



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

6th March 2022 - 1st Sunday of Lent - 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](mailto: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](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 & 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



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## 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](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)

## 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](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.

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

## First Sunday of Lent —Year C

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Dt 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*The confession of faith of the elect.*

Moses said to the people: ‘The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

“My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.” You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.’

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15

(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

### Second Reading

Rom 10:8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.*

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

### Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### Gospel

Lk 4:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.’ But Jesus replied, ‘Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone’.

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, ‘I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.’ But Jesus answered him, ‘Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.’

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. ‘If you are the Son of God’, he said to him ‘throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.’

But Jesus answered him, ‘It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.’

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

### Communion Antiphon

Mt 4:4

One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth  
of God.

### We Remember and Pray for:

**Recently Deceased:** Teresa Spurtacz, Joseph Duong Quang Thanh, Anna Diprinzio, Ashley Aviet, Fr. Paulino Tui Kolio, & Bonaria Borra.

**Anniversary of Death:** Vincenzo Cagliostro, Paolina Climich, Tegan Whittle, Benito Cansino Jr., Connie & Patrick Power & Pham Kim Chuc,

**In Loving Memory of:** Rosemarie Van Reyk, Olandina Silva Ferreira, Do Menico Marzano, Gianni D’Amico, Karmenu & Vinceza Ciantari, Vincent Nguyen Van Lau, Sr Concezione D’Amico, David Jug, Hung Phuong’s family, John Almeida, Isidore Azavedo, Albertin & Josep Jabroo, A. Hung, Phuong Anh, Ha Tram, Fred Sulikawski, Concetto & Annuciata D’Amico, Giuseppe & Salvator D’Amico, Giacomo & Raffaele Uglietta, Giuseppe D’Amico, Graziella & Nina D’Amico, Giuseppe Gagliano, Charlie Camilleri, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Carmel Windred, Vincenza Cagliostro, Domenico & Dominica Cagliostro, Anna’ Soul & All Souls.

**Sick:** Baby Grace & 8 Year old Archer

**Birthday Thanksgiving:** Benito Cansino Jr. & Johnathan Tiu

Dear Friends,

We begin again our Lenten journey. The first two Sundays of Lent always focus on Jesus' temptation in the wilderness and his Transfiguration. This year (**Year 'C'**) we hear Luke's version of the temptation and Transfiguration. The temptation is a critical moment for Jesus simply because it is a moment of choice for him. Like all people embarking on a major program, there is a need to prepare and focus one's life on the task ahead. Jesus finds himself in a similar situation. His time in the wilderness becomes not so much a testing time as it is a time for strengthening his resolve to initiate the Kingdom of God.

The characters in this temptation scene are important, so also are the methods used by both characters in this story. Luke tells us that being led by the Spirit into the wilderness and abstaining from food, Jesus after forty days was hungry. We find Jesus in a perilous and vulnerable state. It is in this condition that Satan enters into the scene and begins his method of tempting Jesus to give away his impending mission. Satan does this by firstly recalling Jesus' vulnerable and perilous state. Recognising that he is hungry after fasting for forty days he tempts him to turn the surrounding stones into bread. Jesus responds by quoting scripture [**Deuteronomy 8:3**]: *"Humanity does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God"*.

The next two temptations deal with humanity's relationship with God. Satan tempts Jesus to abandon his worship of God and to worship him instead. Next he tempts him to put the power of God to the test by throwing himself off the Temple parapet, thus allowing God to intervene. Jesus responds to each temptation by quoting Scripture [**Deuteronomy 6:13**: *"God is the one you must fear, and alone you must serve"*; and **6:16**: *"Do not put the Lord your God to the test"*, respectively]. It is interesting that in his third attempt to win over Jesus, Satan uses the very method that Jesus enlisted to counter his temptations: Scripture. Satan indeed uses all means to ensnare us.

Having tried unsuccessfully three times to tempt Jesus, Luke tells us that Satan then left Him, only to return *'at the appointed time'* [**Luke 4:13**]. That appointed time was again a moment when Jesus was in a perilous and vulnerable situation – when Satan enters Judas' mind and begins to influence his betrayal of Jesus [**Luke 22:3**].

As we begin our Lenten journey the Church reminds us through the Liturgy that temptation is part of our story and that it often comes to us in unexpected ways and at the times when we find ourselves most spiritually vulnerable and weak. For this reason the Church asks us to focus on the three key aspects of Lent: **Fasting**, **almsgiving** (tending to the needs of the less fortunate) and **prayer** as means of strengthening our ability to resist Satan's temptations. These three aspects correspond to the **Corporal** and **Spiritual Works of Mercy**. Our fasting highlights the plight of those who suffer hunger and thirst throughout the world. Our almsgiving leads us to consider those who are bereft of life's essential needs: clothing; homeland, health, freedom.

