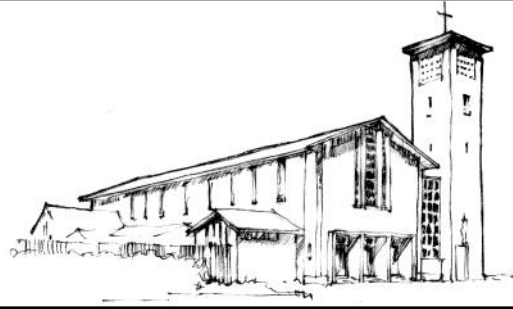


Welcome

# St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 29 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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**Principal:** Antoinette McGahan  
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## From the Pastor

### Holidays, Jubilee

Another period of School Holidays has commenced. Learning is hard work, and formation needs focussed and creative energy. Therefore, these term breaks are important in the schooling calendar. Prior to Haberfield, after twelve years in my previous parish, I took six months of sabbatical leave. That was great. I am better focussed and more energetic now. That's what happens with a good break. My Sabbatical was not an idling time. Sure enough it was a break from the routine pastoral life of the parish. But the days were punctuated with prayers, study, spiritual direction, long walks, visit to museums and cinemas as well as cultural tours.

As Christians we do not take break from our spirituality. Holidays are times of rejuvenation and spiritual renewal. According to the Bible, God rested on the seventh day after creation (Genesis 2:2-3). Inspired by this biblical teaching, Jewish people developed the concept of Sabbath for rest and to honour God.

We also observe Sunday break from routine work to reconnect our faith and celebrate Eucharistic fellowship. For us, Christmas and Easter are more than just breaks from work—they are times of worship, contemplation, and glorification of God's actions through the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Incidentally, 2025 is the Holy Year of Church's Jubilee. The concept of holidays and the Jubilee in the Old Testament are closely related, as both emphasize rest, renewal, and restoration, reflecting God's desire for balance in human life and society. The Jubilee, described in Leviticus 25, was a special event that occurred every 50 years. It was a time when the Israelites were commanded to release slaves, forgive debts, return land to its original owners, and allow the land to rest by ceasing agricultural activity. The Jubilee was meant to reset the social, economic, and ecological systems, ensuring that no one in the community remained perpetually disadvantaged and that the land itself had a chance to recover from constant cultivation. The concept embodies God's concern for justice, mercy, and restoration for both people and the environment.

The life and teachings of St Vincent DePaul, whose memorial was last Friday, is an inspiration for a faith life imbedded with Compassion and Justice. In that sense, St Vincent was an epitome of Jubilee.



### 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.

**First reading** *Numbers 11:25-29*

***Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?***

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on Him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave His Spirit to them all!'

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9*

***R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.***

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. **R**

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. **R**

So in them Your servant finds instructions;  
great reward is in their keeping.

But who can detect all his errors?  
From hidden faults acquit me. **R**

From presumption restrain Your servant  
and let it not rule me.

Then shall I be blameless,  
clean from grave sin. **R**

**2nd Reading** *James 5:1-6*

***Your wealth is rotting.***

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away,

and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *See John 17:17*

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

Your word, O Lord, is truth:  
make us holy in the truth.

***Alleluia!***

**Gospel** *Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48*

***Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.***

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in Your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in My name is likely to speak evil of Me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**



L'itinerario di Gesù verso Gerusalemme è un susseguirsi di insegnamenti e raccomandazioni; una specie di manuale catechetico, che serve da continuo confronto per la fede, ancora solo incipiente, dei discepoli.

L'interrogativo posto da uno di loro:

“Abbiamo visto uno che scacciava i demoni... ma non era dei nostri” descrive bene il rigido schematismo dentro cui, loro come noi, vorremmo imprigionare la libertà dello Spirito, che soffia sempre dove e come vuole.

Non siamo noi cristiani i padroni della salvezza, donataci da Cristo. Sia pure avendo responsabilità e modalità diverse in seno alla Chiesa, noi cristiani abbiamo solo il compito di far incontrare, tra di noi e agli altri, con la nostra testimonianza, la nostra parola e le nostre opere, la persona di Cristo.

