



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

20th March 2022 - 3rd 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
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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 & 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!

Email:- priscilla@olrfairfield.org.au

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 Gadigal People of the Eora Nation, the traditional custodians of this land.

Third Sunday of Lent —Year C

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

1st Reading

Ex 3:1-8. 13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

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

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Lk 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'

Communion Antiphon

Jn 4:13-14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.

We Remember and Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Teresa Spurtacz, Isidoro & Maria Azadved.

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

In Loving Memory of: Maria Tram Thi Le Son, Ashley Aviet, Bedour & Jamil Sadiq, Le Gio, Charlie Camilleri, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Karmenua & Vincenza Ciantai, Giacomo & Raffaele Uglietta, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Giuseppe D'Amico, Graziella & Nina D'Amico, Sr Concezione D'Amico, Concetto & Annuciata D'Amico, Carmel Windred, Giuseppe Gagliano, Salvatore D'Amico, Vincenza Cagliostro, All Souls, Aida & Ronald Allan Tiu, Joao DaCosta Oliveira, Matilda Rosewarne, John Pham, Anna Bui, Joseph Nguyen, Matta Tram, Rosemarie Van Reyk, Olandina Silva Ferreira, Do Menico Marzano & Gianni D'Amico.

Sick: Baby Grace & 9 Year old Archer.

Thanksgiving: Milan Zivkovic's mum.

Dear Friends,

The Gospels for the remaining Sundays of Lent [**Luke 13:1-9**; **Luke 15:1-3, 11-32** and **John 8:1-11**] deal with the themes of **repentance**, **forgiveness** and **conversion**. These topics were introduced at the beginning of our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday, and they will be further developed in the coming weeks. We cannot be truly involved in Lent unless we face these major themes.

In this week's Gospel [**Luke 13:1-9**] we have perhaps the most baffling mix of scriptural passages in his entire Gospel. This passage begins with two events that have very little historical basis [**v.1-5**] and ends with a parable about a fig tree [**v.6-9**]. The connection at first seems rather tenuous but when we delve into the message of this passage, we can obtain a deep and practical advice for our Lenten journey.

The question of whether disasters that befall people are connected in any way with the level of sinfulness in their lives has always been a well debated topic in the Bible and within society. There were many theories about the events of September 11th, 2001, that suggested that the destruction of the Twin Towers was some divine retribution on America, as it was, at the time debating the overturning of their abortion laws and the general moral complacency that was part of the American culture at the time. The same line of thought is engaged when various natural disasters occur. The Bible also entertains this line of thinking. **The Book of Job** is one such story. The disasters that become part of Job's life are interpreted by his neighbours as some type of divine payback for sinfulness on the part of Job [**8:2-22**]. The debate involving the man born blind in John's Gospel has the disciples asking Jesus: *'Rabbi, who sinned for this man to be born blind: himself or his parents?'* [**9:2**]. Our spiritual experience tells us otherwise: God does not bring about disasters in order to reprimand or punish humanity. These are part of the natural human story. This is where the gift of free will enters into the story. God appeals to our better judgement through our consciences.

Today's Gospel passage is one that evokes discussion about **repentance** from sin rather than the retribution that can be levelled at God for disasters occurring in our lives. This theme of repentance is strongly seen in the parable about the fig tree [**Luke 13:6-9**]. With the scarcity of good soil in Palestine it was not unusual to see fig trees and the like sharing the same soil as vines. The point of the parable is not that the fig tree produced bad fruit, but rather that it **produced no fruit at all**. The tree depends very much on external elements for its survival: nutrients from the soil, sunlight for the leaves; moisture from the sky and so forth. All this is received in order for the tree to produce its fruit. If it does not, then we can assume that something is wrong, and that there is nothing wrong in cutting it down because it is taking up valuable space and not producing anything in return.

