



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

6th February 2022—5th 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
Fairfield NSW 2165

Presbytery: 18 Vine St. Fairfield 2165

Email: admin@olrfairfield.org.au

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 on 4th 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.

Fitth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

1st Reading

Is 6:1-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Here am I! Send me.

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,
for I am a man of unclean lips
and I live among a people of unclean lips,
and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips,
your sin is taken away,
your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1

(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Second Reading

1 Cor 15:1-11

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

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 5:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They left everything and followed him.

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 106:8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

We Remember and Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Bonaria Borra & Ray Brincat

Anniversary of Death: Frank Treccase, Leon Kacalak, Pham Kim Ehue, Maria Fiore & Maria Sechi.

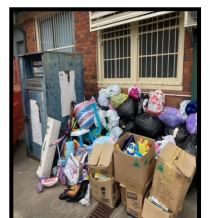
In Loving Memory of: Fred Sulikawski, Concetto & Annuciata D'Amico, Salvator D'Amico, Giacomo Uglietta, Raffaele Uglietta, Giuseppe D'Amico, Graziella & Nina D'Amico, Giuseppe Gagliano, Charlie Camilleri, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Carmel Windred, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantai, Vincenzo Cagliostro, Domenico Marsznu & Vincenza Cagliostro, Tamara Andrejev & Stefano Cagliostro, Domeca Cagliostro & Giuseppe Gagliano.

Sick: Baby Grace & 8 Year old Archer

Offering of Thanksgiving: Ashley Aviet & Sophia Tonacia,

Dear Parishioners,

Please be advised that due to the OH&S issues that the overflowing donated items pose in the Church carpark, arrangements are in place to have the clothing bin removed permanently.



Dear Friends,

What would you consider to be the elements that make for happiness, joy and contentment in life? There would be many standard answers: health, wealth, good relationships with people; a satisfying occupation which pays well and a prosperous and hopefully growing bank account. These would be reasonable answers, for no-one wants to see someone unhealthy, poor isolated or unemployed. Similarly, no one would assess a rich, powerful, talented or well-known individual as being cursed.

Hence the difficulty with today's Gospel reading. It comes from Luke's section dealing with the new teaching of Jesus. It echoes the sentiments of what we find in Matthew's Gospel from chapters 5 to 7, which espouse the teaching of Jesus as the fulfilment of the Mosaic teachings of the Old Testament. Matthew's section begins with nine Beatitudes [5:1-11], while in Luke we have four Beatitudes put in opposition to four Woes [Luke 6:20-26]. The composition of Luke's section is as follows:

Beatitudes	Woes
v. 20 Poor – Kingdom of God	v. 24: Rich – having their fill now
v. 21: Hungry will be satisfied	v. 25: Those who have their fill now will go hungry
v. 21: Those who weep now will laugh	v. 25: Those who laugh now will weep and mourn
v. 22-23: Those who are hated on account of Jesus' name will rejoice	v. 26: Those who are spoken of well by the world – treated the same way as the false prophets

When we study these eight statements of Jesus they do come across as being rather confrontational and even offensive. It seems that Jesus is congratulating the poor for being poor; the hungry for having no food; the mournful for being able to mourn; those hated for being followers of Christ because they will rejoice in heaven; while putting down the rich who will eventually be in need; the plentiful because they will be in search of food; those who are joyful for they will eventually mourn and the well-spoken because they can be associated with the false prophets of old.

These Beatitudes and Woes need to be considered only through the lens of Luke's theme of the reversal of fortune – one which is very prevalent throughout his Gospel. The basis for this is found in the Infancy Narratives when Mary proclaims her great Magnificat: *'He has used the power of his arm, he has routed the arrogant of heart, he has pulled down princes from their thrones and raised up the lowly; he has filled the starving with good things and sent the rich away empty'* [Luke 1:51-53]. This sentiment is also echoed in Jesus' proclamation at the synagogue in Nazareth: *'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; for he has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted...to proclaim liberty to captives, sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim a year of favour from the'* [Luke 4:18-19].

Luke's Beatitudes are about extreme vulnerability: the poor, hungry, mournful and contemptible are the ones who are more prepared to be open to the action and plan of God in their lives. It is these people who are more inclined to believe in a God who acts on behalf of the poor and marginalised. We need to keep in mind that these words, spoken to Jesus' close disciples are also addressed to *"those who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases"* [Luke 6:18]. The essence of Jesus' teaching will be filled out further on from 6:27-49. These statements will also be counter cultural and challenging. Ultimately, the Beatitudes are about the challenging question: *'Will you be happy (blessed) according to the world's ways, or the way presented by Christ?'*

Fr Robert Bossini
Dean & Parish Priest



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

"On Sunday 13th February, our Confirmation Candidates who were unable to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2021 due to the lockdown will be receiving the Sacrament during the 9am and 6pm Parish Masses. We kindly ask Parishioners to keep in mind that the front rows of the Church will be reserved for the Candidates and their sponsors."



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022

REGISTRATIONS
DUE BY 9TH FEB

\$10 LATE FEE APPLIES

CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR THE SACRAMENTAL
PROGRAM MUST BE IN YEAR 3 AND ABOVE
AND BAPTISED

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ENJOY THIS TIMELESS AND BELOVED ADVENTURE AS YOU
GET TRANSPORTED TO THE LAND OF NARNIA.

MOVIE NIGHT

18TH FEBRUARY,
FRIDAY 6:30PM
FR TERRY ROOM
COVID RESTRICTIONS APPLY
20 PEOPLE LIMIT*
(FOOD AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED)
RSVP KATHRYN AT 0491-602-332
EVENTS@OLRFAIRFIELD.ORG.AU

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*NARNIA
PRINCE CASPIAN*

Our Lady of the Rosary

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REBEL
ESCAPE ROOM

WHEN: SUN, 20TH FEB 2022
TIME: 7:00PM-9:00PM
AFTER 6PM YOUTH MASS
WHERE: FR TERRY ROOM
2 WESTON ST, FAIRFIELD

RSVP TO
KATELYN 0432 437 552
youth@olrfairfield.org.au




The **carpark will be closed** for 3 days as of the 14th of February for resurfacing.

Parishioners can access the church via the Rose Garden

Parish Office may be inaccessible for the duration of the resurfacing, please call the office .

20 FEB ★

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WELCOME BACK

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BBQ DAY

SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND DRINKS (CASH ONLY)
20th Feb, Sunday. After 9am and 10:30am Mass.
2 Weston St. Fairfield. Outside in the Main entrance of the church

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY FAIRFIELD

YOUTH GROUP IS BACK!


TERM ONE THEME:
VIRTUE & VICE

YOUTH GROUP:
EVERY MONDAY
DURING SCHOOL TERM

31st January -
4th April 2022

TIME? 5PM-7PM
WHERE? FR TERRY ROOM; 2 WESTON ST, FAIRFIELD

Please note that due to changes in the OLR Primary School drop-offs & pickups, the parish carpark will be closing from 2pm — 3.30pm for the next couple of weeks. All primary school drop-offs and pickups will be at the end of Weston Street.



Do you have one hour a week to join our Eucharistic Ministry of Holy Communion? To pray and give Holy Communion to our housebound parishioners at their homes or elderly at their Nursing Homes around Fairfield area. If you feel that this call is yours, please get in touch with Antoinette on 0412 015 469 or Lyn, H.C. Coordinator on 0466 263 419. In addition, we are also inviting you to participate as an Acolyte, Altar Server, Reader, and Commentator. Please contact Lyn on 0466 263 419 and/or Manolo 0410 056 479. Thank you and GOD BLESS.