



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

16 May 2021 – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - Year B



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 3561 and 0425 285206 or Matilda Petersen on
0426 847213



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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

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

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.

This Parish pays respect to the Cadigal People of the Eora Nation, the traditional custodians of this land.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR B

Entrance Antiphon Acts 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading 1 Jn 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand,

in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

Communion Antiphon Mt 28:20

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

We Remember and Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Maria Trinh, Gordan Maisey, Claire Alyssa Gonzalez, Janice Sampson, Nhon Tran, Danilo B. Cuaresma, Joseph Pham, Kim Chuc, Ann Alessandro.

Anniversary of Death: Maxima B. Mapagu 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, Harold Aviet, Vincenzo and Vincenza Cagliostro, Charlie Camilleri, Joseph and Carmen Camilleri, Karmenu and Vincenza Ciantar, Graziella and Nina D'Amico, Giuseppe D'Amico, Concetto and Annunziata D'Amico, Sr Concenzone 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 Lloyd, Carmel Windred, Baby Grace, Luke Sloan, Annette Herft.

Special Intentions: People in India, All Souls in Purgatory, Madalena Dang Thi Lien, Catarina Pham Thi Gioi, and Pham Thi Ngu.

Dear Friends,

We are familiar with the words of the Prayer of St Francis of Assisi: 'Lord make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love.....' The sentiment of this prayer is reflected in today's liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord. In celebrating the Ascension, we consider the fact that Jesus not only physically departs from his disciples, but that he entrusts them with the continuation of the mission he had begun. From now on they will be his instruments within the world. Jesus' words to his disciples before he takes leave of them emphasise this area of mission: 'Go out into the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation.' [Mark 16:15].

The Ascension of the Lord has traditionally been celebrated as the departure of Jesus from his disciples as he returns to the Father. Rather in celebrating this solemnity we need to remain with the themes taken up by the Scriptures, and realise that it is a passing on of the mission to the disciples to bring to the entire world. It is not an ending but a beginning. It is similar to a relay race. As one runner passes the baton into the hands of the next runner, the original runner disappears, leaving only the present runner, who continues the race, building upon the lead that the preceding runner built. So too, at the Ascension, the Lord passes the baton onto the disciples to begin a worldwide mission of spreading the Good News. Today's gospel passage concludes with this very action: 'they went about preaching everywhere, the Lord working through them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it' [Mark 16:20].

As we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, we need to place ourselves in the picture. Just as Jesus commissioned those first disciples on his departure, so too he commissions us to be his presence with in the world. We are the instruments. We are his voice, his hands, his feet and indeed his whole presence to others. What is required of us is simply to be open to the Spirit his has given to each of us at our Baptism and Confirmation and to continue to have faith and trust in him. As we continue to carry out his mission within the world, there can be a pitfall, where we can get caught up in our successes and failures within the mission. In either circumstance we are not to be deterred or distracted. We should not think of ourselves as great when people respond to our pastoral efforts. So too we must not be discouraged when we find that, pastorally speaking, we are going nowhere. The story of the early Church as portrayed in the Acts of the Apostles, speaks of successes and failures, or hardship and joy. But in all this there is the openness of its members to the presence of the Spirit and the deepening of their faith.

All Jesus asks is that we place our faith in him and give of our best efforts each day to the mission entrusted to us through our Baptism. St Francis de Sales reminds us to begin each day anew, trying to be faithful in allowing Jesus to live in us and love through us. As we contemplate the return of Jesus to the Father, we may think of renewing our faith in all that Jesus has taught us. Relying on this learning, we can approach each day with joy and confidence, remembering that we are the instruments of Jesus in our world and that Jesus is always with us!

Fr Robert Bossini
Parish Administrator

Farewell Fr. William

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.



Pentecost Retreat

Where:
Church and Hall

22 May 2021
Saturday

Schedule of the day

8:30AM - 9:30AM	MORNING MASS
10:00AM - 11:00AM	EXPLANATION OF PENTECOST
11:15AM - 12:00PM	LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER
12:00PM - 1:00PM	LUNCH

Must RSVP

RSVP BY 14TH MAY. TO REGISTER
CONTACT KATHRYN ON
EVENTS@OLRFAIRFIELD.ORG.AU OR
0491 602 332

Our Lady of the Rosary



Y-FACTOR
2021
MADE FOR MORE
FOR TEENS IN YEARS 7-12

5-8 JULY

THE PARISH IS PARTIALLY SUBSIDIZING 10 YOUNG PARISHIONERS TO THE JULY Y-FACTOR. SAVE A SPOT FOR YOU TODAY! SPOTS CLOSE IN JUNE

ONLY 10 SPOTS AVAILABLE!

To sign up, contact Katelyn
0432 437 552
sacramental@olrfairfield.org.au

SYDNEY CATHOLIC YOUTH

OLR YOUTH MASS
Every 3rd Sunday

WE NEED YOU!
YOUTH CHOIR
ALTAR SERVERS
READERS

INTERESTED?
Contact Katelyn
Mobile: 0432 437 552
Email: sacramental@olrfairfield.org.au

**First Youth Mass:
20th June 2021 @ 6pm**

CWF

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.

YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT
Years 6-12

All or Nothing!!
Sr. Clare

watch the life story of saint-in-the-making: Sr. Clare Crockett

FOOD AND DRINKS AVAILABLE

Register via QR Code or Contact Katelyn

WHEN
29th May // 7pm-9pm

WHERE
Fr Terry Room Meeting Room
2 Weston Street, Fairfield

For more information, contact KATELYN:
0432 437 552
sacramental@olrfairfield.org.au

cya there!

6A

Novena to St Jude (Helper of the Hopeless)

O Holy St Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles. Near Kinsman of Jesus Christ, Faithful intercessor of all who invoke you. Special Patron in time of need. To you I have recourse from the depths of my heart and humbly beg you to help me know in my present and urgent need. (State petition/need) In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say: 3 Our Fathers, 3 Hail Marys, 3 Glorias

KID'S CORNER.

PENTECOST SUNDAY.



FAMILY MASS.

23RD MAY 2021.

9.00 A.M.

COME AND JOIN IN CELEBRATING THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH.

Wear something in red.