to functions in the churches of other denominations, let alone Muslim Mosque, was anathema. Times have changed. Even the pontiff visits the prayer places of a religion with a bad reputation in international politics for its contribution to militant Islam. Last December, I visited Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque in Abu Dhabi. To my surprise, at the entrance there was a huge picture of Pope Francis with the Imam from his visit of the Mosque in 2019. Holy Father's message is clear. We need to work on harmony rather than division. The religious culture of our parish is not too diverse. The houses of prayer within the parish boundary are all Christian, diverse only in denomination. And shouldn't we be more proactive in our reach out?

In Papua New Guinea, Francis called for the stewardship of the environment. Drawing from his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis highlighted the need to protect the planet, particularly in regions that are vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. His message was one of solidarity with the poor and the marginalized, urging the Church and society to continue offering support to those in need. His message in Timor-Leste also was similar. The Church should continue to support not just spiritual, but also social and economic development.

The Social Justice Group of the parish get together each month to read *Laudato Si* and share reflections. The group seek inspiration for its mission and ministry from the encyclical. In turn our ministry can inspire others. Our Wilcannia mission prompted the Catholic Weekly to interview some of us, so that they can publish inspirational stories for wider benefit.



### 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 [safeguarding.enquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguarding.enquiries@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.

**First reading Isaiah 50:5-9**

*I gave my body to those who struck me.*

The Lord has opened my ear.  
For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.  
The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.  
My vindicator is here at hand.  
Does anyone start proceedings against me?  
Then let us go to court together.  
Who thinks he has a case against me?  
Let him approach me.  
The Lord is coming to my help,  
who dare condemn me?

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9**

*R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.*

I love the Lord for He has heard  
the cry of my appeal;  
for He turned His ear to me  
in the day when I called Him. **R**

They surrounded me, the snares of death,  
with anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.  
O Lord my God, deliver me! **R**

How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so He saved me. **R**

He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears  
and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living. **R**

**2nd Reading James 2:14-18**

*Faith without good works is dead.*

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you

says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation Galatians 6:14**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel Mark 8:27-35**

*You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.*

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way He put this question to His disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told Him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' He asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to Him, 'You are the Christ.' And He gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about Him.

And He began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and He said all this quite openly. Then, taking Him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind Me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and His disciples to Him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of Mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**



Anche oggi si sentono le voci e i giudizi più contrastanti su Gesù: c'è chi lo ritiene un saggio, un generoso moralista, un protagonista della storia, e c'è anche chi lo calunnia, chi lo odia. Ma la sola, la vera identità di Gesù è quella proclamata da Pietro: «Tu sei il Cristo». Se

riduciamo la fede cristiana al chiuso di un orizzonte umano, per quanto nobile, siamo in errore: Cristo è venuto a portare la salvezza eterna, la speranza soprannaturale, non una dottrina per rendere più tollerabile la convivenza umana, anche se è interessato alla redenzione di tutte le realtà terrene, sempre in funzione della felicità eterna. Non basta riconoscere Gesù come Figlio di Dio: bisogna imitarlo in ciò che egli ha di più specifico, cioè nell'amore alla croce che non è il fine, ma il mezzo necessario per compiere la redenzione. Se vogliamo essere coredattori non possiamo rifuggire la croce, perché solo attraverso di essa, perdendo la nostra vita, la ritroveremo nell'eternità, partecipando alla risurrezione di Cristo.

**Prima lettura Is 50, 5-9**

***Ho presentato il mio dorso ai flagellatori.***

Il Signore Dio mi ha aperto l'orecchio  
e io non ho opposto resistenza,  
non mi sono tirato indietro.  
Ho presentato il mio dorso ai flagellatori,  
le mie guance a coloro che mi strappavano la barba;  
non ho sottratto la faccia  
agli insulti e agli sputi.  
Il Signore Dio mi assiste,  
per questo non resto svergognato,  
per questo rendo la mia faccia dura come pietra,  
sapendo di non restare confuso.  
È vicino chi mi rende giustizia:  
chi oserà venire a contesa con me? Affrontiamoci.  
Chi mi accusa? Si avvicini a me.  
Ecco, il Signore Dio mi assiste:  
chi mi dichiarerà colpevole?

