



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

15th May, 2022 - Fifth 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 Tibebeselassie 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](mailto:admin@olrfairfield.org.au)  
**Phone:** (02) 9724 5997  
**Emergency Ph:** 0488 693 482

**Office Hours:**  
Mondays - Fridays 9am - 12pm & 1pm - 5pm

**Parish Website:** [www.olrfairfield.org.au](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:info@mmcwakele.catholic.edu.au)

### SCECS Outside School Hours Care

Ph: (02) 9568 8218 Website: [www.scecs.nsw.edu.au](http://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](mailto: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.**

## Fifth Sunday of Easter —Year C

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 97:1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Acts 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.*

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God

### Second Reading

Rv 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

### Gospel Acclamation

Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Jn 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*I give you a new commandment: love one another.*

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,  
and in him God has been glorified.  
If God has been glorified in him,  
God will in turn glorify him in himself,  
and will glorify him very soon.  
My little children,  
I shall not be with you much longer.  
I give you a new commandment:  
love one another;  
just as I have loved you,  
you also must love one another.  
By this love you have for one another,  
everyone will know that you are my disciples'.

### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn15:1,5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

### *We Remember and Pray for:*

**Recently Deceased:** Diane Hogan, Joyce Waye, Stewart Rehu & Angelo Kenk.

**Anniversary of Death:** Caetan Fernandes

**In Loving Memory of:** Pulqueria Mota, Luis Mota, Jose Luis Mota, Ruben Joao B. De Carvalho, Maria Imaculada Dos R. Peidade, Mota Family, Lemos Family, Caterina Giuliano, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Charlie Camilleri, Carmel Windred, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Christine & Ashley Aviet, Kar-menu & Vincenza Ciantai, Concetto & Annuciata D'Amico, Giacomo & Raffaele Uglietta, Doreen Blackhall, Graziella & Nina D'Amico, Giuseppe Gagliano, Mam Maria Fiore, Eleontina Di Domenica, All Souls, Harry & Eileen small, Carmela D'Ougostino, Domenica & Monica Cagliostro, Maria-rosa & Giuseppe Morzano, Domenico Marzano, Eleontina Di Domenica, Nicola Liberatore, Giuseppe Gagliano, Gianni & Salvatore D'Amico.

**Sick:** 9 year old Archer

### SAFEGUARDING:

For current volunteers who could not attend the recent Safeguarding Induction training, **you can now complete a new Refresher Training module online!** To register, visit: <https://forms.gle/XuQFsRsvq3BYtXqT9>

New volunteers who could not attend face to face training can also register for online Induction Training by visiting: <https://forms.gle/jLka2T1zL9BEPQ5M8>

After completing your training you **must** give a copy of your certificate to the Parish Safeguarding Support Officer, Simone Smith. Either bring the certificate to the Parish Office or email it to: [sacramental@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:sacramental@olrfairfield.org.au)



Dear Friends,

This week's Gospel [John 13:31-35] provides us with the second element of what constitutes a follower of Christ. Last week in the Gospel of the Good Shepherd [John 10:27-30] we saw that a good, intimate, loving and responsive relationship with Jesus is needed in order for us to be able to hear his voice among the many voices that are bidding for our attention. This relationship is strengthened by our willingness to hear the Shepherd's voice and have the courage to follow in his ways.

Today's Gospel tells us that it is 'love' which identifies a person as a true follower of Jesus. Jesus tells his disciples: *'By this love that you have for one another, all will know you as my disciples'* [John 13:35]. The love which Jesus is referring to is a special type of love. Love is a word which we use so often in our day to day communication that its true meaning may be both lost and confused. We use the word 'love' for most things from people to food. So often we say: 'I love pasta' or 'I love the Bulldogs'. Comments such as these can confuse our understanding of the quality of love that Jesus mentions.

So what type of love is Jesus calling us to? It is a love based on his experience and example: *'Love one another as I have loved you'* [John 13: 34] are the words that Jesus uses in pronouncing this new commandment. Remember that this commandment comes directly after Jesus had washed the feet of the disciples, including Judas, who was looking for an opportunity to betray him to the authorities. It is an example that he asks them to not only keep in the forefront of their minds, but that they also should be prepared to imitate. [John 13:14-15].

