



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

30th January, 2022—4th 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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Presbytery: 18 Vine St. Fairfield 2165

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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 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.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 105:47

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

1st Reading

Jer 1:4-5. 17-19

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;
before you came to birth I consecrated you;
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.
So now brace yourself for action.
Stand up and tell them
all I command you.
Do not be dismayed at their presence,
or in their presence I will make you dismayed.
I, for my part, today will make you
into a fortified city,
a pillar of iron,
and a wall of bronze
to confront all this land:
the kings of Judah, its princes,
its priests and the country people.
They will fight against you
but shall not overcome you,
for I am with you to deliver you –
it is the Lord who speaks.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v.15

(R.) I will sing of your salvation .

Second Reading

1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13

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

*There are three things that last: faith, hope and love;
and the greatest of these is love.*

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you
a way that is better than any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak
without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing.
If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries
there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in
all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I
am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by
piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am
without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is
never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does
not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure
in other people’s sins but delights in the truth; it is always
ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever
comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy,
the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages,
it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too,
the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is
imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection
comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child,
I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like
a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me.

Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we
shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now
is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and
love; and the greatest of these is love.

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 4:21-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, ‘This text is being
fulfilled today even as you listen.’ And he won the approval
of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that
came from his lips.

They said, ‘This is Joseph’s son, surely?’ But he replied,
‘No doubt you will quote me the saying, “Physician, heal
yourself” and tell me, “We have heard all that happened in
Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside.”’
And he went on, ‘I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever
accepted in his own country.

‘There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in
Elijah’s day, when heaven remained shut for three years and
six months and a great famine raged throughout the land,
but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a
widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet
Elisha’s time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of
these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.’

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was
enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the
town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their
town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff,
but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 30:17-18

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your merciful love.

O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

We Remember and Pray for:

Anniversary of Death:

Catherine Delnawaz

In Loving Memory of:

David Lazarus, Concetto & Annuciata D’Amico, Salvator
D’Amico, Graziella & Nina D’Amico, Giuseppe Gagliano,
Charlie Camilleri, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Carmel
Windred, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantai, Sophia Tonacia,
Vincenzo Coltiostro, Domenico Marsznu & Vincenza Ca-
gliostro

May God grant them peace and comfort in Heaven.

Sick:

Baby Grace & 8 Year old Archer

In Thanks giving for recovery from illness—Ashley Aviet

Dear Friends,

What comes to mind when you think of word 'prophet'? Quite often we can think of someone who predicts the future or at least has some insight into future events. We can think of a person who predicts 'doom and gloom' upon the world, hence the term 'prophet of doom.' Within the Biblical tradition the prophet is not so much the person who predicts the future. The prophet is the one who is called by God to be involved in a special mission. The prophet, from a biblical perspective is a person who sometimes not only has to foretell things but has to tell people some realities about their behaviour and their relationship with God. This message can at time be fairly unpopular, especially when the prophet has the task of chastising the people for their infidelity to God's ways. Such a message can fall on irritated and sometimes unresponsive ears.

Our first Reading from the prophet **Jeremiah [1:4-5.17-19]** gives the impression that being a prophet of God is not an easy task. God speaks to Jeremiah in the following words: *'I have appointed you as prophet to the nations, so brace yourself for action...they will fight against you but shall not overcome you for I am with you to deliver you.'* This does not amount to a very appealing advertisement for taking on the role of a prophet!