La consapevolezza della gratuità del dono di Cristo ci obbliga a valorizzare tutto ciò che, nel mondo, fa presagire e manifesta la sua presenza redentrice, perché Cristo, unico ad avere una risposta esauriente all'inquietudine presente nel cuore dell'uomo, può inviare lo Spirito Santo a illuminare il cuore di ogni persona.

Il nostro desiderio più profondo dovrebbe essere quello di Mosè, quando ha esclamato: “Fossero tutti profeti nel popolo di Dio e volesse il Signore dare loro il suo spirito!”.

**Prima lettura** Num 11,25-29

**Sei tu geloso per me? Fossero tutti profeti nel popolo!**

In quei giorni, il Signore scese nella nube e parlò a Mosè: tolse parte dello spirito che era su di lui e lo pose sopra i settanta uomini anziani; quando lo spirito si fu posato su di loro, quelli profetizzarono, ma non lo fecero più in seguito.

Ma erano rimasti due uomini nell'accampamento, uno chiamato Eldad e l'altro Medad. E lo spirito si posò su di loro; erano fra gli iscritti, ma non erano usciti per andare alla tenda. Si misero a profetizzare nell'accampamento. Un giovane corse ad annunciarlo a Mosè e disse: «Eldad e Medad profetizzano nell'accampamento». Giosuè, figlio di Nun, servitore di Mosè fin dalla sua adolescenza, prese la parola e disse: «Mosè, mio signore, impediscili!». Ma Mosè gli disse: «Sei tu geloso per me? Fossero tutti profeti nel popolo del Signore e volesse il Signore porre su di loro il suo spirito!».

*Parola di Dio.*

**Rendiamo grazie al Signore.**

**Salmo Responsoriale** Sal 18

**R I precetti del Signore fanno gioire il cuore.**

La legge del Signore è perfetta, rinfranca l'anima; la testimonianza del Signore è stabile, rende saggio il semplice. **R**

Il timore del Signore è puro, rimane per sempre; i giudizi del Signore sono fedeli, sono tutti giusti. **R**

Anche il tuo servo ne è illuminato, per chi li osserva è grande il profitto.

Le inavvertenze, chi le discerne? Assolvimi dai peccati nascosti. **R**

Anche dall'orgoglio salva il tuo servo perché su di me non abbia potere; allora sarò irreprensibile, sarò puro da grave peccato. **R**

**Seconda lettera** Giac 5,1-6

**La vostre ricchezze sono marce.**

Ora a voi, ricchi: piangete e gridate per le sciagure che cadranno su di voi! Le vostre ricchezze sono marce, i vostri vestiti sono mangiati dalle tarme. Il vostro oro e il vostro argento sono consumati dalla ruggine, la loro ruggine si alzerà ad accusarvi e divorerà le vostre carni come un fuoco. Avete accumulato tesori per gli ultimi giorni!

Ecco, il salario dei lavoratori che hanno mietuto sulle vostre terre, e che voi non avete pagato, grida, e le proteste dei mietitori sono giunte alle orecchie del Signore onnipotente.

Sulla terra avete vissuto in mezzo a piaceri e delizie, e vi siete ingrassati per il giorno della strage. Avete condannato e ucciso il giusto ed egli non vi ha opposto resistenza.

*Parola di Dio*

**Rendiamo grazie al Signore.**

**Canto al Vangelo** Gv 17,17

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

La tua parola, Signore, è verità; consacraci nella verità.

**Alleluia**

† **Dal Vangelo** Mc 9,38-43.45.47-48

**Chi non è contro di noi è per noi. Se la tua mano ti è motivo di scandalo, tagliala.**

In quel tempo, Giovanni disse a Gesù: «Maestro, abbiamo visto uno che scacciava demòni nel tuo nome e volevamo impedirglielo, perché non ci seguiva». Ma Gesù disse: «Non glielo impedito, perché non c'è nessuno che faccia un miracolo nel mio nome e subito possa parlare male di me: chi non è contro di noi è per noi.

Chiunque infatti vi darà da bere un bicchiere d'acqua nel mio nome perché siete di Cristo, in verità io vi dico, non perderà la sua ricompensa.