The love that Jesus asks of his disciples is one that is selfless (the giving of all of ourselves for the good of the other); is sacrificial (a love which has no limits in what it gives and where it takes the relationship); exhibits understanding ( a love which is present even though the receiver may not be perfect – it loves not what the person imagines the other to be, but what the person is here and now) and is forgiving ( Jesus loved his disciples even though he knew of their limitations and the fact that they would betray, deny and abandon him at the time he most needed them. We hear of this in the post Resurrection appearances of Jesus to his disciples when his first words echo peace and not incrimination). It was because of this that he was able to bring peace and not admonition when he next met them on that first Easter morning. [John 20:19-29].

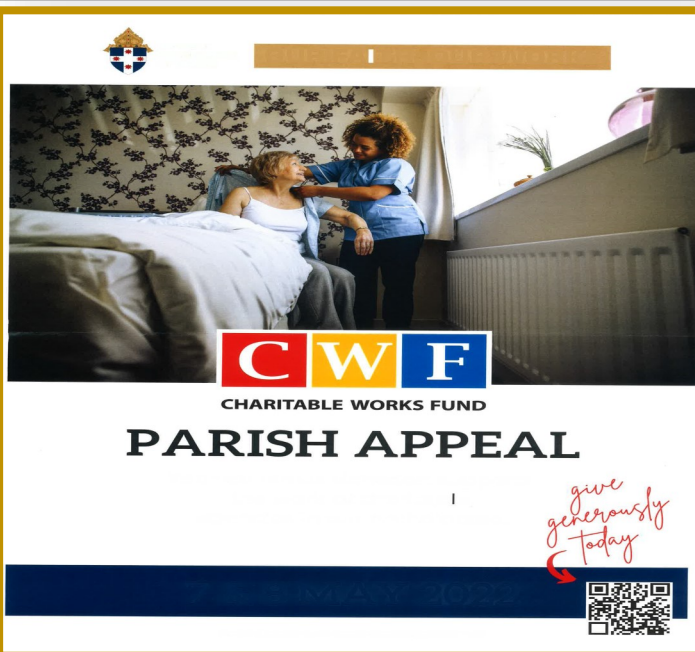
When we consider this type of love, it seems a little idealistic and even difficult – a love which is humanly speaking, unattainable, since all of us love with some conditions attached and we tend to love reserve our love more for those whose love for us is assured. Like all ideals, this love is a challenge to be prioritised in our Christian living. It is our desire to love in this manner that allows us to

to see a glimmer of this selfless, sacrificial, understanding and forgiving love. Without that ideal and the desire to pursue it, we allow ourselves to fall short of the mark and thus not be recognised as Jesus' followers. In his encyclical Deus Caritas Est (Dec 2005), the then, Pope Benedict XVI stated about love: *'the unbreakable bond between love of God and love of neighbour is emphasised. One is so closely connected to the other that to say we love God becomes a lie if we are closed to our neighbour or hate him altogether...love of neighbour is our path that leads to the encounter with God, and that closing our eyes to our neighbour also blinds us to God'* [#16]. My love of neighbour and love of God becomes then two sides of the same coin – one cannot exist without the other. When I love for the sake of the other it becomes a realisation of this love that Jesus asks of us. The Jesuit spiritual author Gerard Hughes states that we can only claim to love God as much as the person we love the least. This statement challenges us to look at the level of our love, both of God and of others. One way of remaining faithful to this type of love is for us to continue to discern the voice and words of the Good Shepherd. Being challenged and formed by his words allows us to love by Jesus' command to love after his example. Never in the Gospel does Jesus tell us that this way of loving is easy, but he does make it a requirement for those who wish to call themselves his followers. May we never lose sight of this ideal.

Fr Robert Bossini,  
Administrator

**The Parish will be purchasing a new Chalice to present to Deacon Ben for his Ordination; if you would like to contribute to the present, a special collection will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May Sunday during Mass.**

It's that time of the year again, the CWF appeal will be on-going throughout May.



The poster features a photograph of a woman in a blue uniform assisting an elderly woman in a bed. Above the photo is a small crest. Below the photo is the CWF logo (C in red, W in yellow, F in blue) and the text 'CHARITABLE WORKS FUND'. Below that is 'PARISH APPEAL' in large bold letters. In the bottom right corner, there is a red heart icon with the text 'give generously today' and a QR code.





# MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT

**SUNDAY 15TH MAY**

**7PM-9PM**  
(After 6pm Youth Mass)

**FR TERRY ROOM**  
2 Weston Street, Fairfield

**All High Schoolers invited!**  
Years 7-12

RSVP to Katelyn for Catering Purposes  
youth@olrfairfield.org.au  
0477 767 472

## YOUTH GROUP IS BACK!

# BACK - 2 - BASICS!

**catholicism 101**

**Term Dates for Term 2**

9TH MAY	6TH JUNE
16TH MAY	13TH JUNE
23RD MAY	20TH JUNE
30TH MAY	27TH JUNE



If you have any questions about youth group, feel free to contact Katelyn

0477 767 472  
youth@olrfairfield.org.au

**WHEN?** EVERY MONDAY DURING SCHOOL TERM

**TIME?** 5PM-6:30PM

**WHERE?** FR TERRY ROOM, 2 WESTON ST, FAIRFIELD

**WHO?** ALL HIGHSCHOOLERS WELCOME!

## MORNING TEA

27 May

Friday 10am

Parish Hall

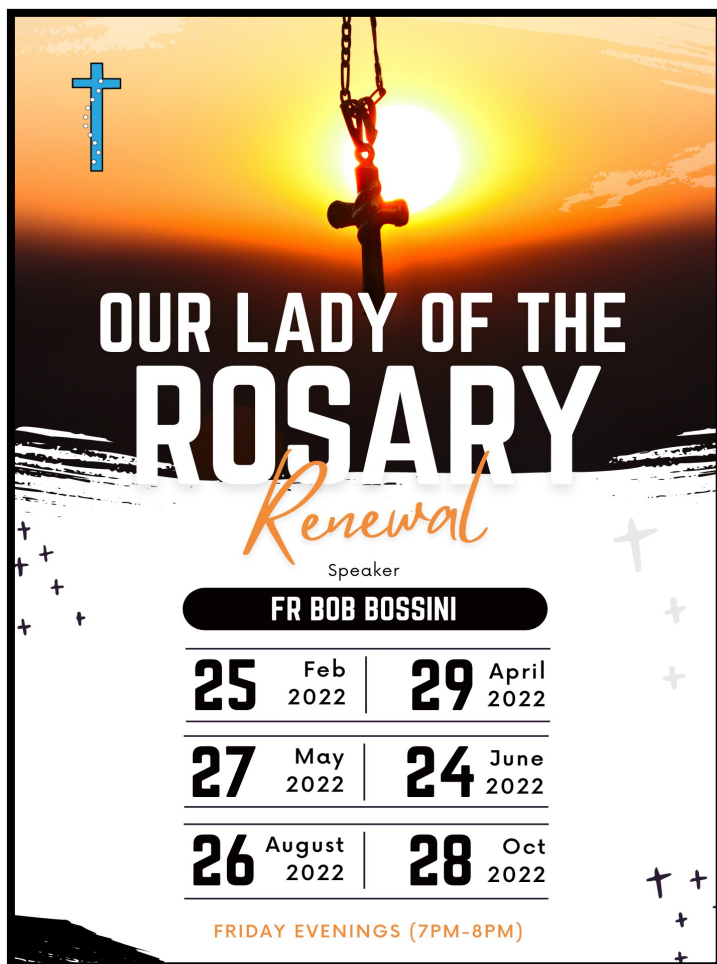
Come join us after morning mass for some nice refreshments, tea and coffee! All are welcome!





Our Lady of the Rosary





# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

*Renewal*

Speaker  
**FR BOB BOSSINI**


<b>25</b> Feb 2022	<b>29</b> April 2022
<b>27</b> May 2022	<b>24</b> June 2022
<b>26</b> August 2022	<b>28</b> Oct 2022

FRIDAY EVENINGS (7PM-8PM)

### Note to all parishioners

There will be NO 10:30am Mass on Sunday June 19th.

It will be replaced by an **11am Mass** to celebrate the First Holy Communion of the children currently undertaking the sacramental program. Parishioners are welcome to join this celebration but note there will be extra people from the children's family and friends. Thank you and please keep the children in your prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus. "



## ON LEAVE

*The Parish Secretary will be on leave from 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> May. All non urgent enquiries will be attended to on her return. For urgent matters please phone the Parish Office on 9724 5997.*