*Parola di Dio.*

**Rendiamo grazie al Signore.**

**Salmo Responsoriale Sal 114**

***R Camminerò alla presenza del Signore nella terra dei viventi.***

Amo il Signore, perché ascolta  
il grido della mia preghiera.  
Verso di me ha teso l'orecchio  
nel giorno in cui lo invocavo. **R**

Mi stringevano funi di morte,  
ero preso nei lacci degli inferi,  
ero preso da tristezza e angoscia.  
Allora ho invocato il nome del Signore:  
«Ti prego, liberami, Signore». **R**

Pietoso e giusto è il Signore,  
il nostro Dio è misericordioso.  
Il Signore protegge i piccoli:

ero misero ed egli mi ha salvato. **R**

Sì, hai liberato la mia vita dalla morte,  
i miei occhi dalle lacrime,  
i miei piedi dalla caduta.  
Io camminerò alla presenza del Signore  
nella terra dei viventi. **R**

**Seconda lettera Giac 2, 14-18**

***La fede se non è seguita dalle opere in se stessa è morta.***

A che serve, fratelli miei, se uno dice di avere fede, ma non ha opere? Quella fede può forse salvarlo? Se un fratello o una sorella sono senza vestiti e sprovvisti del cibo quotidiano e uno di voi dice loro: «Andatevene in pace, riscaldatevi e saziatevi», ma non date loro il necessario per il corpo, a che cosa serve? Così anche la fede: se non è seguita dalle opere, in se stessa è morta.

Al contrario uno potrebbe dire: «Tu hai la fede e io ho le opere; mostrami la tua fede senza le opere, e io con le mie opere ti mostrerò la mia fede».

*Parola di Dio*

**Rendiamo grazie al Signore.**

**Canto al Vangelo Gal 6, 14**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Quanto a me non ci sia altro vanto che nella croce del Signore, per mezzo della quale il mondo per me è stato crocifisso, come io per il mondo.

**Alleluia**

**† Dal Vangelo Mc 8, 27-35**

***Tu sei il Cristo... Il Figlio dell'uomo deve molto soffrire.***

In quel tempo, Gesù partì con i suoi discepoli verso i villaggi intorno a Cesarèa di Filippo, e per la strada interrogava i suoi discepoli dicendo: «La gente, chi dice che io sia?». Ed essi gli risposero: «Giovanni il Battista; altri dicono Elìa e altri uno dei profeti».

Ed egli domandava loro: «Ma voi, chi dite che io sia?». Pietro gli rispose: «Tu sei il Cristo». E ordinò loro severamente di non parlare di lui ad alcuno.

E cominciò a insegnare loro che il Figlio dell'uomo doveva soffrire molto, ed essere rifiutato dagli anziani, dai capi dei sacerdoti e dagli scribi, venire ucciso e, dopo tre giorni, risorgere.

Faceva questo discorso apertamente. Pietro lo prese in disparte e si mise a rimproverarlo. Ma egli, voltatosi e guardando i suoi discepoli, rimproverò Pietro e disse: «Va' dietro a me, Satana! Perché tu non pensi secondo Dio, ma secondo gli uomini».

Convocata la folla insieme ai suoi discepoli, disse loro: «Se qualcuno vuol venire dietro a me, rinneghi se stesso, prenda la sua croce e mi segua. Perché chi vuole salvare la propria vita, la perderà; ma chi perderà la propria vita per causa mia e del Vangelo, la salverà».

*Parola del Signore.*

**Lode a te, Signore Gesù Cristo**

## Writings by the Fathers of the Church

### The cross is Christ's glory and triumph

*From a discourse by Saint Andrew of Crete*

We are celebrating the feast of the cross which drove away darkness and brought in the light. As we keep this feast, we are lifted up with the crucified Christ, leaving behind us earth and sin so that we may gain the things above. So great and outstanding a possession is the cross that he who wins it has won a treasure. Rightly could I call this treasure the fairest of all fair things and the costliest, in fact as well as in name, for on it and through it and for its sake the riches of salvation that had been lost were restored to us.

