



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

01 August 2021— Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time - 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

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Parish Office: 2 Weston Street
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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 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

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SCECS Outside School Hours Care

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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.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - B

Entrance Antiphon Ps 69:2,6

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading Ex 16:2-4. 12-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."' And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24

(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
we will tell to the next generation:
the glories of the Lord and his might. (R.)
2. He commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven. (R.)
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food.
He brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had won. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 4:17, 20-24

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live.

Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:24-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
you are not looking for me
because you have seen the signs
but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.
Do not work for food that cannot last,
but work for food that endures to eternal life,
the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you,
for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven,
it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven,
the true bread;
for the bread of God
is that which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.'

Communion Antiphon Wis 16:20

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

Dear Friends,

The Book of Exodus tells of the liberation of the Israelites from slavery and persecution under Pharaoh in Egypt under the ministry of Moses. It recounts the great departure of these people from Egypt as they are guided by God, through Moses and Aaron to the Promised Land. It is not a simple or easy trek. In fact it is a journey fraught with both rebellion and faith. It relates some of the most intimate moments between God and his people as well as some of the most distant experiences. It describes the highs and lows of being in relationship with God. In Exodus there is a continual undercurrent of complaint on the part of the people. When things fail to turn out the way they expected, the people turn to Moses and grumble, quite stating that things were better when they were in Egypt. At least there they had enough food and water! They failed to understand that even though they were well provided for by the Egyptians, they still were their slaves!

Today's first reading [Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15] seems to pick up in this theme. The people turn against Moses as they experience hunger in the desert. With a rather nostalgic tone, they recall the 'pans of meat' and 'the bread that they could eat until their hearts' content while they were in Egypt. They lament that Moses has 'brought us to this wilderness to starve the whole company to death!' They seem to have lost their faith in God who wished to provide for them. After all they had experienced the Lord's grandeur as he 'parted' the waters of the Red Sea, allowing them to pass through safely and having those same waters come down on the pursuing Egyptian army thus destroying them [cf Exodus 14]. In true prophetic fashion, Moses reminds the people that God has not abandoned them, but that he will continue to provide for them. And so, the Lord provides for the people quails and manna. The reading concludes with Moses reminding the people that this has all come from the hands of God: 'that is the bread the Lord gives you to eat' [Exodus 16:15].

There is a similar undercurrent in today's Gospel [John 6:24-35]. Jesus has fed the great multitude and has moved to another place for fear that were misinterpreting his actions by wanting to make him king. Now they re-join him at Capernaum. Jesus is quite blunt in telling them that they are seeking him for the wrong reasons: they have failed to interpret and understanding the true meaning of the feeding and they are simply after him for more bread to eat. They are operating on a material rather than spiritual dimension. He challenges them to see that they are seeking him for purely physical (selfish) reasons and not for the spiritual benefits that come from believing in him as the Son of God. Jesus makes reference to the Exodus experience which we read of in today's first reading, where God provides manna (bread) from heaven to feed the people. This in fact is food that will not last. He challenges them to see that He is offering them something deeper. Administrator

In answer to the request of the people for this food that will last always, Jesus presents himself as the Bread of Life and challenges the people to realise that all that is required from them to live forever is to come to Him and believe in Him: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst' [John 6:35].

This dialogue, then becomes for us an introduction to the significance of the Eucharist in our spiritual lives. Our participation at Mass and our reception of Jesus' Body and Blood allows us to never be hungry or thirsty. Our participation in the Eucharist calls for a strong act of faith. The more we participate in this sacrament worthily the more our faith is deepened and rewarded. As we next approach the Eucharist, we should do so with Jesus' words in our minds and hearts: this is truly the bread of God, which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world! [John 6:33]

Fr Robert Bossini
Administrator



We Remember and Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Dorothy Sloane, Edward Zammit, Joe Bugeja, Yanina Plaza, Mollie Traynor

Anniversary of Death: Norm & Annie Coe, Lope C. Mapagu, Jimmy R. Butacan, Joseph Hy, Joseph Hien, Genoveva Da Costa, George Tsom, Rijina Yousif

In Loving Memory of: Frank Treccase, Janice Sampson, Iola Mota, Fernando Leong, Leong Ten Liung, Jose Augusto, Charlie Camilleri,

Sick: Archer, Jedi Kingston Zarb, Carmel Windred, Baby Grace

ONLINE SAFETY



THINK BEFORE YOU POST OR SHARE

Once you post or share something online, it can be very difficult to get back. It can even be shared or copied by someone else.

Engaging online is a big part of our lives. There are some great positives in going online such as playing games, watching videos and communicating with family and friends.

It is also important that we are aware of our safety whilst we are online.

With the help from the children within the Archdiocese of Sydney, here are some handy tips to help you stay safe when you are online.



VIDEO CALLS

Make video calls in an open area such as the lounge room. Make sure your clothing is appropriate for the video call.



PRIVACY SETTINGS

Always check your privacy settings and limit how much personal information you display. People can find out a lot about you just by viewing your social media pages.



UNWANTED MESSAGES

Not all messages you can receive online are nice. If you receive a message that makes you feel scared or not quite right, don't reply and tell a trusted adult.



RANDOM CONTACT

Always be on guard if someone randomly makes contact with you, especially if they seem to know a lot about you. Some things you see online can be too good to be true, always trust your instincts.



STRONG PASSWORDS

Make sure you set strong passwords which contain a lot of letters and are hard to guess. Never give your password away.

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SUPPORT

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