



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

23rd January, 2022—3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year C



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

Assistant Priest: Rev Fr Tibebelessie Abza

Deacon: Rev Mr Benjamin Saliba

Parish Office: 2 Weston Street
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Phone: (02) 9724 5997

Emergency Phone: 0488 693 482

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

Friday Mass: 7:15pm

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 356 - 0425 285206 or Matilda Petersen on 0426 847213 - Meeting 4th Thursday of month.

St Vincent de Paul—Meeting 1st Thursday of month: Marcel D Abrera 0418 231 368

SACRAMENTS

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.

For all church or room bookings, please contact Priscilla!

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

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 & 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.



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

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 95:1,6

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

1st Reading

Neh 8:2-6. 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep’. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8-10. 15. R. See Jn 6:63

(R.) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

Second Reading

1 Cor 12:12-30

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, ‘I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body’, would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, ‘I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body,’ would that mean that it is not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything?

Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I do not need you,’ nor can the head say to the feet, ‘I do not need you.’

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

Gospel Acclamation

Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor
and freedom to prisoners.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 1:1-4. 4:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives
and to the blind new sight,
to set the downtrodden free,
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 33:6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.

Dear Friends,

Beginnings often bring about new resolutions, themes and intentions. I'm speaking here not only of the New Year resolutions that we made some weeks back (and are hopefully still faithful to). At the beginning of a new administration – political or religious – the leader often presents what he or she believes will be the guidelines or directions that their period of leadership will likely herald. Fidelity and the overall adherence to these guidelines will be assessed at the conclusion of that person's tenancy.

In the Gospel today [Luke 4:14-21] we have a story of similar 'inauguration ceremony'. Here we have the adult Jesus emerging into his first public event after his baptism [Luke 3:21-22] and his temptation in the desert [Luke 4:1-13]. Jesus goes into his own town of Nazareth, enters the synagogue and is given the scroll from the prophet Isaiah from which to read. It is interesting to see some of the statements that emanate from that reading:

*the Spirit of the Lord is upon him;
he has been anointed by the Lord;
commissioned to announce the Good news to the poor;
freedom to captives;
recovery of sight to the blind;
liberty to the oppressed;
announce a year of the Lord's favour.*

What is central to all this is that Jesus announces the fact that these prophecies are being fulfilled in his person as people are listening to it. He is proclaiming himself as the **Messiah, the Anointed One of God**, there in their midst. These listed elements will be the basis of his mission among the People of God. They will mark the way in which he brings the love, grace and mercy of God into the lives of people, especially those who are socially and religiously disengaged and disaffected. These words will be the very fibre of Jesus' ministry – his words will be seen in his actions. They will be the themes that Luke will develop through the Gospel. Jesus' fidelity to these words will not ensure or guarantee a smooth passage for him. In fact, as we will see in next week's Gospel [Luke 4:21-30] the townspeople will turn against him and attempt to even throw him off the hill on which their city is built. This occurs because they cannot come to terms with the 'knowledge' of the human person before them and Jesus' call to see him as the promised Messiah.

Just as the words spoken by a leader at the beginning of their tenure will make them and those who believe in their ways, accountable in their future deeds, so too will we, as followers of Jesus be asked to make his words and actions our words and actions. Through our Baptism we have been anointed with the Spirit of the Lord and as such have the mission and responsibility to bring the liberating grace and mercy of the Lord to others, whilst experiencing its effects in our own lives.

Fr Robert Bossini
Administrator

We Remember and Pray for:

Anniversary of Death:

Cecilia Anh Thi Nguyen, Isabel Tuyet Thi Dang, Antonia Konarski

In Loving Memory of:

Lillian Harris, Concezione D'Amico, Salvator D'Amico, Graziella & Nina D'Amico, Giaomo & Raffaele Uglietta, Harold Aviet, Giuseppe Gaglicano, Ralph Douglas Laban, Charlie Camilleri, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Carmel Windred, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantai, Thi Dang, Davina Godfrey,

May God grant them peace and comfort in Heaven.