Had there been no cross, Christ could not have been crucified. Had there been no cross, life itself could not have been nailed to the tree. And if life had not been nailed to it, there would be no streams of immortality pouring from Christ's side, blood and water for the world's cleansing. The legal bond of our sin would not be cancelled, we should not have attained our freedom, we should not have enjoyed the fruit of the tree of life and the gates of paradise would not stand open. Had there been no cross, death would not have been trodden underfoot, nor hell despoiled.

Therefore, the cross is something wonderfully great and honourable. It is great because through the cross the many noble acts of Christ found their

consummation – very many indeed, for both his miracles and his sufferings were fully rewarded with victory. The cross is honourable because it is both the sign of God's suffering and the trophy of His victory. It stands for His suffering because on it He freely suffered unto death. But it is also His trophy because it was the means by which the devil was wounded and death conquered; the barred gates of hell were smashed, and the cross became the one common salvation of the whole world.

The cross is called Christ's glory; it is saluted as His triumph. We recognise it as the cup He longed to drink and the climax of the sufferings He endured for our sake. As to the cross being Christ's glory, listen to His words: *Now is the Son of Man glorified, and in Him God is glorified, and God will glorify Him at once.* And again: *Father, glorify Me with the glory I had with You before the world came to be.* And once more: *"Father, glorify Your name."* Then a voice came from heaven: *"I have glorified it and will glorify it again."* Here He speaks of the glory that would accrue to Him through the cross. And if you would understand that the cross is Christ's triumph, hear what He Himself also said: *When I am lifted up, then I will draw all men to Myself.* Now you can see that the cross is Christ's glory and triumph.

## Reflection on Gospel Mark 8:27-35

### Scriptural context – A Turning Point

This passage forms a crucial turning point in the Gospel of Mark. It occurs at the very mid-point of the gospel – the end of chapter 8 in a 16 chapter gospel. From this point on the gospel takes a greater focus on what it means to be a disciple and Jesus' movement towards Jerusalem. This passage in which Peter professes his faith in Jesus as the Messiah is immediately followed by the account of the Transfiguration. From this point onwards, the gospel writer reveals the growing understanding of Jesus' identity that until now has been wrapped in secrecy.

### Gospel Focus – Peter's insight

When Peter answers Jesus' question, he demonstrates the disciples' dawning awareness of Jesus' true identity. It is the first occasion that the disciples are called to own what they think about Jesus. However, when Jesus begins to spell out what being the Messiah reality means – persecution and death – Peter tries to convince Jesus that He doesn't need to go down that path. Jesus turns on Peter and snaps, 'Get behind me, Satan!' It is a reminder of the desert temptation Jesus had to face at the start of His ministry when He wrestled with what sort of messiah He was called to be.

### Scriptural context – Sandwich technique

The Gospel of Mark is famous for a technique of 'sandwiching' stories or sections between two related events to bring what is sandwiched into greater focus. This gospel passage falls within a significant sandwich that runs from 8:22 (the healing of a blind man at Bethsaida) to 10:52 (the healing of blind Bartimaeus). The healings of blindness that surround the sandwich reflect the lack of 'sight' that the disciples have. The 'meat' of the sandwich is all about the disciples not really understanding Jesus' mission and what it means to truly be a disciple. Read the whole section from 8:22 – 10:52 and see how it works.

Greg Sunter

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# REFLECTION TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY in Ordinary Time Year B

With the reading from the Gospel of Mark (Chapter 8), we come to a turning point in Jesus' public ministry, before the journey back to Jerusalem where He will be crucified.

Jesus asks His disciples: "Who do people say that I am?"<sup>28</sup> And then, "But who do *you* say that I am?"

Having witnessed His authoritative teaching, His powerful acts of healing and His wonderful miracles, Peter replies on behalf of them all: "You are the Messiah."

And how they and all of Israel longed for the coming of the Messiah. But what the disciples are slow to understand is that this is not the Messiah that they had longed for and expected. It was unimaginable for them that Jesus, as Messiah and God's Beloved Son, was to suffer and die.

