



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

24th April, 2022 - Second Sunday of Easter - 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 Tibebeleslassie Abza
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Office Hours:
Mondays - Fridays 9am - 12pm & 1pm - 5pm

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 the last Friday of the Month.

Catechist Coordinator

Heather Watt: Contact Parish Office

Catholic Women's League:

Matilda Petersen on 0426 847 213 - Meeting 4th Thursday of month.

St Vincent de Paul - Meeting 1st Thursday of



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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 needs 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: Ms 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) 9724 1247

Mary Mackillop Catholic College

Girls Year 7–12 Tel: (02) 9725 4322

Principal: Ms. Gilda Pussich
info@mmcwakele.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.

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Entrance Antiphon

1 Pt 2:2

Like new-born infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

1st Reading

Acts 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

Second Reading

Rv 1:9-13, 17-19

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE FAIRFIELD

Will be hosting a jumble sale on the weekend of 30th April and 1st May, Saturday evening and Sunday Morning. All sorts of goodies available, home cooked food, soft goods, plants and pots, clothing etc. etc. and all at bargain prices. Come along and have a look, you might find a gift for Mum.

Dear Friends,

The Gospel scene that is given to us today [John 20:19-31] presents to us something of our faith journey. We have the disciples assembled together in the upper room, in fear, even after having heard of the appearance of Jesus to Mary of Magdala [John 20:1-2]. Something is blocking their coming to full faith. Perhaps they were fearful of their Lord's presence since they had abandoned him during his suffering and trial. Perhaps they thought that he might take them to task for their fickleness of heart! To their surprise, without warning Jesus steps into the room and addresses them not with words of recrimination and anger at their having abandoned him, but with words of peace. This echoes his earlier promise that only he would give them a peace that the world cannot give [see John 14:27]. Jesus' presence reassures them that everything is all right – all they need to do is have faith in him and receive his Spirit.

They try to communicate this to Thomas who is absent during Jesus' first appearance. It is here that Thomas lays down his condition for belief: seeing and touching the very wounds of Jesus. This is in opposition to the response of the Beloved Disciple, who when he entered the Empty Tomb, 'saw and believed' [John 20:8]. Jesus appears again to them eight days later in a similar way, only now Thomas is present. Jesus assents to his wishes and invites him to see and touch his wounds. We are not told if Thomas actually touched the wounds. His seeing was enough for him to make his profound statement of faith: *'My Lord and my God.'*

We recognise in this story the effectiveness of the community in allowing its members to come to faith – of nurturing those who are in any way doubtful or hesitant in matters regarding their faith.

One could imagine the ways in which the disciples were encouraging Thomas between the two appearances of Jesus with stories of how they felt when they had seen and experienced the Risen Lord. They do not give up on Thomas even in his hard headedness in making these special conditions for belief. Thomas eventually receives the peace of Jesus and is invited into full faith due to the care and ministry of his community.

We hear in the **Acts of the Apostles**, our First reading today [Acts 5:12-16], of the way in which people had come from all over the countryside in order to be touched, healed and taught by the Apostles. They have become the very presence of Jesus among the people as they carry on his work and mission. We too are called to continue that mission of **'touching'** the lives of people with the richness and hope of the Risen Lord.

We need to recognise the **quality** of our **'touching'** the lives of others. **Helen Keller**, who became blind and deaf after an illness early on in her life learnt to communicate by touch. Her educator, **Anne Sullivan** showed her how through touching and feeling a person she was able to **'read'** the personality of that person. She has been quoted as saying: *'I have met people so empty of joy that when I shook hands with them it seemed as if I was shaking hands with an iceberg. But there are others who have sunbeams in them, so that their grasp warms my heart.'* May we be able to continue to touch the lives of others, especially those who experience doubt in their lives, through our lives lived in the faith and hope of the Risen Lord.

Fr Robert Bossini
Administrator

We Remember and Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Witold Kotela, Maurice Muscat.

Anniversary of Death: Joseph Tran Dinh Cam & Maria Tran Thi Phuong.


In Loving Memory of: All souls, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Charlie Camilleri, Giacomo & Raffaele Uglietta, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Carmel Windred, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantai, Christine, Ashley & Harold Aviet, Cecilia Anh Thi Nguyen, Martha Theresa Phuong Thao Nguyen Tran, Isabel Tuyet Thi Dang, Maria Giuseppe Petrella Fiore, Elizabeth Sapienza, Stefano Cagliostro, Giuseppe Gagliano, Vincenza Cagliostro, Concetto & Annuciata D'Amico, Graziella & Nina D'Amico, Gianni D'Amico, Concetto & Annuciata D'Amico, Eleontina Di Domencia, Giuseppe Gagliano, Domenico Marzano, Harold Aviet, Ramon Masian, Cecilia Masian, Telesfora Masian, Melchor Masian, Tomas Masian Alfonsa Savickis, Antanas Kramilius, Veronika Rusa, Longinas Pukys, Kalim Saliba,

Sick: 1 yr old Grace, 9 yr old Archer and Violetta.



**YOUTH GROUP ON BREAK
DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!**

Youth Group will be back in Term 2!



Renewal
**THE
GOSPEL
OF LUKE**

**GOD'S SAVING PLAN FOR US IN
JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR**

**29TH OF APRIL (FRIDAY) • 7PM - 8PM
FR TERRY ROOM (2 WESTON ST. FAIRFIELD)**

**MUST RSVP BY 26TH OF APRIL. CONTACT
EVENTS@OLRFAIRFIELD.ORG.AU OR THE PARISH OFFICE (02) 9724 5997**



Details
**8th of May, SUNDAY
10:15am-11:30am**
**WHERE:
HARRINGTON HALL
2 WESTON ST, FAIRFIELD**

**Mother's Day
Morning Tea**

Refreshments will be provided



**THERE WILL BE
SPECIAL
PERFORMANCES FOR
OUR MUMS!**

**FREE EVENT FOR ALL
MOTHERS, SINGLE MUMS,
GRANDMOTHERS ETC.**

**RSVP BY THE 29TH APRIL TO REGISTER, CONTACT KATHRYN:
EVENTS@OLRFAIRFIELD.ORG.AU OR 0491 602 332**

OLR YOUTH CHOIR OR ALTAR SERVING!

Age 12-18 years old.
Youth Choir Volunteers are needed!
Contact Katelyn or the Parish office
Mobile 0432 437 552
Email: youth@olrfairfield.org.au

HELPERS NEEDED FOR
**YOUTH
CHOIR**

Do you have a gift in music?
Contact Katelyn
0477 767 472 or
youth@olrfairfield.org.au

Pictures from Easter Morning Tea