



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

13th February 2022 - 6th 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 & 6pm

in Vietnamese: 4:30pm

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday - Friday: 9:30am

Monday & Tuesday: 7pm

Friday Mass: 7.00pm First Friday of the month

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



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

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.

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

1st Reading

Jer 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this:

‘A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.

‘A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

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

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation

Lk 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 6:17. 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples

with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

‘How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

‘Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

‘But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

‘Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.’

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

We Remember and Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Ashley Aviet, Fr. Paulino Tui Kolio, Bonaria Borra & Ray Brincat, & Littorio Kenk.

Anniversary of Death: Benito Cansino Jr., Connie & Patrick Power, 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 Marszno, Vincenza Cagliostro, Tamara Andrejev & Stefano Cagliostro, Domenica Cagliostro & Giuseppe Gagliano, Matta & All Souls.

Sick: Therese Phuong Tao Tran, Baby Grace & 8 Year old Archer



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.

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, if not 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 the accompanying *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 presented in the next section [6:27-49]. These statements will also be counter cultural and challenging. In this way the Beatitudes and Woes also challenge us to assess where we place our priorities. It is one thing to be rich, plentiful, happy and well treated. But if the attainment of these elements becomes our main priority, then there will be an imbalance in our lives and relationship with God and others. Luke highlights this attitude further on in his Gospel [rich fool – 12:16-21; trustworthiness in little matters – 16:10-13; Rich man and Lazarus – 16:19-31; the rich man – 18:18-30]. For this reason we can say that the Beatitudes are about the challenging question: *'Will you be happy (blessed) according to the world's ways, or the way presented by Christ?'* Indeed a challenging question.

Fr Robert Bossini
Administrator

This 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
**FINAL REGISTRATIONS
DUE 16TH FEBRUARY**

\$10 LATE FEE APPLIES

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

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18TH FEBRUARY, FRIDAY 6:30PM
FR TERRY ROOM

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20 PEOPLE LIMIT*

(FOOD AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED)

RSVP KATHRYN AT 0491-602-332
EVENTS@OLRFAIRFIELD.ORG.AU

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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




JOY of LOVE

Growing and nurturing relationships for life



You're invited to the Joy of Love Launch - 11am, 17 February, 2022.

You're invited to join the webinar launch of *Joy of Love*, a project initiated by the Archdiocese of Sydney and facilitated by CatholicCare Sydney, to be held at 11am via webinar on 17 February 2022.

FIND OUT MORE AND REGISTER AT catholiccare.org/joyoflove

Joy of Love is a framework for the preparation, formation and support of marriage and relationships throughout life. It is a strategic approach that encompasses the formation of people of different ages and stages of life in a Christian approach to relationships, marriage, family, and sexual intimacy. It is based on the understanding that marriage is a lifelong commitment and relationship that requires preparation and ongoing support, beginning at Baptism and continuing for the years that follow the reception of the Marriage Sacrament.

Joy of Love includes extensive programs, courses and resources for young children, teenagers, parents/carers, post-school, engaged and married couples, with Healthy Friendship Week on 21-25 February the first program to commence for children 5 to 12 years.

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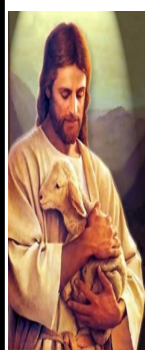
BBQ DAY

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

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.