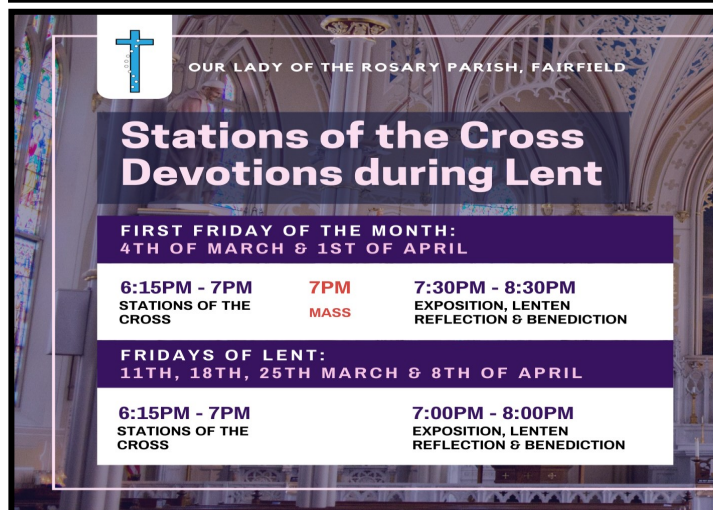
In applying this parable to our lives, we can see that the call for us is to remain open and receptive to the gifts that God gives us in order for us to produce the fruits of

good works, proper prayer and devotion to God. The essence of this parable is that God is always there as the gardener to give us another chance to grow and produce fruit. Again all that remains on our part is to be receptive to what God gives us.

The central call at the beginning of the Lenten season was for us to **REPENT** – to turn away from sin and to live out our lives with the elements of **fasting**, **almsgiving** and **prayer** as prominent aspects of our lives and spirituality. These three elements when attended to in a mature and consistent manner can produce great spiritual fruits. Along with this year being the Year of Mercy we are encouraged to also develop a liking for the **Spiritual** and **Corporal Works of Mercy**. There is a great deal available to us to assist in the nurturing of good, solid spiritual fruitfulness this Lent and always. If we find that we are not producing the proper fruit then it may be a case that we are not feeding our lives with the proper spiritual nutrients. As we continue in our Lenten journey, we need to ask ourselves whether we are able to produce good fruit at the end of Lent. Have we been receptive to what God has given us? Or have we wasted such occasions for growth? We are the ones who ultimately decide the source and content of our spiritual food. May this Lent see us basking in the richness of our spiritual traditions and so continue to produce good spiritual food.

Fr Robert Bossini
Administrator

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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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**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–6.30pm presented by Fr Bossini. (Location: In the Church).

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

YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT

WHEN?
SUN 20TH
MAR 2022

TIME?
7-9PM

WHERE?
FR TERRY
ROOM
2 WESTON ST,
FAIRFIELD



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

HELP NEEDED TO MAKE PALM
CROSSES FOR PALM SUNDAY

WHERE: Parish Hall "Harrington Hall"

- 29th, March Tuesday
10am-12pm
- 31st, March Thursday
10am-12pm



**FOOD AND
SNACKS
PROVIDED!**

Please contact **Kathryn** if
you're interested

E: events@olrfairfield.org.au
P: 0491 602 332



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

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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

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS FOR YOUTH MASS!

We need YOU for our
MONTHLY YOUTH MASSES
(3rd Sunday Evenings)!



Do you have a gift for music?
Join our...

YOUTH CHOIR!

- Weekly choir practices
- Serving through music at Youth
Masses and other Parish events

To sing is to pray twice
(St Augustine)



Would you like to participate more actively in the Mass?
Become a...

YOUTH READER

- Serving through proclaiming the
Scriptures at monthly Youth Masses.
- Training provided if wanted!

The word of
the Lord!
Thanks be to
God!



If interested, contact Katelyn for more information:
0477 767 472 / youth@olrfairfield.org.au

INDOOR ROCK CLIMBING

AT
SYDNEY INDOOR CLIMBING GYM,
VILLAWOOD

WHEN **MON, 18TH APRIL 2022**

TIME **10:30AM-2PM**

\$10 ENTRY FEE MONEY FOR FOOD
DOES NOT APPLY

MUST RSVP TO KATELYN BY MON 11TH APRIL
youth@olrfairfield.org.au OR 0477 767 472