Sick:

Baby Grace, 8 Year old Archer, & Marija Barclay

2022 Mass & Liturgical Timetable

SUNDAY MASS				
7:30AM (IN POLISH)	9:00AM (IN ENGLISH)	10:30AM (IN ENGLISH)	4:30PM (IN VIETNAMESE)	6:00PM (IN ENGLISH)
MONDAY AND TUESDAY				
8:15AM - 9:15AM EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT		9:30AM MASS (IN ENGLISH)	7:00PM MASS (IN ENGLISH)	
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY				
8:15AM - 9:15AM EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT		9:30AM MASS (IN ENGLISH)	7AM-9:15AM EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	
SATURDAY		7:15AM EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (ENGLISH)		
		8:30AM MASS (ENGLISH) RECONCILIATION (AFTER MASS)		
		5-5:30PM RECONCILIATION		
		6PM SATURDAY VIGIL MASS (ENGLISH)		



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
PARISH, FAIRFIELD

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Would you like to help in growing the youth ministry at Our Lady of the Rosary Fairfield? Come and join us in the following ministries:

13-17 Years Old

Youth Choir:

Do you like to sing and play music? Become a member of the Youth Choir!
Commitments involve:
- Weekly practice attendance
- Singing at monthly Youth Mass

Youth Volunteer:

Come and help us with preparations for future youth events. This would involve preparations such as:
- Decorations (eg. cutting and laminating)
- Set up and pack up

18+ Years Old

Youth Team Leader

Do you have a passion for youth to grow in relationship with God? Come and sign up to be part of the OLR Youth Mission Team!
Commitments:
- Attendance at youth meetings.
- Serving at youth events

Youth Volunteer

Do you have a desire to serve? Come and help us prepare for future youth events.
Tasks involve:
- Setting/Packing up
- Supervising youth
- and more!

If you are interested in any of these roles,
contact Katelyn for more information:
0432 437 552 / youth@olrfairfield.org.au



Our Lady of the Rosary, Fairfield

Feast Day Morning Tea



St Francis de Sales

24TH JANUARY, MONDAY
AFTER 9:30AM MASS



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY FAIRFIELD

BOUNDARIES WORKSHOP

10:30am - 12pm, Monday

7th February 2022

2 Weston St Fairfield (in Fr Terry Room)



Our Lady of the Rosary Acolytes, Senior Altar Servers and Ministers of Holy Communion for the sick and housebound are invited to attend a joint meeting on Tuesday 15th February 2022 at 5.30pm–6.30pm pm at Fr Terry's room. This will allow us to discuss important matters together with Rev; Fr Bob Bossini, Fr Andrew Fu and Fr Tibe Abza. *For more information please call:*
Lyn Patacsil: 0466 263 419—Coordinator of H.C. Ministry for the sick/housebound . GOD BLESS Amen.



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY FAIRFIELD

THE ART OF WELLNESS PROJECT

2nd Feb- 23 March (8-weeks)

10am - 12pm

2 Weston St Fairfield (in Fr Terry Room)

An 8 week program which aims to reduce feelings associated with mental illness and offers a space for participants to experience 'healing through creative processes, with the guidance of Art Therapist and Facilitator Debra Cowan.

WHAT IS ART THERAPY?

Art Therapy is a form of expressive therapy that uses the creative process of making art to improve a person's physical, mental and emotional well-being.

WHO IS THE ART THERAPY PROGRAM FOR?

The program is for adults over 18 yrs living in Fairfield living with a mental condition.

This pandemic has been challenging physically, psychologically and emotionally for many of our community members. In response to this increasing need for mental health support, the CatholicCare Parish Program is pleased to offer **The Art of Wellness project** (see attached flyer). This is a funded 8 week Art Therapy program for those in the community who are over 18 and are living with a mental health condition.

This is a rare opportunity to access such a valuable healing modality.

Numbers are limited and registrations are essential. This is not a drop in group. People need to be able to commit to an 8 week program starting on 2nd Feb (one or 2 missed sessions is ok) and be willing to complete a pre and post PWI scale. To book please email Juliette.kirkwood@catholiccare.org

This program will be delivered face to face in Fairfield with a Covid safety plan.

Eligibility and suitability criteria apply. If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to call me on 0409 987 296

Kindest Regards

Juliette Kirkwood

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