Today's Gospel [**Luke 4:21-30**] is a continuation of last week's Gospel where we saw Jesus reading from the prophet Isaiah and proclaiming himself as the fulfilment of the very prophecy he was reading. Although Luke tells us that Jesus *'won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips'* [v.22], he then relates that the tide of approval turns against Jesus as they begin to question the very claims Jesus was making. How can this man say that he is the Messiah when we know him to be the carpenter's son and we also know and have seen his family? He must be having us on. These are the thoughts that the people of Nazareth have and so, in failing to accept Jesus' message they send him away from there in the most drastic manner possible – they drive him to the top of the city's hill wanting to throw him off. Jesus further inflames the situation by recalling two events concerning prophets from the Old Testament: Elijah's ministry to the widow of Zarephath [**1 Kings 17:7-15**] and Elisha's dealings with the Syrian leper, Naaman [**2 Kings 5:1-27**]. In both episodes foreigners come to faith through the work of these two prophets. Through the mention of these two episodes, Jesus stresses the fact that non-Jews are more able and ready to recognise God's ways than are the Chosen People. No wonder the Synagogue explodes into anger. As they try to do away with him, Jesus of course eludes them and continues his mission elsewhere. As they try to do away with him, Jesus of course eludes them and continues his mission elsewhere.

From Jeremiah and Luke we see that the prophet's lot is not a simple and easy existence. One has to stand and deliver quite often an unpopular message to an unreceptive people. But in all this the presence and strength of God is guaranteed. Through our Baptism we have been given a share in the prophetic mission of Jesus. In fact during the Baptismal rite when we are anointed with the oil of Chrism, the celebrant makes reference to our being anointed as Christ was anointed **'Priest, Prophet and King'**.

To us belongs the mission of not only living out the elements of God's message and word, but also to bring it into the lives of those we meet. St Paul assures us of a simple, thorough and pure way of doing this – through **love**. He speaks of a type of love that is never **jealous, conceited**, that **will never fail or be boastful** – a love that will **never come to an end**. Had the people of Nazareth lived by the elements of this type of love, they may not have reacted to Jesus' message in such a harsh and militant manner. The challenge for us is that firstly, we need to be the bearers of the type of love that Paul speaks of in the Second Reading and that secondly, we need to continually and openly preach the message of the Gospel even when the occasion is difficult and when it may not be received wholeheartedly. The tradition of the Biblical prophets and the life of Jesus show us that God will never abandon us in these most difficult times. All that is asked of us is to remain faithful to God's ways and to live in God's love.

Fr Robert Bossini
Administrator



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

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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@OLRF.AIRFIELD.ORG.AU

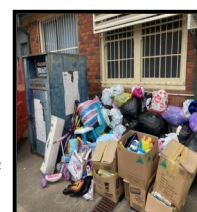
BOOK NOW! 😊

Our Lady of the Rosary

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 picks up and drop-offs will be at the end of Weston Street.

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.





6TH OF FEB 2022, SUNDAY

COMMISSIONING MASS 2022

Please keep us in your prayers.

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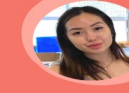
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OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY FAIRFIELD

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.

YOUTH GROUP IS BACK!

TERM ONE THEME:

VIRTUE & VICE

FIRST YOUTH GROUP:

MONDAY,
31ST JANUARY

TIME? 5PM-7PM

WHERE? FR TERRY ROOM: 2 WESTON ST, FAIRFIELD

Boundaries Workshop

Do you have trouble saying no without feeling rude or aggressive?

If so then this workshop is for you. Setting healthy boundaries is essential for self care and healthy relationships.

In this workshop you will learn:

- The difference between aggressive, passive and assertive communication.
- How to use your breath, your voice and your body language to set boundaries. (boundaries are deeply embodied).

About your facilitator

Juliette is a Community Care Worker in the CatholicCare Parish Program and Dance Movement Therapist who specialises in the mind body connection. Juliette has over 15 years' experience working in the community assisting adults find their power, their voice and their happiness. She is a professional member and clinical supervisor with the Dance Movement Therapy Association of Australasia (DTAA).

Registration is essential and numbers are limited. Please call Juliette on 0409 987 296 for more information.



10:30 -12pm
Monday 7th February 2022
(light refreshments included)



Our Lady of the Rosary
Church (Fr Terry Room)
18 Vine St Fairfield



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022

REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ENROL YOUR CHILD INTO THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM (FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION),
PLEASE CONTACT KATELYN
sacramental@olrfairfield.org.au
0432 437 552

CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM MUST BE:

- IN YEAR 3 AND ABOVE
- BAPTISED