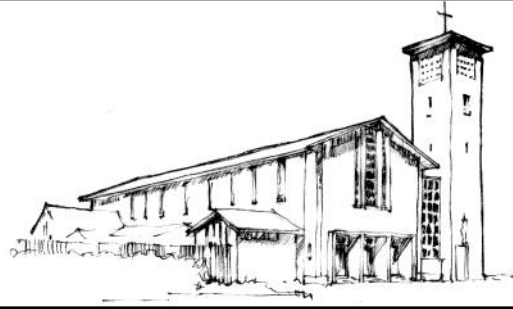


Welcome

St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



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From the Pastor

Catholics and Religious Plurality

"All religions are a path to God: Pope" was one of the headlines of CathNews last Monday (Sept 16). *"They are like different languages in order to arrive at God, but God is God for all,"* said the Pope, who had set aside his prepared text and spoke largely off the cuff. *"Since God is God for all, then we are all children of God."* The Pontiff made his remarks during an interreligious meeting with young people held at a Catholic junior college, just prior to departing Singapore for his return flight to Rome. It must have been like dropping of a bomb shattering the long-held conviction of some Catholics. Has the Pontiff gone off the track in his Catholicity?

The Second Vatican Council (1962–1965) teaches that while Christ is the definitive way to salvation, truth and goodness can be found in other religions. This perspective is most clearly articulated in the document *Nostra Aetate*, the Declaration on the Relation of the Church to non-Christian religions.

The Church recognises the need for respect and dialogue with other religions. *"Men look to their different religions for an answer to the unsolved riddles of human existence."* (*Nostra Aetate*, # 1). And other faiths like Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism often contain elements of truth, goodness, and a sincere search for God. *"The Church rejects nothing that is true and holy in these religions."* (*Nostra Aetate*, # 2)

While acknowledging the presence of truth in other religions, the Catholic Church teaches that Jesus Christ is the full and definitive revelation of God. The Church believes that salvation comes through Christ, but it also recognizes that God's grace can work in mysterious ways, including through non-Christian religions.

All individuals have the right to seek the truth about God in their own way. This respect for conscience is grounded in human dignity, as outlined in another Vatican II document, *Dignitatis Humanae*. *Nostra Aetate* also says *"The Church reproves, as foreign to the mind of Christ, any discrimination against men or harassment of them because of their race, colour, condition of life or religion."* (# 5)

While respecting other religions, we continue to believe in the importance of evangelization, sharing the Gospel, and inviting others to encounter Christ. We as Church is a missionary body, but this mission is carried out with a spirit of love and respect, not coercion.

"All men form but one community. This is so because all stem from the one stock which God created to people the entire earth." (*Nostra Aetate*, # 1)



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. 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 *Wisdom 2:12, 17-20*

Let us condemn Him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves,
‘Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since
He annoys us and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the law
and accuses us of playing false to our
upbringing.

Let us see if what He says is true, let us
observe what kind of end He himself will have.
If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take
His part and rescue Him from the clutches of
His enemies.

Let us test Him with cruelty and with torture,
and thus explore this gentleness of His
and put His endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn Him to a shameful death
since He will be looked after – we have His
word for it.’

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6*

R. The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by Your name;
by Your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayers;
listen to the words of my mouth. **R**

For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.

They have no regard for God. **R**

But I have God for my help.

The Lord upholds my life.

I will sacrifice to You with willing heart
and praise Your name for it is good. **R**

2nd Reading *James 3:16 – 4:3*

***Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from
seeds sown in a spirit of peace.***

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you
find disharmony, and wicked things of every
kind being done; whereas the wisdom that
comes down from above is essentially
something pure; it also makes for peace, and is
kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion
and shows itself by doing good; nor is there
any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it.

Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow
the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.
Where do these wars and battles between
yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the
desires fighting inside your own selves? You
want something and you haven't got it; so you
are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that
you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your
way by force. Why you don't have what you
want is because you don't pray for it; when
you do pray and don't get it, it is because you
have not prayed properly, you have prayed for
something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *See 2 Thessalonians 2:14*

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Mark 9:30-37*

***The Son of Man will be delivered into the
hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first
must make themselves the servants of all.***

After leaving the mountain Jesus and His
disciples made their way through Galilee; and
He did not want anyone to know, because He
was instructing His disciples; He was telling
them, ‘The Son of Man will be delivered into
the hands of men; they will put Him to death;
and three days after He has been put to death
He will rise again.’ But they did not understand
what He said and were afraid to ask Him.