Chi scandalizzerà uno solo di questi piccoli che credono in me, è molto meglio per lui che gli venga messa al collo una macina da mulino e sia gettato nel mare. Se la tua mano ti è motivo di scandalo, tagliala: è meglio per te entrare nella vita con una mano sola, anziché con le due mani andare nella Geènna, nel fuoco inestinguibile. E se il tuo piede ti è motivo di scandalo, taglialo: è meglio per te entrare nella vita con un piede solo, anziché con i due piedi essere gettato nella Geènna. E se il tuo occhio ti è motivo di scandalo, gettalo via: è meglio per te entrare nel regno di Dio con un occhio solo, anziché con due occhi essere gettato nella Geènna, dove il loro verme non muore e il fuoco non si estingue».

*Parola del Signore.*

**Lode a te, Signore Gesù Cristo**

## Writings by the Fathers of the Church

### Serving the poor is to be preferred above all things

*A writing of St Vincent de Paul*

*Last Friday, 27 September, was the Feast of St Vincent de Paul*

Even though the poor are often rough and unrefined, we must not judge them from external appearances nor from the mental gifts they seem to have received. On the contrary, if you consider the poor in the light of faith, then you will observe that they are taking the place of the Son of God who chose to be poor.

Although in His passion He almost lost the appearance of a man and was considered a fool by the Gentiles and a stumbling block by the Jews, He showed them that His mission was to preach to the poor: He sent me to preach the good news to the poor. We also ought to have this same spirit and imitate Christ's actions, that is, we must take care of the poor, console them, help them, support their cause.

Since Christ willed to be born poor, He chose for Himself disciples who were poor. He made Himself the servant of the poor and shared their poverty. He went so far as to say that He would consider every deed which either helps or harms the poor as done for or against Himself. Since God surely loves the poor, He also loves those who love the poor. For when one person holds another dear, He also includes in His affection anyone who loves or serves the one He loves. That is why we hope that God will love us for the sake of the poor. So when we visit the poor and needy, we try to

understand the poor and weak. We sympathise with them so fully that we can echo Paul's words: I have become all things to all men. Therefore, we must try to be stirred by our neighbours' worries and distress. We must beg God to pour into our hearts sentiments of pity and compassion and to fill them again and again with these dispositions.

It is our duty to prefer the service of the poor to everything else and to offer such service as quickly as possible. If a needy person requires medicine or other help during prayer time, do whatever has to be done with peace of mind. Offer the deed to God as your prayer. Do not become upset or feel guilty because you interrupted your prayer to serve the poor. God is not neglected if you leave Him for such service. One of God's works is merely interrupted so that another can be carried out. So when you leave prayer to serve some poor person, remember that this very service is performed for God. Charity is certainly greater than any rule. Moreover, all rules must lead to charity. Since she is a noble mistress, we must do whatever she commands. With renewed devotion, then, we must serve the poor, especially outcasts and beggars. They have been given to us as our masters and patrons.

## Reflection on Gospel Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

### Have you thought? Jealousy

The disciples are portrayed as being jealous of someone healing in the name of Jesus. It is almost an intellectual property argument – you can't use Jesus' name to heal, only we can 'cause we're with Jesus. Their attitude sounds quite childish but it is an attitude we encounter all the time – and are perhaps guilty of ourselves at times. In our world that encourages competitive behaviour at every turn, Jesus' attitude is a challenging one – if good is being done, why care who gets the credit for it? Perhaps politicians would get more done if they weren't concerned about getting credit for what they do.

### Living the Gospel – Cut it out!

The thought of cutting off a hand or foot or tearing out an eye seems a bit extreme if taken literally. Whilst Jesus didn't mean for us to do a bit of self-surgery, if we find ourselves caught in behaviour that is self-destructive or hurtful to others, the only solution is quite literally to 'cut it out'. We know within ourselves when our actions are life-giving or life-harming. Surprisingly we often persist with harmful behaviour even when we know it's harmful. Jesus' solution is simple: cut out the negative behaviour and get back on track. That's the principle behind Reconciliation.

