



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

22nd May, 2022 - Sixth 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
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Presbytery: 18 Vine St. Fairfield 2165
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Phone: (02) 9724 5997
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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.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

1st Reading

Acts 15:1-2. 22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, ‘Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.’ This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

‘The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading

Rv 22:12-14. 16-17. 20

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, heard a voice speaking to me: ‘Very soon now, I shall be with you again, bringing the reward to be given to every man according to what he deserves. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Happy are those who will have washed their robes clean, so that they will have the right to feed on the tree of life and can come through the gates into the city.’

I, Jesus, have sent my angel to make these revelations to you for the sake of the churches. I am of David’s line, the root of David and the bright star of the morning.

The Spirit and the Bride say, ‘Come.’ Let everyone who listens answer, ‘Come.’ Then let all who are thirsty come; all who want it may have the water of life, and have it free.

The one who guarantees these revelations repeats his promise: I shall indeed be with you soon. Amen; come, Lord Jesus.

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 14:23-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.
Those who do not love me do not keep my words.
And my word is not my own:
it is the word of the one who sent me.
I have said these things to you
while still with you;
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.
Peace I bequeath to you,
my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
You heard me say:
I am going away, and shall return.
If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am
going to the Father,
for the Father is greater than I.
I have told you this now before it happens,
so that when it does happen you may believe.’

Communion Antiphon

Jn 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

We Remember and Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Nancy Green

Anniversary of Death: Claudia Pineda Dimatulac &
Guida De Araugjo Pereira.

In Loving Memory of: Cecilia Anh Thi Nguyen, Alexandrina Da Costa, Ines, Jose & Mario Agosto, Carmel Windred, All Souls, Alice Eather, Giacomo-Raffaele Uglietta, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Charlie Camilleri, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Giuseppe Gagliano, Giacomo & Raffaele Uglietta, Concetto & Annunciata D’Amico, Kar-menu & Vincenza Ciantai, Concetto & Annuciata D’Amico, Pulqueria Mota, Luis Mota, Jose Luis Mota, Ruben Joao B. De Carvalho, Maria Imaculada Dos R. Peidade, Mota Family, Lemos Family, Caterina Giuliano, Christine & Ashley Aviet, Doreen Blackhall, Graziella & Nina D’Amico, Mam Maria Fiore, Eleontina Di Domenica, Harry & Eileen small, Carmela D’Ougostino, Domenica & Monica Cagliostro, Maria-rosa & Giuseppe Morzano, & Domenico Marzano.

Thanksgiving: M.P.V.

Sick: 9 year old Archer

Dear Friends,

We hear Jesus saying to his disciples in today's Gospel: *'The Holy Spirit, the Advocate, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you.'* [John 14:26] It is this same Spirit that we hear of in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Luke states that: *"it is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us ..."* [Acts 15:28] as he describes during the Council of Jerusalem, how the disciples decided after prayer and consultation that the Gentiles were not to be burdened with the regulations of the Jewish Law.

The Holy Spirit descended on the disciples when Jesus breathed upon them his Spirit during his appearance to them on that first Easter morning [John 20:22]. It is this same Spirit that we hear in the first reading today from the **Acts of the Apostles [15:1-2.22-29]** who is at work in their lives, forming them and giving them the counsel to be able to make the right decisions for the growth of the Christian community. This gift of discernment has been at work in the Church through the Spirit for centuries, as it has been guiding, protecting and empowering its people to make the proper decisions. Perhaps this is an aspect of the Church's life to which we have not paid much attention or consideration. The Spirit has been present in the workings of the Church since its inception and is still present in its decision making and will continue to be present in the future!

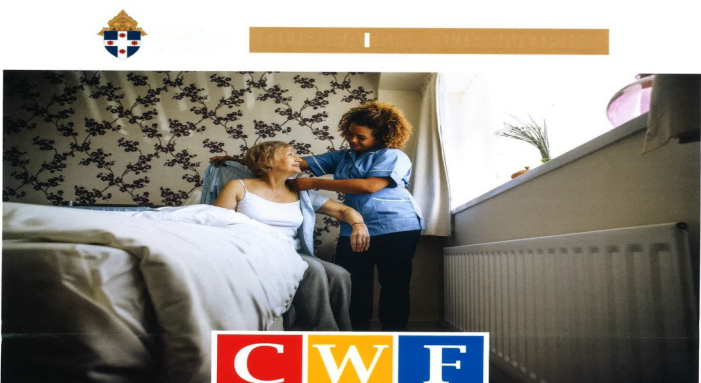
The Spirit is one of the greatest gifts that the Risen Lord has given to the nascent Church. The Spirit is also a gift that has been given to all believers. We were anointed with the Spirit at our **Baptism** and have received the fullness of the Spirit at our **Confirmation**. The prayer which is prayed over the candidates at Confirmation recalls the many gifts that emanate from the Spirit: *'Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.'* [The Rite of Confirmation]. It is the Spirit who assists us in our everyday decision making and living out of our Christian commitment, by empowering us with **wisdom, understanding, awe, courage, knowledge, reverence and wonder**. We need to recognise and work with the Spirit, so that his presence becomes like the very breath of life within us.

As well as the Spirit, Jesus gives us today the **gift of peace [John 14:27]**. It is a peace that emanates from Jesus and is given to us as gift. It is a peace that the world, in all its richness and power cannot match or give us. This peace is more than just a period where we experience of no turbulence or disturbance. It is a peace that allows us to **live with optimism and with the grace of God** in our hearts. It is a life open to the promptings of the Spirit.

Today we are offered the **gifts of the Holy Spirit and Jesus' peace**. The Spirit and Christ's peace are the other aspects that make up the life of the Christian believer. The other aspects, which were presented to us in the previous two weeks are: *recognising* and *following* the *voice* of the **Good Shepherd [4th Sunday of Easter – John 10: 27-30]** and *to love* in the same manner in which Jesus has loved us [**5th Sunday of Easter – John 13: 31-35**]. These are the elements and characteristics we are asked to make part of our lives. They are the means by which we are identified and recognised as followers of Jesus. What great gifts they are, may we never grow tired of them or be complacent towards their presence in our lives.

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 22nd and 29th May Sunday during Mass.



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ON LEAVE

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

A reminder to all that the St Vincent's Clothing bin has been removed from the Parish; please do not leave any unwanted clothing items in the carpark.



MORNING TEA

27
May

Friday
10am

Parish
Hall


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



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JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR

27TH OF MAY (FRIDAY) • 7PM - 8PM
FR TERRY ROOM (2 WESTON ST. FAIRFIELD)

MUST RSVP CONTACT EVENTS@OLRFAIRFIELD.ORG.AU OR
THE PARISH OFFICE (02) 9724 5997

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.




Pentecost Retreat

Where:
Church and Hall

4 June 2022
Saturday

Schedule of the day

8:30AM - 9:30AM	MORNING MASS
9:30AM - 10:00AM	CONFESSION (AFTER MASS)
10:15AM - 11:00AM	EXPLANATION OF PENTECOST
11:15AM - 12:00PM	LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER
12:00PM - 1:00PM	LIGHT SNACKS AND REFRESHMENTS

ALL ARE
WELCOME!

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