They came to Capernaum, and when He was in
the house He asked them, ‘What were you
arguing about on the road?’ They said nothing
because they had been arguing which of them
was the greatest. So He sat down, called the
Twelve to Him and said, ‘If anyone wants to be
first, He must make himself last of all and
servant of all.’ He then took a little child, set
him in front of them, put His arms round him,
and said to them, ‘Anyone who welcomes one
of these little children in My name, welcomes
Me; and anyone who welcomes Me welcomes
not Me but the one who sent Me.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ



Il santo battesimo ci ha inseriti nella morte del Signore, ci ha resi conformi al suo sacrificio. Questa è la radice della nostra esistenza cristiana, la sua sorgente profonda: il frutto deve essere l'umiltà, l'esistenza che ne sgorga deve essere un'esistenza donata nel servizio. È questo un punto centrale della vita cristiana. In essa, e dunque nella Chiesa, la logica delle "precedenze" è completamente rovesciata: il primo è colui che si fa il servo di tutti, come Gesù, il cui primato è stato posto dalla sua obbedienza ed immolazione sulla croce. La vera dignità è nella possibilità offerta all'uomo di imitare l'umiltà del Verbo Incarnato. Una conseguenza sconvolgente: il piccolo è il "sacramento" di Gesù e quindi in lui accogliamo il Padre.

Prima lettura Sap 2,12.17-20

Condanniamo il giusto a una morte infamante.

[Dissero gli empi:]

«Tendiamo insidie al giusto, che per noi è d'incomodo e si oppone alle nostre azioni; ci rimprovera le colpe contro la legge e ci rinfaccia le trasgressioni contro l'educazione ricevuta.

Vediamo se le sue parole sono vere, consideriamo ciò che gli accadrà alla fine. Se infatti il giusto è figlio di Dio, egli verrà in suo aiuto e lo libererà dalle mani dei suoi avversari. Mettiamolo alla prova con violenze e tormenti, per conoscere la sua mitezza e saggiare il suo spirito di sopportazione. Condanniamolo a una morte infamante, perché, secondo le sue parole, il soccorso gli verrà».

Parola di Dio.

Rendiamo grazie al Signore.

Salmo Responsoriale Sal 53

R Il Signore sostiene la mia vita.

Dio, per il tuo nome salvami,
per la tua potenza rendimi giustizia.
Dio, ascolta la mia preghiera,
porgi l'orecchio alle parole della mia bocca. **R**

Poiché stranieri contro di me sono insorti
e prepotenti insidiano la mia vita;
non pongono Dio davanti ai loro occhi. **R**

Ecco, Dio è il mio aiuto,
il Signore sostiene la mia vita.
Ti offrirò un sacrificio spontaneo,
loderò il tuo nome, Signore, perché è buono. **R**

Seconda lettera Giac 3,16-4,3

Per coloro che fanno opera di pace viene seminato nella pace un frutto di giustizia.

Fratelli miei, dove c'è gelosia e spirito di contesa, c'è disordine e ogni sorta di cattive azioni. Invece la sapienza che viene dall'alto anzitutto è pura, poi pacifica, mite, arrendevole, piena di misericordia e di buoni frutti, imparziale e sincera. Per coloro che fanno opera di pace viene seminato nella pace un frutto di giustizia.

Da dove vengono le guerre e le liti che sono in mezzo a voi? Non vengono forse dalle vostre passioni che fanno guerra nelle vostre membra? Siete pieni di desideri e non riuscite a possedere; uccidete, siete invidiosi e non riuscite a ottenere; combattete e fate guerra! Non avete perché non chiedete; chiedete e non ottenete perché chiedete male, per soddisfare cioè le vostre passioni.

Parola di Dio

Rendiamo grazie al Signore.

Canto al Vangelo Cf 2Ts 2,14

Alleluia, alleluia.

Dio ci ha chiamati mediante il Vangelo, per entrare in possesso della gloria del Signore nostro Gesù Cristo.

Alleluia

† **Dal Vangelo** Mc 9,30-37

Il Figlio dell'uomo viene consegnato... Se uno vuole essere il primo, sia il servitore di tutti.

In quel tempo, Gesù e i suoi discepoli attraversavano la Galilea, ma egli non voleva che alcuno lo sapesse. Insegnava infatti ai suoi discepoli e diceva loro: «Il Figlio dell'uomo viene consegnato nelle mani degli uomini e lo uccideranno; ma, una volta ucciso, dopo tre giorni risorgerà». Essi però non capivano queste parole e avevano timore di interrogarlo.

Giunsero a Cafàrnao. Quando fu in casa, chiese loro: «Di che cosa stavate discutendo per la strada?». Ed essi tacevano. Per la strada infatti avevano discusso tra loro chi fosse più grande. Sedutosi, chiamò i Dodici e disse loro: «Se uno vuole essere il primo, sia l'ultimo di tutti e il servitore di tutti».