Our prayer gives us the strength and energy to confront and deal with the many situations in life that require our attention: instructing others in the faith; advising those who are in doubt; comforting those who are sorrowful or sad; admonishing, forgiving and bearing with others. The season of lent is more than just considering something for us to give up. There is a truly positive, pastoral and engaging aspect to Lent that we need to consider. As well as thinking about what I wish to give up for Lent, I need to also consider what aspect of ministry I will become more deeply involved during Lent. This would be a very positive way in which I can be involved in almsgiving. I may choose to fast from gossip, various addictions that have crept into my life (gambling, pornography, alcohol etc). I may decide to utilise my time more constructively and give more time to the Lord in prayer. Lent is more than giving up sweets and foods. It is a time for spiritual conversion and mobilisation. It begins with the recognition that sin is part of our life. It is in this recognition that we remain competitors in the arena of life. It is only when we admit that we have no sin, that our enemy, Satan has won. May our efforts this Lent be a means for us to strengthen and renew our spiritual lives, not only for the next forty days but for our entire life's journey.

**Fr Robert Bossini,**  
**Administrator**

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH, FAIRFIELD

## Stations of the Cross Devotions during Lent

**FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH:**  
4TH OF MARCH & 1ST OF APRIL

<b>6:15PM - 7PM</b> STATIONS OF THE CROSS	<b>7PM</b> MASS	<b>7:30PM - 8:30PM</b> EXPOSITION, LENTEN REFLECTION & BENEDICTION
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**FRIDAYS OF LENT:**  
11TH, 18TH, 25TH MARCH & 8TH OF APRIL

<b>6:15PM - 7PM</b> STATIONS OF THE CROSS	<b>7:00PM - 8:00PM</b> EXPOSITION, LENTEN REFLECTION & BENEDICTION
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**MAKING A RETREAT  
SO AS TO ADVANCE  
BETTER.**

Our Lady of the Rosary Acolytes, Lectors and Ministers of Holy Communion for the sick and housebound are invited to attend a joint Retreat Session on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 at 5.30pm–6.30 pm presented by Fr Bossini. (Location: Fr Terry's Room/ Parish Hall).

It is also AN OPEN INVITATION FOR ALL PARISH-IONERS who would like to join in for this one-hour time. Please call Lyn Patacsil on 0466 263 419 for further information.

GOD BLESS. Amen

refreshments are available





## LENTEN PENANCE

In this season of Lent, we seek to experience the mercy of God the Father, and to practice it in our daily lives. But first we must experience *our need for mercy*, that is, our brokenness and, indeed, our sinfulness, insofar as we have failed to love God above all, and to love our fellow men and women as ourselves. This is why the Church's Canon Law reaffirms the obligation to do penance – to interrupt the usual comforts of life, to rediscover in prayer the merciful love of God, and to practice charity and justice towards those in need. The special times of penance are all Fridays throughout the year and the season of Lent.

We recall that St John the Baptist prepared for the coming of the Lord by “preaching a baptism of repentance”. Jesus began his ministry with the exhortation: “Repent and believe the Gospel” (Mk 1:15). Repentance means the rejection of sin. It implies conversion to, and reconciliation with, God. Prayer, self-denial, and works of charity are the concrete expressions of repentance. Each of these identifies us more closely with our Saviour. By penance we make satisfaction for our sins, and take real steps in the renewal of our lives. Repentance and conversion are central, on-going, and even daily practices of Christian living.

In nominating special times of penance, the Church encourages and promotes in all of us the *habit* of penance. Furthermore, observance of these special times by all Catholics throughout the universal Church emphasises what we call “the social dimension of sin”. The sin of the individual member always in some measure infects the whole body. Therefore during Lent and on every Friday throughout the year, we do penance, not only on our own account, but also in the name of the Church and of the world. We must take very seriously our penitential obligations and be sure to carry them out. The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference has not restricted our penance to fast and abstinence; in all cases, it has left room for our own responsible choice. We should carefully select the form of penance that we consider most appropriate for our own circumstances and growth in the Christian life.

### DAYS OF PENANCE

1. Abstinence from meat, and fasting, must be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.

2. On all other Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

- (a) prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.
- (b) self-denial – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country; limiting use of social media, smart phones or television.
- (c) helping others – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

LENT LASTS FROM ASH WEDNESDAY (2nd MARCH) TO THE MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (14th APRIL). ON GOOD FRIDAY AND, IF POSSIBLE, ALSO ON HOLY SATURDAY UNTIL THE EASTER VIGIL, THE EASTER FAST IS OBSERVED.

### PASCHAL PRECEPT

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday, 2nd March, and Trinity Sunday, 12th June, 2022 unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

St. Mary's Cathedral

SYDNEY

2nd March 2022

ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY