

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

09 May 2021 - Sixth Sunday of Easter - YearB



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

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

Catechist Coordinator

Heather Watt: Contact Parish Office

Catholic Women's League: Sandra Skarsky 9724 3561and 0425 285206 or Matilda Petersen on

0426 847213

Like our Parish Facebook page *Our Lady of the Rosary Fairfield Parish*

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

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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter - YEAR B

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4.

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading

1 Jn 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

We Remember and Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Janice Sampson, Nhon Tran, Danilo B. Cuaresma, Kim Chuc, Joseph Pham, Ann Alessandro.

Anniversary of Death: Joseph Busuttil, Josef Munchen, Patrocinio Paubsanon Snr, Dominico Nguyen Van Hiet, Maria Tran Thi Tuyet, Giuseppe Gagliano, Renerio Gerardino Snr., Maxima B. Mapagu.

In Loving Memory of: Irene Sulikowska, Danuta Zamirowski, Adela Zezula, Jadwiga Zamirowska, Mauricio Pereira, Pulgueria Mota, Luis Mota, Ruben Joao, Braz De Carvalho, Aleixo Corte-Real and Family, Florinda Corte-Real, Engracia Orleans, Jose Luis Mota, Carmela Borg, Rose Borg, Connie Busuttil, Mary Rose Price, Rosemary Van Reyk, Maria Rosa Marzano, Harold Aviet, Domenica Cagliostro, Vincenzo and Vincenza Cagliostro, Charlie Camilleri, Joseph and Carmen Camilleri, Karmenu and Vincenza Ciantar, Graziella and NinaD'Amico, Giuseppe D'Amico, Concetto and Annunziata D'Amico, Sr Concenzione D'Amico, Gianni D'Amico, Domenica Toscano, Albertin and Joseph Jabro, Giacomo Raffaele Uglietta, Zenaida Noble, Romeo Noble, Estefania Gerardino, Renerio Gerardino Snr.

Sick: Eden S. Lloyd, Carmel Windred, Baby Grace, Luke Sloan, Annette Herft.

Special Intention: Unborn baby & Anna Tran, Thi xuyen

KID'S CORNER.

DEAR PARENT'S/GUARDIANS:

FAMILY MASS ON THE 23RD OF MAY 2021, 9AM

COME AND JOIN IN CELEBRATING THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH. Wear something Red



Dear Friends,

With this, the 6th Sunday of Easter, we are coming to the end of the Easter Season. Next week we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord followed by the great solemnity of Pentecost. The Ascension celebrates the return of Jesus to the Father, while Pentecost recalls the great outpouring of the power of the Holy Spirit on the early Church, making of them a group of empowered disciples.

In the lead up to these two significant solemnities, the Sundays of Easter have been preparing us for what it means to live without the physical presence of the Risen Lord and how we can be his presence in the world. It has to do with identity and relationship. On the 4th Sunday of Easter, the liturgy challenged us to recognise Jesus as the Good Shepherd, the one in whom we can rely on for security, guidance, direction and empowerment. It calls us to be able to recognise his voice among all the other voices in the world that are seeking our attention. This intimate relationship is recalled again on the 5th Sunday of Easter as Jesus presents himself as the Vine and we as the branches. As branches we not only receive our life source from Him, but also we are challenged to produce the same fruit as He has.

On this the 6th Sunday of Easter, we are invited to meditate on the fundamental aspect of our being called into this close and intimate bond between Jesus and the Father. It reveals for us the depth and significance of God's love for us. It challenges us to see that our love for each other and for God is based on God's deep love for us. Because that love had been seen and experienced in his only begotten Son, Jesus, we too need to exhibit some of that love.

Central to the teaching of today's Gospel [John 15: 9-17] and Second Reading [1 John 4:7-10] is the statement of 'You have not chosen me, no I have chosen you' [John 15: 15]. God has called us in Jesus and through grace to an offer made through pure love. He has chosen us for **JOY**. He has chosen us for **LOVE**. He has chosen us **TO BE HIS FRIENDS**. The end result of this action is that we are then appointed to 'go and bear fruit, fruit that will last' [John 15:16]. The fact that we have been chosen to live as friends of Jesus a love filled and joyous life, impels us to consider the issue of love in our lives. The liturgy today is strong in stating that we need to love others after the example of Jesus and because of the great love that God has first bestowed on us. As such we need to turn to the Gospels as a means of interpreting the type of love that this calls for. In the Gospels we receive a glimpse of how this love should work in our lives. Jesus' way of relating to others becomes our model. Jesus related to others irrespective of their status in society. He challenged the sinner as much as he challenged the scribe. Jesus' love is based on the love and respect that comes from God: one that sees and recognises the goodness of all simply because that are created in the image of God. If this becomes the basis of the love we have for others, then we too will be living and loving in a similar way in which Jesus loved and lived. Our love for others needs to begin with a deep respect for them as fellow creatures of God. Only then can we be in a position to repay violence and evil with love, goodness and justice. Only then can we,

like Jesus, say of others who have wronged us: 'Father, forgive them for they know not what they do' [Luke 23:33]. In this way we remain in the love of Jesus. This is the foundation of our identity as Christians and the means by which we keep alive Jesus' presence in our world.

Fr Robert Bossini,

Parish Administrator

Dear Friends,

I would like to inform you of the fact that Fr William Chow will be leaving our Parish Community. Archbishop Fisher has appointed Fr William as Assistant Priest to the parish of Rockdale. He will take up his new appointment on June 24th. While this will open up many new aspects of pastoral ministry for Fr. William, he will no doubt be sadly missed here. I would like to thank him for his pastoral presence and dedication over the past year and half. We wish him well in his new appointment. There will be a future notice regarding his farewell Mass and function.

Fr Robert Bossini,

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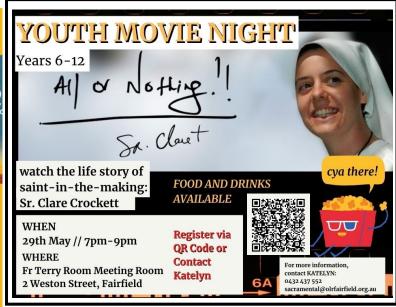


CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

CWF Our Lady of the Rosary May Parish Appeal

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) November Appeal will be happening this weekend and we need your help. Your donation will help those most vulnerable in Sydney - including our local Aboriginal community, Seminary of the Good Shepherd, CatholicCare, Chaplaincy Services as well as single mothers facing homelessness, people struggling with mental health issues and many others.

Special envelopes are available at the parish. Alternatively, you can learn more and donate securely at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.







OPEN EVENING PRINCIPAL-LED TOURS

Tuesday 25 May 2021
Tour 1 @ 5.30pm Tour 2 @ 7.00pm
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Please contact Mrs Gerardis on (02) 9725 4322 or email rosemary.gerardis@syd.catholic.edu.au to secure a spot

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Patrician Brothers' College Fairfield Enrolments closing soon

To request an enrolment pack click on

https://www.pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/download-an-enrolment-form

Limited vacancies exist for Year 7 and 11 2022.

Accepting enrolments for Year 7 2023 and 2024.

(Current Year 5 and Year 4 students)

Contact the College on 9728 4488