E, preso un bambino, lo pose in mezzo a loro e, abbracciandolo, disse loro: «Chi accoglie uno solo di questi bambini nel mio nome, accoglie me; e chi accoglie me, non accoglie me, ma colui che mi ha mandato».

Parola del Signore.

Lode a te, Signore Gesù Cristo

Writings by the Fathers of the Church

Faith is crowned by love and perseverance

*From the final exhortation of Saint Andrew Kim Taegön, priest and martyr
Last Friday was the memorial of the Korean Martyrs*

My brethren and dear friends, think about this and reflect on it: from the beginning of time God has ordered the heavens, the earth, and all things. Consider the creation of man in this light and reflect on why He has created man, each man, in His image and likeness: why, and with what purpose.

If, then, placed as we are in this world full of danger and misery, we do not know the Lord our creator, what is the point in having been born? Our life is pointless. Thanks to God, we have come into this world. Also thanks to God, we have received baptism, we have entered the Church, and we have received the glorious name of disciples of the Lord. But what use would that name be if it did not correspond to reality? If it does not, then it is in vain that we have come into the world and entered into the Church. Moreover, such a state of affairs would not serve the Lord and His grace. It would be better for us never to have been born than to receive the grace of the Lord and then sin against Him.

Look at the farmer sowing his field. He ploughs the earth at the appropriate time, then he manures it, and he cultivates the growing seed without caring how hard his work is under a hot sun. When harvest time arrives, if the ears are fat then he forgets his labour and his sweat because his heart is full of joy and he delights in the harvest. But if the grains are shrivelled and there is nothing but straw and empty husks, then the farmer remembers his sweat and heavy labour: the more he has worked the field, the more he turns his back on it.

It is the same with the Lord. The Earth is His field; we men are His seed; His manure is grace. By the Incarnation and the Redemption He waters us with His blood so that we can grow and ripen. When the time for harvest comes at the Day of Judgement, if by His grace we are found to be ripe, we shall know the joy of the kingdom as the adoptive children of God. But if we are found to be unripe, we shall have become enemies of God instead of the adoptive sons we were, and we shall receive the eternal punishment we deserve.

My very dear brethren, know this: our Lord Jesus, coming down here, Himself suffered pains beyond counting: by His Passion He founded the Church and by the passion of His faithful He makes it grow. The powers of this world may well oppress it and attack it, but they will never have victory over it. After the Ascension of Jesus, from the time of the Apostles until now, the holy Church has grown everywhere in the middle of persecution.

It is fifty or sixty years now since the holy Church entered our land of Korea. The faithful have endured persecution over and over again. Today it is beginning once more: many of our friends in faith, and I myself, are in prison. You too are under threat. Since we form one body, how can we not have sad hearts? How can we not, as human beings, feel the pain of separation?

All the same, as Scripture tells us, God takes care of the least of the hairs of our head and nothing escapes His infinite knowledge. How then can we see this persecution except as something ordered by the Lord either as a prize or as a punishment? Follow therefore the will of God, fight with all your heart for our divine leader Jesus, and you will vanquish the demon of this world, who has already been vanquished by Christ.

I implore you: do not forget fraternal love but help one another and persevere until the Lord takes pity on us and ends this persecution.

There are twenty of us here and, thank God, all is well with us so far. If one of us is put to death I beg you not to forget his family.

There are many other things I could say to you, but how to say them all in a letter? So I will end here. As for us, in a short time we will go into combat. I beg you to keep yourselves faithful so that we can all be reunited in the joys of heaven. With all my heart, I embrace you.

Reflection on Gospel Mark 9:30-37

Historical Context – Messianic expectation

The term Messiah means anointed one. In the era of the Kings of Israel, quite literally someone was designated King by being anointed – having oil poured over their head. It's easy to see that when the people of Israel spoke about a 'Messiah' (an 'anointed one') who would restore justice and peace, they had in mind a great King. They even expected that the new king would come from the line of David, the line of the great kings of their history. Jesus was working against centuries of tradition when He tried to get the disciples to see that the Messiah could be something else.

Scriptural context – Three predictions

This gospel event is the second of three occasions in the gospel of Mark when Jesus clearly makes a prediction about His death and subsequent resurrection. They occur in chapters 8, 9 and 10 of the gospel and all three are associated with the disciples' lack of understanding about the mission and fate of Jesus. In each case, Jesus could not speak more plainly about what will happen to Him and yet the disciples fail to understand. These three chapters have an overarching image of the disciples' 'blindness' to the truth of Jesus' message.