### Gospel Focus – Anyone not against us is for us

It is sometimes quite baffling why the movement for ecumenical dialogue is so laboured and apparently delivering such limited results. It seems that it is human nature to dwell much more on what makes us different rather than on what we have in common. Unfortunately, efforts to build dialogue between Christian churches seem to inevitably turn up the differences that impede dialogue more than the commonalities that foster dialogue. Jesus made it clear that 'anyone who is not against us is for us'. Perhaps if we focus on the common goal of leading people to Jesus we can get beyond the differences that set us against each other.

A flock of geese flying in formation is a beautiful sight. Scientists who have researched why they fly in a V-formation have discovered some fascinating details.

First, it conserves their energy. Each bird flies slightly higher than the bird in front of it. This decreases wind resistance for each bird. Second, the geese take turns at being the leader and fall back in the group when they get tired. This enables them to fly for a long time before they need to stop for a rest.

The tired geese support the group from behind and recharge themselves as they fly at a slower speed. Third, the V-formation enables them to keep track of every bird in the group, and to communicate and coordinate with the group. In fact, research has also discovered that flying in formation is so beneficial that other birds such as ducks, ibis, swans, seagulls, pelicans, and flamingos also fly in formation.

Valuing the initiative and contribution of each person at different points in their journey and drawing the best from each member in the group are also important tenets in faith communities.

In this week's gospel, Jesus discourages the disciples from preventing a man from working a miracle in his name. Jesus tells them, "You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in My name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us". Jesus thus redirects the

disciples' initial focus on excluding those who may not be in their immediate circle, to emphasising the commitment to doing the will of God: healing, teaching, and proclaiming the good news that God's love is available to everyone.

Today, we are called to embrace diversity amongst the faithful and to appreciate that the variety of our gifts and talents nourishes and enriches the entire community. Jesus speaks with great tenderness of everyone who acts in faith and good will, calling them His "little ones". He encourages us to be generous and to not exclude anyone from whole-hearted and loving service of God.

The community in Taizé, Saône-et-Loire, Burgundy, France is a modern example of a community of faith which embraces diversity. When Brother Roger founded the community towards the end of World War Two, it initially sheltered war refugees. Taizé is now renowned for being an ecumenical community of brothers, who have created beautiful music and work for peace and justice.

Currently, it comprises eighty brothers from Catholic, Anglican, Protestant traditions, from nearly thirty countries. Brother Matthew, the current prior, penned a beautiful prayer recently which describes this spirit of diversity in service: *God the Creator, all that comes from Your hands is good. Help us to discern Your presence in the beauty of Your creation, and to rejoice that we are a part of it. May Your light shine on every corner of this earth and on every creature with which we share our common home.*

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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 the Bible.



October Month dedicated to the Holy Rosary: 🌸

Monday afternoons for the month of October (during school term), we will be praying the rosary in Church. Even if you have not prayed the rosary before, come along as it will be very gentle. Beginners and regular rosary prayers are all welcome.

Rosary beads will be supplied if you don't own a set.

See you at 2:30pm in the church 📍🔍

Belinda Bayssari - Family Educator St Joan of Arc Haberfield

Dates: 21st and 28th of October.



**Recently Deceased:** Msgr. John Usher, Margaret Payne, Francisco Ordonez, Colleen McQuillan, Alvaro Mantilla Moreno, Vincenzo Fedele, Vita Gennusa, Donata Maria Tauriello.

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

**Anniversary:** Satina Pollicina

**Rest in Peace:** 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.

## Obituary

Margaret Payne, wife of Raymond, passed away last Sunday, 22 September. Funeral for her will be held at 10 am at All Hallows Church, Five Dock on Tuesday, 1 October. May she rest in peace.

Monsignor John Usher AM, born in 1940 and grew up in this parish, died on 20 September 2024. He was Director of the CatholicCare Social Services for many years before becoming Chancellor and Vicar General of the Archdiocese (2005-2013). His funeral was held at Mortlake Church last Friday. May his soul rest in peace.

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

### First Holy Communion Program 2024

**Commitment Mass**

**12 October Saturday 5pm**

**or 13 October Sunday 9 am**

**Parents meeting**

**16 October**

**Wednesday 7 pm**

Details of the rest of the program will be announced at the Parents meeting.