Instead of commending Peter for his response, not even confirming it, Jesus instead proceeds to speak to them of His impending passion and death.

The disciples' slowness to understand, their blindness, their struggle, and their resistance to this understanding that Jesus' mission would lead to His arrest, suffering and death is starkly depicted in Mark's gospel. We see it here in Chapter 8, again in Chapter 9 and again in Chapter 10. They just don't get it!

So, as Jesus, accompanied by His disciples, journeys to Jerusalem where He will be arrested tortured and crucified, the disciples slowly progress on a journey of coming to understand Jesus' identity and mission as the Messiah.

In our lives we too, each and every one of us, struggle in various ways to understand Jesus, our Saviour, and His role in our lives and in the world. We too often have misguided expectations of God. And we too, each one of us, are called to respond to Jesus' question: Who do you say that I am? What do I mean to you in your life?

Jesus, having explained to His disciples the suffering and death that He will soon endure, goes on to say to them that they too will also face suffering. He tells them: "If any want to become My followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me."

So too for us. Discipleship will inevitably require self-denial and taking up one's own cross. There's no denying it! And each one's cross is uniquely their own.

When we make the Sign of the Cross, "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," we identify and mark ourselves as follower of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. Our cross-making in the Sign of the Cross symbolises the reality of suffering not just in Jesus' life but in our lives as His followers, not just His cross but the cross that is ours to carry in our lives. It reminds us too of the resurrection and life of the world to come.

We are not alone in our journey. Jesus is with us every step of the way.

Anne Hunt  
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## MUSIC MINISTRY MEETING

### ALL CANTORS AND LAPTOP OPERATORS

An important meeting for all those involved with music ministry in the parish will take place on **Saturday 12th October** from 10am - 11.30am in the church.

If you are currently a cantor or laptop operator, or if you are interested in becoming involved in the music ministry of the parish, please email Ellen O'Connor at [ellen.k.oconnor@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.k.oconnor@gmail.com) to register your attendance.

## Holy Father's Monthly Prayer Intentions

### September

#### For the Cry of the Earth

Let us pray that each of us hears with the heart the cry of the Earth and victims of natural disasters and climate change, personally committing to care for the world we inhabit.

### October

#### For a shared mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

**Cleaning Roster:** An updated roster for cleaning the church is now in the Sacristy for collection.



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**Recently Deceased:** Vincenzo Fedele, Vita Gennusa, Donata Maria Tauriello, Joseph Safety, Grace Balfamo, Ramute Sofija Loughman, Kevin McCarthy.

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

**Anniversary:** Marco Monaco, Salvatore Ciaglia

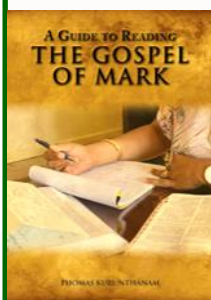
**Rest in Peace:** John Carey, Maria Catina Arlotta, Joe Di Marti

**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, Enrico Cuomo, Neville Hill, John Kcoury, Mary Finios, Rose Uthappa, Glen Dixon, Venu Uthappa, Roberto Tramarin, Vittoria Lavecchia, Anna Attard, Rosa Santos, Elisha Lau, Liz Smith, Pat Rankine, Jerry Andre, Donna Neeley, Adeline Ashing, Annelise Buda, Giovanni Luci, Stephan Ferenc, Giancarlo Buda, Mario Bianco.

## Bible Study – The Gospel of Mark



Fr Thomas is leading a Bible study on the Gospel of Mark.

Only two more sessions

**Wednesday, 18 September**

**Wednesday, 25 September**

At 7 PM, St Joan of Arc Church

All welcome.

## HSC Mass and supper

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. @ 6pm, Mass will be celebrated for all those preparing for the HSC. Local schools will be notified by the Parish. We invite any students attempting the 2024 HSC to join us for this celebration even if they are not from SJA Parish. There will be a pizza supper to follow. Contact the Parish Office on 9798 6657 to RSVP.



## First Holy Communion Program 2024

The preparation for First Holy Communion will be commencing in the month of October.

All those who have registered for the preparation will make a solemn commitment on 12 October Saturday 5pm Mass or at 9 am Mass on Sunday 13 October.