Have you thought? Last of all?

Jesus tells His disciples that if anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all and servant of all. This is as challenging to us today as it was to the disciples and early Christians. Our world seems to revolve around position, status and power – whoever has the most toys wins! But what Jesus advocated was a leadership based on being of service to others. Being powerful simply means you are in a position to help even more people. Putting yourself last, instead of first, gives respect, dignity and power to others rather than to yourself.

Greg Sunter

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This week's reading from the Book of Wisdom illustrates the kind of thinking that was common in the ancient world: If God is with someone then, assured of God's protection, they will prosper. If, on the other hand, they are suffering and not prospering, then it must be that God is not on their side.

How, then, would the ancient world have understood the teaching of Jesus in the gospel? "The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put Him to death." If His enemies were to kill Him, let alone if He was to be publicly humiliated and suffer, surely He could not be the messiah for whom the people waited.

This is the second time in the Gospel of Mark that Jesus has prophesied His death. At this point, the disciples don't understand and are too confused and afraid to ask Jesus what He really means.

When instead the disciples talk about who among them is the greatest, they still dream of becoming earthly lords and princes of status, power and authority. But before we judge the disciples too harshly, we must remember that this story from Mark's gospel has been recorded to mirror our own sins and temptations. We too have ambitions and desires that impede our ability to respond to what Jesus wants from us.

Jesus is charting a very unusual and very new path to what it means to be great in the eyes of God, one that cuts against the culture of His day. In His eyes,

servicing God means loving and serving the lowliest and those most in need.

When Jesus instructs His disciples to welcome children, He is taking the side of the most neglected, least powerful, and least respected members of society.

For Jesus, greatness is not in career achievement, status, power, attention or appreciation in the world. Instead, Jesus calls us to set aside our desires and ambitions to get ahead. As Jesus says elsewhere in the gospels, it is those who are willing to lose their lives who will find life. It is those who put their own egos last and lowest who will be first and greatest in the eyes of God.

St James reflects on this mystery in the second reading. He describes the disciples' self-interest and ambition as told in today's gospel as destined to result in "disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done".

But look at the benefits that come from discarding this self-centred way of living and thinking. James describes the wisdom that Jesus brings as bringing "peace". It makes us "kindly and considerate", "full of compassion", and "shows itself by doing good".

There in that way of living is true freedom and true greatness.

Joseph Doyle
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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.

Recently Deceased: Alvaro Mantilla Moreno, 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, 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, Vittoria Calantuono, 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.

HSC Mass and supper

On Sunday 29th 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
Tuesday, 24 September	5:00 pm—6:00 pm	Vinnies meeting
	7:00 pm—8:30 pm	Welcome & Events Committee meeting
Wednesday, 25 September	9:00 am	Mass
	7:00 pm—8:30 pm	Bible Study—The Gospel of Mark
Thursday, 26 September	9:00 am	Mass
	2:00 pm—3:30 pm	Catholic Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group
Friday, 27 September	9:15am	Mass
	12:45 pm—1:15 pm	Reconciliation for Year 6 students
	3:00 pm—4:00 pm	Mass at St Vincent aged care
Saturday, 28 September	4:30 pm—4:50 pm	Reconciliation
	5:00 pm	Mass
Sunday, 29 September	9:00 am	Mass
	6:00 pm	Mass for HSC students

"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
- sauces
- 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.
For further information please contact amanda.gahanesydney.catholic.edu.au



Sweet Treats Stall – a big thank you

A very big thank you to all who helped with this fund-raising event. To those who baked, made jams, helped with setting up, those who helped with selling and of course all those who purchased goodies, we couldn't do it without your help. We raised approx.. \$1650 for the John Berne fund – well done everyone.

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 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.

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 **October 6th at 8:30am** in the church courtyard. Father Thomas will lead us in prayer as we bless our beloved animals.

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region

The Cagliari Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2025 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. Applications close October 31st, 2024. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliari.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

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Thursday 12th - Sunday 15th December 2024

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS

iWitness is an annual young adults conference hosted in Sydney. The long weekend provides participants with a spiritually transformative experience, creating a space in which each person can grow in their love of God.



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AGEING CAFE

Saturday 12th October 2024, 10-3.30
The Ella Centre, 58a Dalhousie Street, Haberfield

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A non-religious space to share our life experience, fears and hopes. With panel discussions and informal conversation in a relaxed, café-style space with lunch provided.

Topics include: Spirituality, Death, Meaning, Hope

For more information contact: minister@stdavids.org.au



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

St Joan of Arc Parish, Haberfield



Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers

Safeguarding children focuses on the prevention of **abuse and harm** to children, young people and also includes adults that find themselves in a vulnerable situation.