### 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.

### Weekly Diary

Date	Time	To note
Wednesday, 2 October	9:00 am	Mass
Thursday, 3 October	9:00 am	Mass
	2:00 pm—3:30 pm	Catholic Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group & Blessed Sacrament
Friday, 4 October	9:15 am	Mass
Saturday, 5 October	4:15 pm –4:45 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	4:30 pm –4:50 pm	Reconciliation
	5:00 pm	Mass
Sunday, 6 October	8:30 am	Blessing of animals
	9:00 am	Mass
	6:00 pm	Mass
	After 6:00 pm Mass	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

# Acolytes Training 2025

As a parish with good liturgical celebrations, we can have more Acolytes and other Ministers of Liturgy. I am interested in recruiting and training a few new Acolytes. Now that Pope Francis has formally declared the Ministry of Acolytes proper to the laity, there is no need to exclude women from this ministry. Therefore, I am inviting all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to consider the Liturgical Ministry of Acolyte. If your EMHC (Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion) training dates more than five

years ago, then you will require to do a refresher course before starting training to be an Acolyte. Sydney Liturgy Office will be conducting the training programs at St Joseph Parish Enfield, which is not too far for us. The planned dates are as follows: EMHC and Acolytes. 6th, 13th and 20th March 2025 and the extra sessions for Acolytes 27th March, 3rd and 10th April 2025. Please let me know of your interest by email, [admin@stjoanofarc.org.au](mailto:admin@stjoanofarc.org.au).

Fr Thomas.

ASHFIELD/OLYMPIC PARK NETWORK SCHOOL EVENT

## BUTCHERS, BLOKES & BBQ

W/ BBQ and BEERS

**FREE EVENT**      **SOCIAL FOOD + DRINKS**

**WED 22 OCT** | **7 PM**  
 HOLY INNOCENTS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
 SCHOOL HALL, CROYDON

REGISTER HERE!




**SPECIAL GUESTS**

FR. BEN SALIBA  
 AGAINST THE GRADE PODCAST

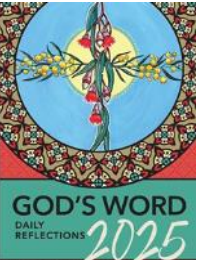
ANDREW GONDLEON  
 "BROTHER OF CHARITY" MEMBER



## 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.



## Bible Diary

\$20 only.

Limited number of copies in the Piety Stall

## Heartfelt initiative

Please join Belinda on Tuesday the 29th of October to spare a thought for those that we have lost. In preparation for All Soul's Day, we will be creating Heartfelt Blue fabric hearts to help us and others in our community to cope with loss.

9am Tuesday **29** October

Miss Belinda's room at St Joan of Arc Primary school. Meet in the school office at 9am

Please RSVP to Belinda  
 0421 669 752




## 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.

## Legislation affecting Parish Volunteers

### Mandatory Reporting

*Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998 (NSW) ('Care Act')*

Mandatory reporting is the legislative requirement for those who work with children to report suspected child abuse and neglect to the **Child Protection Helpline**, Dept of Communities & Justice.

Amendments to the Care Act include the Clergy, Parish employees and volunteers that are in child-related roles.

It is mandatory to report suspicions of risk of harm in relation to children under the age of 16 years. The Care Act gives grounds for intervention to cover young people up to 18 years of age, but it is not mandatory to report suspicions of risk of harm in relation to young people aged 16 and 17 years of age.

### Reportable Conduct Scheme

*Children's Guardian Act 2019 (NSW)*

The scheme covers all workers including Clergy, Parish employees and volunteers who are required to hold a Working with Children Check.

### What does it mean for You?

As a Volunteer, holding a WWCC, you are obligated to report alleged reportable conduct of other volunteers.

### How to report an allegation of reportable conduct or receive assistance with a Mandatory Report?

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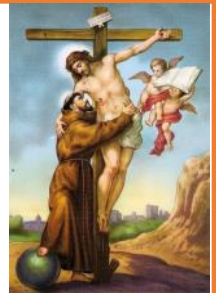
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