On Wednesday, 16 October at 7 pm, Fr Thomas will meet with the parents participating in the Program in the Church. Details of the rest of the program will be announced at the Parents meeting.



## Weekly Diary

Date	Time	To note
Wednesday, 18 September	9:00am	Mass
	9:30am—10:30am	Faith Formation Committee
	7:00pm-8:30pm	Bible Study—The Gospel of Mark
Thursday, 19 September	9:00am	Mass
	10:00am—3:30pm	Fr. Thomas visits the sick in the parish
	2:00pm—3:30pm	Catholic Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group
Friday, 20 September	9:15am	Mass
Saturday, 21 September	4:30pm –4:50pm	Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Mass
Sunday, 22 September	8:30am	Blessing of Cars (Fathers Day) in the school ground
	9:00am	Mass
	6:00pm	Mass



## Marian Mass

Last Sunday, we celebrated Our Lady's (Mary) birthday with a special Mass and procession to honour her. It was also a family Mass with participation by many students from years 2 & 5 from our primary school. It was a wonderful occasion where we all came together as one large Faith community. The multicultural nature of our Parish was demonstrated by prayers in different languages – Fr Thomas contributed by saying a prayer in Malayalam, one of the Indian languages. The church also looked beautiful with so many flowers.

It was lovely to have Mary's statue in the courtyard, after the procession. A very big "thank you" to all those who helped make the day so special. Morning tea was also excellent!!



## October Devotion

Marian devotion of Rosary is the focus of October. Rosary is a popular and powerful prayer Catholics are used to. Along with the Marian devotion, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament helps us deepen our faith in the real presence of Christ and foster a more intimate relationship with Christ. In a busy world, adoration offers a moment of tranquillity, helping individuals focus on God and seek inner peace. Thus, it contributes to our spiritual growth substantially. Considering these factors, the Liturgy Committee meeting last Wednesday recommended commencing Adoration and Rosary in the month of October. This will also contribute our preparation for Jubilee Year 2025.



Starting on Saturday 5 October there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 4.15 PM – 4.45 PM. I will be available in the confessional to hear confessions during this time. You may use this time to join rosary prayer or personal silent prayer.



On Sundays of October, after 6pm Mass, again the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration. You can join the adoration praying rosary or silent prayer or pray with Bible.



ASHFIELD/OLYMPIC PARK NETWORK FAMILY EDUCATOR EVENT

**BUTCHERS BLOKES & BBQ**

FREE EVENT!  
ALL MEN WELCOME

SAVE THE DATE  
TUE, 22ND OCTOBER  
7PM

Which cut are you??

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OUT FOR MEN.  
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SPEAKER LINE UP TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON!

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6.30PM  
THE ROSARY AND THE NOVENA ST.PADRE PIO

7.00PM  
THE HOLY MASS FOLLOWED BY THE BLESSING BY THE RELIC OF ST. PADRE PIO

**Bless your pets**

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4 commemorates the life of the patron saint of animals and ecology. In remembrance of his love for all creatures, you and your pet are invited to a blessing of the animals on his feast day, October 4th at 8:30am in the church courtyard. Father Thomas will lead us in prayer as we bless our beloved animals.

**"FILL THE VAN" DAY**  
A ST VINCENT DE PAUL FUNDRAISER

The Haberfield Conference of St Vincent De Paul spend time servicing the community through home visits, Night Patrol and other events. We'd love your help to help those in need.

Our yearly Fill the Van Fundraiser will take place on Sunday 29th September at the 9am Mass. You may bring your donations straight to the van or drop at the school office any time during school hours from the 23/9 - 27/9. The van goes out to feed the homeless every night of the week but can only run on the generosity of people like you.

The following items are needed:

- pasta
- pasta sauces
- oil
- rice
- cereal
- tea bags
- coffee
- saucers
- spreads such as jam, honey etc
- small chip packets
- tuna and salmon
- long life milk
- sugar
- toiletries
- biscuits
- nappies
- baby wipes
- sanitary products

Donations of money can also be made on the day and are tax deductible.  
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