

# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946





MISSION STATEMENT

We are a believing community in the Catholic Tradition, whose heart is Jesus Christ, celebrated in the Eucharist. Our catholicity is lived through the diverse nature of our community which is open and welcoming to all. Daily we are open to the Holy Spirit who speaks to us through the Gospel, enabling us to experience personal and social transformation.

#### PARISH INFORMATION

**Parish Administrator:** Rev Fr Bob Bossini **Assistant Priest:** Rev Fr William Chow **Assistant Priest:** Rev Fr Andrew Fu

**Parish Office**: 2 Weston Street

Fairfield NSW 2165

Presbytery: 18 Vine St. Fairfield 2165

Email: admin@olrfairfield.org.au

**Phone:** (02) 9724 5997 **Emergency Phone:** 0412 206 225

**Office Hours:** 

Monday: 1pm - 4pm

Tuesday to Friday: 10am - 12pm, 1 - 4pm

Parish Website: www.olrfairfield.org.au

#### **Catechist Coordinator**

Heather Watt: Contact Parish Office

SATURDAY: 8:30am

SUNDAY MASS

in English (Vigil): 6:00pm (Sat)

in Polish: 7:30am

in English: 9:00am, 10:30am

in Vietnamese: 4:30pm

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday - Friday: 9:30am Monday, Tuesday: 7pm

Novena Mass: 1st Wednesday of the Month 6:30pm

Novena Prayer: Wednesday 6:30pm Our Lady of

Perpetual Help

Holy Hour: Vietnamese Community 6pm 1st Friday

of the Month

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#### SACRAMENTS DURING THE PANDEMIC

#### Confession

Saturday 5:00pm-5:30pm, Before/After Mass or by appointment.

### **Baptism**

Contact the Parish Office to make an appointment. A Baptism preparation class is required prior to Baptism. Baptism Enrolment form need to be submitted to the Parish Office.

#### Marriage

By appointment – six months notice required and undergo Marriage Preparation Course. Check with Parish Secretary for more information

### **Anointing of the Sick**

Please check the Parish Bulletin for future dates for the administration of this Sacrament during Mass. Outside Mass times, requests to be anointed can take place after any Mass or by appointment.

#### **SCHOOLS**

#### **OLR Primary School**

20 Vine Street, Fairfield Tel: (02) 9727 9064

Principal: Jackie Vella

info@olrfairfield.catholic.edu.au

#### Patrician Brothers' College

Boys Year 7–12 Tel: (02) 9728 4488

Principal: Mr. Peter Wade info@pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au

Monastery: (02) 97241247

#### Mary Mackillop Catholic College

Girls Year 7–12 Tel: (02) 9725 4322 Principal: Ms. Gilda Pussich info@mmcwakeley.catholic.edu.au

#### **SCECS Outside School Hours Care**

Ph: (02) 9568 8218 Website: www.scecs.nsw.edu.au Mary Mackillop Hall 20 Vine Street, Fairfield NSW 2165

#### A Message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime 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

<u>safeguardingenquies@sydneycatholic.org</u>. 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.

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - B

## Entrance Antiphon Cf. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

\* Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!
Who is this king of glory?
He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

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Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

## First Reading

Is 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.
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 heard:

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.

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

## **Second Reading**

Phil 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name

which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Long Form: Mk 14:1 - 15:47

Short Form: Mk 15:1-39

## Communion Antiphon

Mt 26:42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

## We Remember and Pray for:

**Recently Deceased**: Josefa Nolasco, Hannah Kmita, Moveen Stuart, Antonio Agresta, Brother Mark Ryan, Fe Ongleo

Anniversary of Death: Gary Wallace Croft, Maria Luisa Cubela, Gianni D'amico, Domenica Cagliostro, Maria Fiore, Giuseppe Petrella, Calina Benmitez Zelazny, Mariano Mapagu, Jadwiga Zamirowska, Antonio Kenk, Marivic Mapagu, Domenica Zimbalarti, Vincenzo Cagliostro, Graziella & Nina D'Amico

In Loving Memory of: Maria & Nikola Shamo, Vincenza Cagliostro, Rosemary Van Reyk, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantar, Charlie Camilerri, Harold Aviet, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Giacomo, Raffaele Uglietta, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Domenico Marzano, Concetto-Annunziata D'Amico, Guiseppe Gagliano, Sr. Concenzione D'amico, Giuseppe D'Amico,

**Sick:** Mathew (Faiz) Hanna, Carmel Windred, Marija Barclay

**Special Intention:** Fenan Habba, Agata Szybiak, Luke Sloan

### Message from Fr. Bob Bossini

Dear Friends,

We begin today the most sacred week of the Church's year. We are invited to meet Jesus at the gates of Jerusalem and accompany him to the hill of Calvary. We are asked to pray with Jesus in the Upper Room, to experience his agony while praying at Gethsemane. We are asked to stand with him as he is being falsely accused by the religious and political figures of the time. We are invited to journey with him in those last few agonising miles to his Crucifixion. We are also invited to enter into the lives and actions of the disciples during these days, in order to see how they responded to the events of Holy Week.