Everyone is responsible for the safety of children and we are to be proactive in reducing the risk to children and help bring a cultural change towards child protection.

Information for Parents - what should I know as a Parent?

If you **engage a tutor**, private trainer, music teacher, party entertainers etc., you should ask for a Working With Children Check clearance number. See more information at <https://ocg.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/what-parents-need-know-about-working-children-check>

It's the law that tutors or coaches who work with your children must have a **Working With Children Check**.



- 1** Tutors must have a current WWCC
- 2** Parents must verify the WWCC online
- 3** Got a clearance? You're good to go!

Keeping children safe online

The Internet today is a great information resource and an easy way to stay connected with friends. However, the Internet can pose great risks. The next page in this week's Bulletin is a fact sheet for children on how to identify such risks, including cyber abuse, and provides advice on how to keep children safe online. See more information at the **eSafety Commissioner's** website <http://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

What do parents need to know if your child is employed?

In NSW there are specific laws to protect the safety and wellbeing of children under the age of 15 years who are **employed** as actors, performers, and in door-to-door sales, and children under the age of 16 who are employed as models.

To find out if your child's employer holds a current Authority, check the Register of Authorised Employers at <https://ocg.nsw.gov.au/parents/childrens-modelling-and-acting>

SAFE Series books for children under six:

The Office of the Children's Guardian has developed the SAFE series. Four children's books containing personal **safety messages for children** that parents can utilise when explaining personal issues, such as to:

- Help your child identify the parts of their **body** that are private
- Help your child understand their **feelings**
- Encourage your child to think about **five people who they trust** to help them if they feel scared, sad or upset

Find more information at <https://ocg.nsw.gov.au/resources> see SAFE Series

For more information you can contact our Parish Safeguarding Support Officer (PSSO) Tony Mediati on email pss@stjoanofarc.org.au



Fact sheet: Information for Children about Online Safety

The online world is a fun place to talk to friends, play games and watch videos. Going online can be very similar to exploring, when you explore any place it is important to know how to be safe. If you follow these points when going online you can be sure to have a fun but also safe time.

- Not all messages you receive online are nice. Some messages might make you feel uncomfortable, scared or not quite right. Don't reply to any messages that make you feel like this. Tell a trusted adult like mum, dad, aunty or uncle.
- Do not share any personal information online. Your personal information like your full name, date of birth and phone numbers need to be kept safe.
- Once you share something online it can be very difficult to take it back, it can even be shared or copied by someone else. Always ask before you share something online.
- Make sure you set strong passwords. Strong passwords contain a lot of letters and are hard to guess. Never give your password away, if you think you will forget write it down.
- Some things you see online can be a trick and not be true. Sometimes people can even pretend to be another person online. If you think someone is pretending to be another person tell a trusted adult like mum, dad, aunty or uncle.
- If you make video calls or if you receive a video call do it in an open area such as the living room or kitchen and make sure mum, dad or guardian can see you.
- Sometimes you can see something online that makes you feel uncomfortable like a photo or video. Make sure you tell an adult what you see; they can make sure you are ok and help you not to see something like that again.
- Make sure you ask mum, dad or carer before you download, install or buy anything on your device.
- Don't add or friend people online that you don't know.

What is Cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying is the use of technology to bully or hurt someone.

Cyberbullying can be:

- Mean messages
- Leaving you out or ignoring you online
- Spreading lies about you online
- Sharing something online that can hurt you or make you look bad

Cyberbullying can make you feel isolated and like everyone is out to get you but that's not the case. Make sure you talk to people you trust.



Support

If you feel uncomfortable, worried, anxious, nervous or embarrassed because of something online please tell a trusted adult. A trusted adult will tell the appropriate people to get you help.

You can also call the Kids Helpline Service: **1800 55 1800**

More information

Want to know more about being safe online? Visit the eSafety Commissioners website <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

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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

Season of Creation

As part of the *Season of Creation*, St Columba's Parish has been highlighting the harmful effects of fast fashion on the environment and promoting recycling of pre-loved clothing and accessories.

You are warmly invited to attend the Bargain Bazaar/Op Shop to promote the circular economy by recycling clothing.

Bargain Bazaar Clothing Op Shop
St Columba's Church Hall
213 Elswick Street, Leichhardt
Saturday, 28 September 2024, 2-4pm

Enjoy afternoon tea while you have a browse at the bazaar. Items for adults will be sold for a gold coin and children's clothes \$10 a bag.

Funds raised will be donated to Jesuit Refugee Services and the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry.