



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

10 October 2021— Twenty-Eighth Sunday in 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

**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:info@mmcwakeley.catholic.edu.au)

### SCECS Outside School Hours Care

Ph: (02) 9568 8218 Website: [www.scecs.nsw.edu.au](http://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](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.

For more information visit [www.olrfairfield.org.au](http://www.olrfairfield.org.au)

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

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

### Entrance Antiphon Ps 129:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel.

### First Reading Wis 7:7-11

*A reading from the book of Wisdom*  
I prayed, and understanding was given me;  
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.  
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;  
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.  
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,  
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,  
and beside her silver ranks as mud.  
I loved her more than health or beauty,  
preferred her to the light,  
since her radiance never sleeps.  
In her company all good things came to me,  
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14

(R.) Fill us with your love, O Lord,  
and we will sing for joy!

### Second Reading Heb 4:12-13

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*  
The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

### Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia!

### Gospel Mk 10:2-16

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*  
Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: .

You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

### Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

## We Remember and Pray for:

### Recently Deceased:

Annette Hearst, Michael McGannon, Joseph Bandith Ung, Carla Dos Santos ,Catherine Zarb, Andrzej Ziolkowski and Antonietta Sikora

### Anniversary of Death:

Richard Zamirowski, Rosmarie Van Reyk, Maria CTLuc, Gregory Mifsud, Eileen Banfield,

### In Loving Memory of:

Mollie Traynor, Christine Aviet , Carmel Windred, Ed-dy and Ninna Zammit ,Joe Bugeja, Frank Treccase, Janice Sampson, Baby Anthony

### Sick:

Patrick Bezzina, Matilda Petersen and Teresa Hicks

### Special Intention:

Baby Leonidas

Dear Friends,

Pope Francis reflected on the nature of money, riches, power and poverty in his preface to the book 'Poor for the Poor: The Mission of the Church' (January 2016) by Cardinal Gerhard Mueller, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Pope Francis states that:

Money is an instrument that in some ways ... prolongs and increases the capacity of human freedom, allowing it to work in the world, to act, to bear fruit... money and economic power" can "alienate man from man, confining him in an egocentric and egoistic horizon...When man lives habitually in solidarity, he is well aware that whatever he refuses to deliver, and keeps for himself, sooner or later will backfire on him...When man is understood this way and taught to live this way, his original, creaturely poverty is not felt anymore as handicap, but rather as a resource through which what enriches each person, and is freely given, is a good and a gift from which everyone can benefit...the positive light by which the Gospel invites us to see poverty," being the basis of the beatitude of "the poor in spirit.

In this sense the Pope is upholding the theme set in today's Gospel [Mark 10:17-31] as it speaks of the connection between discipleship (the following of Jesus) and the presence of riches, wealth and power in one's life. This Gospel passage is divided into three distinct sections:

V. 17-22 ~ a narrative about a good hearted and religious man who feels compelled to run after Jesus, but in the end has to refuse Jesus' invitation to follow him, because of his many possessions.

V. 23-27 ~ a private instruction by Jesus to his disciples and the difficulty of a rich person entering the Kingdom of God

V. 28-31 ~ Jesus' promise to his disciples, that in return for their putting aside worldly goods and following him, they will be rewarded, now as well as in the eternal life.

There is an interesting thread flowing through the first section [10:17-22] of this Gospel that should stand as a warning to all of us. Once the man comes to Jesus, we should note the way in which Jesus presents the commandments to him. The list mentioned have all to do with human relationships. There is no mention of the commandments that deal with our relationship with God. This is more than simply an omission on the part of Jesus. It is Jesus' way of reminding the man that perhaps he has so valued his wealth that in fact he has subtly made his wealth and riches his god.

Pope Francis openly states that riches in themselves can be good and beneficial. However, when we become so attached to them, they can become the centre of our lives and as such can allow us to become blind to the needs of those around us. Administrator

Pope Francis' words, together with the words of Jesus in our Gospel today remind us that there can be elements in life that can keep us from fully and completely following in Jesus' ways. In all this we need to recognise Jesus' twofold promise held in the Gospel today. Firstly, we come to know the joy that comes with being more concerned about GIVING than RECEIVING. This comes from the freedom we experience when allowing God to penetrate our entire being and life not just facets of it. At this stage we experience the wealth that comes from those who are truly generous people. Secondly, we live each day with the belief and truth that we shall on day enjoy God's generosity forever in a life that will never end. So if we find ourselves asking like Peter: 'What's in it for us?', then we can realise that a truly generous life is one that is lived honestly, with purpose, meaning, direction and fullness – a life founded on Jesus' call, his words and God's grace. That is truly living the life of a disciple of Jesus.

Fr Robert Bossini

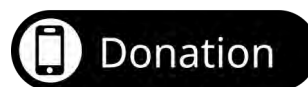
#### CHURCH UPDATE

**Q. When will the church be open for public worship?**

*The first stage (of the Roadmap) commences when 70% of eligible people are fully vaccinated – this is expected to be 11 October.*

***Even though we would be entitled on this date to open churches to the vaccinated only, following his recent consultation with us, the Archbishop has decided that we will patiently wait the estimated two further weeks until we reach 80% fully vaccinated before re-opening our churches to the public, and conducting public Masses etc. [From the Vicar General]***

The live streaming of Masses at 9.30am will continue until we can open the Church to all people.





# Dementia – A little support makes a big difference!

With over 472,000 Australians living with dementia and almost 1.6 million Australians involved in their care, dementia deserves your attention.

CatholicCare would like to share some valuable tips for people with dementia and their family members:

1. **Keep your heart, body and mind in good condition.** You can do this through regular check-ups with your GP, by maintaining a healthy diet, through daily physical activity, socialising and keeping the brain active.
2. **Access information and support.** Information will help you and your family to understand a diagnosis and supports will assist you to cope with changes in behaviour. Dementia Australia is a comprehensive and trustworthy resource. It includes material for people from diverse backgrounds, fact sheets



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in 50 different languages, toolkits, guides, and a directory of helpful information.

Visit [www.dementia.org.au](http://www.dementia.org.au)

3. **Download a copy of CatholicCare's "5 Keys to Me"** from our website <https://www.olfairfield.org.au>, designed to help promote conversation when visiting or caring for someone living with dementia. It is an easy-to-use and effective way to support people in need. Once complete, ensure it is in clear view of visitors or carers to the house so they can start a warm and friendly conversation.

If you are seeking expert private care, advice, or need some help registering for a Home Care package, Juliette Kirkwood, your parish Community Care Worker can help. You can call her directly on **0409 987 296** for a chat or to arrange a video meeting.



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**MASS  
LIVESTREAMED  
ON FACEBOOK**

**DAILY MASS AT 9:30AM  
SUNDAY MASS AT 9:30AM**