



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

27th February 2022 - 8th 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.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 17:19-20

The Lord became my protector.
He brought me out to a place of freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in me.

1st Reading

Sir 27:4-7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of
Its fruits, similarly a man's words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading

1 Cor 15:54-58

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and
when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the
words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in
victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your
sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power
from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat;
keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in
the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

Gospel Acclamation

Phil 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man
guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is
not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will al-
ways be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in
your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own?
How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out
the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the
plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your
own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take
out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a
rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be
told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns,
nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what
is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man
draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's
words flow out of what fills his heart.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 12:6

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me,
sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

We Remember and Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Ashley Aviet, Fr. Paulino Tui
Kolio, Littorio Kenk & Moreen Ciordi.

Anniversary of Death: Paolina Climich, Tegan
Whittle, Benito Cansino Jr., Connie & Patrick Pow-
er, Frank Treccase, Leon Kacalak & Pham Kim Chuc,

In Loving Memory of: Olandina Silva Ferreira, Do Meni-
co Marzano, Gianni D'Amico, Karmenu & Vinceza Cianta-
ri, Vincent Nguyen Van Lau, Sr Concezione D'Amico, Da-
vid Jug, Hung Phuong's family, John Almeida, Iisidore
Azavedo, Albertin & Josep Jabroo, A. Hung, Phuong Anh,
Ha Tram, Fred Sulikawski, Concetto & Annuciata D'Ami-
co, Giuseppe & Salvator D'Amico, Giacomo & Raffaele
Uglietta, Giuseppe D'Amico, Graziella & Nina D'Amico,
Giuseppe Gagliano, Charlie Camilleri, Joseph & Carmen
Camilleri, Carmel Windred, Vincenzo Cagliostro, Vincen-
za Cagliostro, Matta & All Souls.

Sick: Baby Grace & 8 Year old Archer

Thanksgiving: Nam Tram

Pastoral Notes

- Lent begins next Wednesday
- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (CCL 97, 1251f).
- Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised. Other celebrations in Lent (e.g. marriage) must take account of the spirit of penance: musical instruments are only used to sustain singing, and floral decorations are very simple.
- Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year, in Australia and New Zealand between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.

Dear Friends,

Today's gospel passage [Luke 6:39-41] is the second last section of his sermon on the plain. It reads like a series of disjointed and disconnected group of sayings, but on closer analysis it contains some very important and fundamental material for the daily living out of Jesus' teachings.

Today's gospel passage can be divided into four sections:

V. 39-40: *Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher.*

V. 41-42: *Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.*

V. 43-44: *'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles.*

V. 45: *A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'*

These sayings then can provide us with the necessary material for us to be formed as true disciples of Jesus. We are challenged to recognise the fact that through our words and actions we can form others – either positively or negatively. This rings true especially if we hold an influential position within our community. Notwithstanding this, we need to understand that we, through the living out of our Baptismal call, are the presence of Jesus to others. It is a sobering thought to realise that people can either accept or reject Jesus and his teachings on our words and behaviours [V39-40].

We are challenged to realise that we need to get our own lives in order before we can begin to even comment on the condition of the lives of others. Through a very exaggerated example Jesus states how difficult it is to take out a speck from our neighbour's eye when we have a plank in our own. Correcting and even condemning others while we are not at rights with God can be such an easy thing to do. The events of the past few days have shown us how easy it is to step into the role of acting as judge over the actions of others. Correction of others begins with our self-examination. [V. 41-42].

It is important for us to realise that we can only be judged by our actions. One of the greatest characteristics of Jesus' life is the fact that his words are seen in his actions. In Jesus, there is no disparity between what he says and what he does [V. 43-44].

Lastly, we are asked to consider that the condition of our hearts – our spiritual lives – becomes the basis of what emerges from us. In other words, we cannot give what we do not have. Our deeds emanate from our intentions. [V.45].

The message of this Gospel passage comes at an appropriate time as we begin our Lenten journey this week. Lent, being a time dedicated to prayer, fasting and alms giving, is an opportune time for us to be immersed in a deep self-examination and then to take the appropriate steps to adjust our lives according to the Gospel values and message. These last three weeks have presented us with some challenging material from Luke in the form of Jesus' sermon on the plain. This is beneficial material for our mediation, prayer and mission as we begin our Lenten journey this Wednesday.

Fr Robert Bossini
Administrator

**On Monday the 28th February, 2022
'Our Lady of the Rosary Church'
carpark will be closed for line marking (weather permitting). Cars may enter the carpark the following day.**

On Shrove Tuesday, parishioners are asked to bring Palm Crosses for burning after the 9.30am Mass.



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

YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT



WHEN?
SUN 20TH
MAR 2022

TIME?
7-9PM

WHERE?
FR TERRY
ROOM
2 WESTON ST,
FAIRFIELD



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!

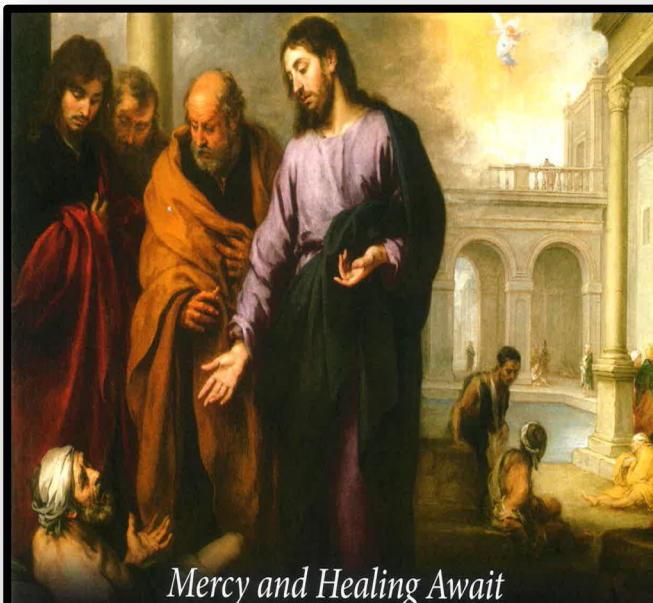
**SAFEGUARDING/
VOLUNTEER
OPEN DAY**

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



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

Stations of the Cross will be commence at
6.15pm on Friday 4th March.



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

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)