



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

13th March 2022 - 2nd 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

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 – exception 25.3.22 at 4.30pm.

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

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.

Second Sunday of Lent —Year C

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

1st Reading

Gen 15:5-12. 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land,
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading

Phil 3:17 – 4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

Gospel

Lk 9:28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

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 22nd 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 PARISHIONERS 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

We Remember and Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Teresa Spurtacz, Isidoro & Maria Azadvedo, Ashley Aviet.

Anniversary of Death: Francis D'Cruz & Santus D'Souza, Maria & Lazarus D'souza, Dominica Cagliostro, Vincenzo Cagliostro, Paolina Climich, Tegan Whittle, Benito Cansino Jr., Connie & Patrick Power & Pham Kim Chuc,

In Loving Memory of: Aida & Ronald Allan Tiu, Joao Da-Costa Oliveira, Matilda Rosewarne, John Pham, Anna Bui, Joseph Nguyen, Matta Tram, Rosemarie Van Reyk, Olandina Silva Ferreira, Do Menico Marzano, Gianni D'Amico, Kar-menu & Vinceza Ciantari, Vincente Nguyen Van Cau, 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, & All Souls.

Sick: Baby Grace & 9 Year old Archer.

Birthday & Thanksgiving: Barryann Tiu, Aaron Tiu & Cindy Le Sharmae Tiu

Dear Friends,

We are encouraged to read the Scriptures and to gain as much as we can from them – to imitate the people in the various stories in both Old and New Testaments. Although this imitation of our Biblical heroes is a primary importance, the most essential outcome and response to our reading the Scriptures is **FAITH**. It is the only response that we need to give.

Paul reminds us in the letter to the Philippians **‘not to give way but to remain faithful to the Lord.’** In today’s liturgy we have two stories of **faith**. The first reading from Genesis [15:5-12.17-18] tells of the first covenant made between God and Abram. As the Lord tells Abram that his descendants will be as many as the stars of heaven, we have Abram questioning this promise when he asks the Lord: **‘How shall I know that I will inherit it (the land)?’** The dialogue ends with God ratifying the Covenant and Abram placing his trust in God’s promise. Think for a moment what the context of this faith required. Abram was called to leave his homeland – Ur of the Chaldeans and to move to a foreign land where the Lord will make him a great heir to that nation. And all this happens not in Abram’s youth but when he and his wife Sarai were quite elderly – beyond the age of childbearing. Still Abram places his faith and trust in the words and promise of God. We see later that God remains faithful to his promise, allowing Abram and Sarai a son, Isaac and giving to him land ‘from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.’

The Gospel story [Luke 9:28-36] today is also one of faith. It is more than just an extraordinary moment in the life of Jesus, where he stands transformed between Moses and Elijah on Mount Tabor. It is a test of the faith of the disciples in Jesus as the Messiah. Prior to this episode we see Jesus stating that those who wish to be his followers must take up their cross and follow him. He is open in defining the role of the disciple: as one who is prepared to sacrifice all in order to follow in the ways of Christ, often meaning that the Lord will take us not only to unknown places but also to places where we may not necessarily wish to go. This episode of the Transfiguration is replete with meaning and symbolism. We see that Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus while the disciples are heavy with sleep. Peter speaks as Moses and Elijah leave their presence. The important line here is when Luke mentions that Jesus was found alone with his three disciples. It is a symbolic way of allowing these three to see in Jesus the culmination of the message of the Law (symbolised by Moses) and the Prophets (symbolised by Elijah). It simply states that in Jesus is the focal point of all that we need and require in our faith journey. We need to put into practice the words heard from heaven: **‘This is my beloved Son, the Chosen One, listen to him.’** We need to listen to the words of Jesus in order for us to discern what he is asking of us. And at times we see that it is not easy to follow his words. Peter was present here at the mount of the Transfiguration, but he was absent from the Mount of Calvary, having abandoned Jesus even before his passion. Peter heard Jesus words and was able to follow for a certain time. But when these words asked of him to place his own life on the line, he was not able to follow, until he was infused with the power of the Risen Lord at Pentecost.

Even though we are asked to respond to these Scriptural stories with faith, we can find that our personal life stories can tell of a different response. Like Peter, we too can find it easy to respond to Jesus’ invitation to follow when the demands are not too great, but when the Lord asks us to follow in ways and paths that are not recognisable, then that can be another story. It takes a great amount of faith in order for us to respond like Abraham to God’s invitation to follow in uncharted and untested waters. We have the witness of countless number of people who have placed their faith in God’s invitation. We call them saints. Such people may also be closer to home – they can be in our midst. We all know of people whose faith in the ways of the Lord seems stronger especially when the going gets tough. Their faith is beyond explanation. So today we are asked again to renew our faith in Jesus, the Chosen One of God, to not give way to doubt and fear, but to remain faithful, and to continually listen to his voice.

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

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

6:15PM - 7PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS	7:00PM - 8:00PM EXPOSITION, LENTEN REFLECTION & BENEDICTION
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LEGION OF MARY

“Our Lady of Lourdes” Cabramatta Curia

cordially invites you to celebrate our

Annual Acies Ceremony

When: Saturday, 19 March 2022

(Rosary & Mass from 9:30 am)

Rev Fr. Kene Onwukwe as mass celebrant

**Where: St Anthony Catholic Church, 105 Eleventh Ave
Austral, NSW 2179**



Our Lady of the Rosary
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL FAIRFIELD



OPEN DAY

Tuesday 15 March 2022

Thursday 17 March 2022

3.30pm-5.00pm

For enquiries call (02) 9727 9064

olrfairfield.catholic.edu.au

YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT



WHEN?
SUN 20TH
MAR 2022

TIME?
7-9PM

WHERE?
FR TERRY
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2 WESTON ST,
FAIRFIELD

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COMPULSORY EVENT FOR ALL
VOLUNTEERS PAST, PRESENT
AND FUTURE!

SAFEGUARDING/ VOLUNTEER OPEN DAY

27TH MARCH 2022, SUNDAY

12PM- 1:30PM

ENGLISH

2PM-3:30PM

VIETNAMESE

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY FAIRFIELD PARISH

MUST REGISTER TO: EVENTS@OLRFAIRFIELD.ORG.AU



HAPPY FEAST DAY



St Patrick



Join us for some morning
tea to celebrate the
Feast Day of St Patrick!

Where: Mary's Rose Garden
(Side of church)

When: 17th March,
Thursday 10am



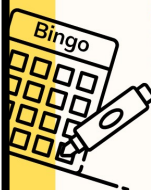
It's coffee time!



Our Lady of the Rosary



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, FAIRFIELD



MORNING TEA SENIORS FESTIVAL

Spare Your Time for Fun

FREE EVENT
FOR
SENIORS
ONLY

Wednesday, 30th of March
10am-11:30am
at the Parish Hall



Day will include
**CASUAL GAME OF BINGO
MORNING TEA
AND PRIZES**

Registration is required. RSVP to: events@olrfairfield.org.au
OR contact the parish office (02) 9724 5997

RSVP BY 21st of March