



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

29th May, 2022 - The Ascension of the Lord - 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
Deacon: Rev Mr Benjamin Saliba
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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.

The Ascension of the Lord —Year C

Entrance Antiphon

Acts 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

1st Reading

Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading

Eph 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead

and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 28:20

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia

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.



Dear Friends,

In what way would you like your friends to remember you in the event of you having to leave them for a considerable amount of time? Would you give them photographs of yourself so that they can continue to recognise you in your absence? Would you promise to keep in touch with them continually by mail or the internet or other means of social media? Would you leave them a present or memento or some reminder of the time you spent together? If our friendship has been close and intimate, then it would seem natural for us to want to continue it in some form or other in the event of a separation.

In today's Gospel [Luke 24:46-53] we see Jesus taking leave of his disciples in what we refer to as the Ascension. It is the second time in which Jesus is leaving his disciples. He has left their presence in order to endure the Passion and the Cross. At that time there was sadness among the disciples with many of them abandoning him and even denying any connection with him whatsoever. He returned to them on Easter Sunday, giving them his gift of peace and restoring them to full union with him and commissioning them to be his presence within the world. Now as he takes leave of them to return to the Father, we see that they are experiencing different emotions. They worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem full of joy while they continued to praise God in the Temple [Luke 24:53].

Jesus' return to the Father marks a new phase in the life and ministry of the disciples. They await the coming of the Holy Spirit in order for them to be witnesses of Jesus' death and Resurrection in the world. They are to preach a message of repentance for the forgiveness of sins to the world. They are now Jesus' presence among people. It is their responsibility to continue the mission he has given to them.

They have been formed by his word, encouraged by his presence, strengthened by his gift of peace and now they are to go and bear the fruit of that word and gift. The Holy Spirit will remind them of everything that Jesus has said to them. He will remind them that they are to recognise, listen to and respond to his voice. He will encourage them to love in the same way that Jesus has loved them. Through this they are then to receive a peace that the world cannot give or produce – a deep seated peace that envelopes the soul, not a passing fad or experience of contentment.

We continue the mission of making disciples of the nations and of preaching Jesus' message of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. We are asked to act on our belief. When we feel the insecurities of the journey, we need to recall Jesus' promise: *"I am with you always."*

His Spirit will provide the strength we need to continue on. We are not to waste time trying to judge our success or failure as we go about this mission. Jesus asks only for our faith in him and the best effort we can give to this mission each day. How often many of the spiritual greats remind us to begin each day anew and try to be faithful in letting Jesus live in us and love through us. May we renew our faith in all that Jesus has taught us and set about living it. Jesus will accompany us on our mission journey today and every day. Jesus has passed the baton to us. Are we willing and ready to take it and run with it?

**Fr Robert Bossini,
Administrator**

We Remember and Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Nancy Green

Anniversary of Death: Claudia Pineda Dimatulac

In Loving Memory of: 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, Karmenu & 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, Eleontina Di Domencia, Nicola Liberatore, Gianni & Salvatore D'Amico.

Thanksgiving: M.P.V.

Sick: 9 year old Archer

**OUR LADY OF THE
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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)

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!**

Our Lady of the Rosary



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 HIGH SCHOOLERS
WELCOME!**

TESTIMONIES FROM THE 10:10 CAMP!

During Term One holidays, Nelson, Teziah and Tiger, along with Katelyn (OLR Youth Coordinator), participated in the Archdiocese 10:10 Camp!

Here is a little snippet of some of their experiences!



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My favorite moments from the 10:10 camp were meeting new friends, playing games, and the food. I thought that the camp would be boring but after the three days, it made me a different person. For someone who hasn't gone to 10:10 camp, I would say that these three days were the best experience I have ever been through

- Tiger Hanna (Year 12)

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One of the biggest highlights for me of the camp was the reconciliation and all night adoration, and the talk given before reconciliation by Milad - how taking reconciliation seriously really changed his life gave me insight on the sacrament and more confidence to go more in depth with my sins. After reflecting on my sins saying it straightforward to the priest, it was hard to take in how much wrong I've done. Naturally I started tearing up, this being the first and longest reconciliation I've taken seriously. Really taking into account what the priest had to say gave me hope for the near future.

After coming out of reconciliation I felt the need to stay in the chapel. The thought of all my sins forgiven in exchange of a few hours of my sleep flooded my mind. It was kinda like keeping Jesus company talking/praying all night with him. It was a new experience wanting to stay in the chapel by my own wanting, I had so much to say and to be thankful for. I felt safe. The small activities I took part in really let me evaluate what my priorities were in order to stay faithful.

I didn't expect much out of this camp as an experience but as we went on my thoughts on it changed drastically, the talks by so many were so inspirational and the fellowship towards total strangers who I now can call friends really has made it an experience I will cherish and long for.

I think what I would say to anyone wanting to go is to go with good intentions to strengthen your faith knowing your not alone as there are countless others to be-friend walking beside you on that same journey.

- Nelson Fasavalu (Year 9)

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