In order to prepare ourselves for this great journey, I would like to share with you sermon from the writings of **St Andrew of Crete [d. 740**]. It is taken from the Liturgy of the Hours for Passion Sunday and leaves us with a tremendous insight into the significance of these precious days that we call Holy Week and which incorporate the Easter Triduum [Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil].

'Let us go together to meet Christ on the Mount of Olives. Today he returns from Bethany and proceeds of his own free will toward his holy and blessed passion, to consummate the mystery of our salvation. He who came down from heaven to raise us from the depths of sin, to raise us with himself, we are told in Scripture, above every sovereignty, authority and power, and every other name that can be named, now comes of his own free will to make his journey to Jerusalem. He comes without pomp or ostentation. As the psalmist says: He will not dispute or raise his voice to make it heard in the streets. He will be meek and humble, and he will make his entry in simplicity.

Let us run to accompany him as he hastens toward his passion, and imitate those who met him then,

not by covering his path garments, with olive branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before him by being humble and by trying to live as he would wish. Then we shall be able to receive the Word at his coming, and God, whom no limits can contain, will be within us.

In his humility Christ en tered the dark regions of our fallen world and he is glad that he became so humble for our sake, glad that he came and lived among us and shared in our nature in order to raise us up again to himself.

And even though we are told that he has now ascended above the highest heavens - the proof, surely, of his power and godhead - his love for man will never rest until he has raised our earthbound nature from glory to glory, and made it one with his own in heaven

So let us spread before his feet, not garments or soulless olive branches, which delight the eye for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves, clothed in his grace, or rather, clothed completely in him. We who have been baptized into Christ must ourselves be the garments that we spread before him. Now that the crimson stains of our sins have been washed away in the saving waters of baptism and we have become white as pure wool, let us present the conqueror of death, not with mere branches of palms but with the real rewards of his victory. Let our souls take the place of the welcoming branches as we join today in the children's holy song: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the king of Israel.'

[From a sermon by Saint Andrew of Crete, bishop]

These next few days offer us a wealth of liturgical rites. We are invited to be immersed in their meaning through our participation in them. We can deepen our sense of the holy in these days by spending some time reading the two Passion Narratives presented to us this week, one from Mark 14:1-15:47 and the other from **John 18:1-19:42**. May these days be truly holy and sacred for us and lead us to a greater appreciation of the redemptive action given to us by God through Jesus Christ.

> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the King of Israel.

Fr Robert Bossini, **Parish Administrator** 



# **KIDS CORNER**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

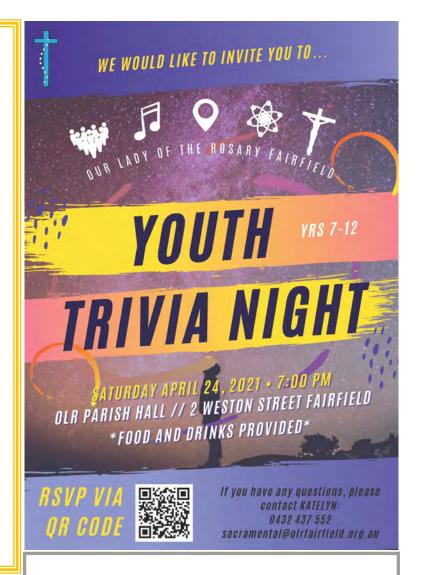
## EASTER SUNDAY FAMILY MASS

SUNDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021 9.00 A.M.



COME AND CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.







## HOLY LAND COMMISSARIAT

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 2nd. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, due to the global pandemic, it was an extremely difficult time for the Church and people of the Holy Land with very little income due to the lack of pilgrims and the closure of churches around the world. Despite this, Australian Catholics did manage to donate \$406,000 (compared to the \$1.3 million in 2019). This year, the Holy Land will continue to face an extreme shortfall in income due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic and so we are urging Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers. Thank you.