



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

20th February 2022 - 7th 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 & 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

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.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 12:6

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

1st Reading

1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful

Second Reading

1 Cor 15:45-49

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

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Be merciful as your Father is merciful

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

Communion Antiphon

Ps 9:2-3

I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

We Remember and Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Ashley Aviet, Fr. Paulino Tui Kolio.

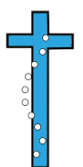
Anniversary of Death: Benito Cansino Jr. Connie & Patrick Power, Frank Treccase, Leon Kacalak, Pham Kim Chuc, Maria Fiore & Maria Sechi.

In Loving Memory of: John Almeida, Marcia Stevenson, Isidore Azavedo, Albertin & Josep Jabroo, Bedor & Jamil Sadeq, A. hung, Phuong Anh, Ha Tram, 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, Vincenzo Cagliostro, Domenico Marszno, Vincenza Cagliostro, Gagliano, Matta & All Souls.

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

Thanksgiving: Sophia Tonacia, Thi Nguyen

'Our Lady of the Rosary Church' is a sacred place of worship, please be mindful and not leave rubbish behind when attending Church!



Our Lady Of The Rosary

Dear Friends,

Today's gospel passage [Luke 6:27-38] has Jesus continuing his teaching the multitude and his disciples. We heard Jesus giving us the Beatitudes containing elements that go against the everyday values of the world. These Beatitudes are a proclamation that seems to laud poverty, hunger, sorrow and hatred and rejection by others who live according to the world's values. They challenge us to regard the foundations of our happiness: in the world's values or those of Christ. Having laid down the groundwork, Jesus now turns to perhaps the most challenging elements of his new order.

The litany of statements that are presented here go to the heart of the Christian message:

- *Love your enemies; [v. 27]*
- *Do good to those who hate you; [v.27]*
- *Bless those who persecute you; [v.28]*
- *Pray for those who treat you badly; [v.28]*
- *Treat others as you would like to be treated yourself [v.31].*
- *Do good without hope of return [v.35]*
- *Do not judge or condemn; be ready to forgive [v.37].*

The reason for this behaviour is to allow us to be more God-like. Jesus plainly states: ***"Be compassionate just as your heavenly Father is compassionate"*** [v. 37]. Our behaviour is not only based on the way God interacts with us, but it has to emulate God's actions. Jesus raises the moral bar to an almost impossible height. What is asked of us as his followers seems to be almost unattainable – beyond human capability. It truly brings to mind the essential nature of being a Christian – our lives need to be counter cultural.

This mentality is given prominence in our first reading [1 Samuel 26:2.7-9,12-13,22-23] which tells of the way in which David spared the life of King Saul. In order to appreciate this passage, we need to go back a little and recognise that Saul had set out to do away with David simply because he became envious and jealous of David's rapid climb in popularity among the people [see 1 Samuel 19:8-11]. The first reading tells us that David showed mercy to Saul: ***'Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed'*** [V. 23].

In a similar way we too need to extend the hand of forgiveness to those who have wronged us. At the very least our relationship with these 'difficult people' should challenge us to pray for them. Mahatma Gandhi [1869 - 1948] when asked about Jesus and Christianity made some pertinent remarks: ***'...it is a first-class tragedy that people who claim to believe the message of Jesus, whom they describe as the Prince of Peace show little of that belief in practice...and Live like Jesus did and the world will listen.'***

This rings true of the practice of this important Christian teaching, but that is no reason to refrain from trying to live out its ideals. Paul reminds us in the second reading that we are ***"modelled on the heavenly man"*** [1 Corinthians 15:49] and as such our behaviour should be like that of Jesus Christ. He had given us this great mandate – to be compassionate as our heavenly Father is compassionate. It is our responsibility to ensure that our words and actions make this a reality.

Fr Robert Bossini
Administrator

Please note that due to changes in the OLR Primary School drop-offs & pickups, the parish carpark will be closing from 2.30pm — 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.

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Would you like to help in growing the youth ministry at Our Lady of the Rosary Fairfield? Come and join us in the following ministries:

13-17 Years Old

Youth Choir:

Do you like to sing and play music? Become a member of the Youth Choir!
Commitments involve:
- Weekly practice attendance
- Singing at monthly Youth Mass

Youth Volunteer:

Come and help us with preparations for future youth events. This would involve preparations such as:
- Decorations (eg. cutting and laminating)
- Set up and pack up

18+ Years Old

Youth Team Leader

Do you have a passion for youth to grow in relationship with God? Come and sign up to be part of the OLR Youth Mission Team!
Commitments:
- Attendance at youth meetings.
- Serving at youth events

Youth Volunteer

Do you have a desire to serve? Come and help us prepare for future youth events.
Tasks involve:
- Setting/Packing up
- Supervising youth
- and more!

*If you are interested in any of these roles, contact Katelyn for more information:
0432 437 552 / youth@olrfairfield.org.au*

20 FEB

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WELCOME BACK

*** Fundraising ***

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

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Renewal

Speaker

FR BOB BOSSINI

25 Feb 2022	29 April 2022
27 May 2022	24 June 2022
26 August 2022	28 Oct 2022

FRIDAY EVENINGS (7PM-8PM)

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

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

Mercy and Healing Await

COME BACK TO ME

Lenten Companion 2022

Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

GO MAKE DISCIPLES

The 'Lenten Companion 2022' will be available in the church foyer from late next week.

A reminder that Ash Wednesday falls on the 2nd March this year.

Stations of the Cross will be held during Lent, more information will be given out in the next few weeks.