

## Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

10th July, 2022 - Fifteenth 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 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

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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 <a href="mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org">safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org</a>

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.

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#### **Entrance Antiphon**

Cf. Ps 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

#### 1st Reading

Dt 30:10-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

#### **Responsorial** Ps 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36-37. R. see v.33

(R.) Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

#### **Second Reading**

Col 1:15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians *All things were created through him and for him.* 

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignties, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body,

he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,

he was first to be born from the dead,

so that he should be first in every way;

because God wanted all perfection

to be found in him

and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth,

when he made peace

by his death on the cross.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

See Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

#### Gospel

Lk 10:25-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke *Who is my neighbour?* 

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

#### **Communion Antiphon**

Cf. Ps 83:4-5

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

#### **Planned Giving Envelopes 2022/23**

The new sets of Planned Giving envelopes for 2022/23 are now available for collection in the foyer.

If you are not a member of Planned Giving and would like to contribute, please contact the parish office to become a regular contributor.

Receipts for contributions for the end of this financial year are now available for collection from the parish office.

We would like to thank all contributors for their financial support of the parish.

Dear Friends,

Over the past two Sundays [Luke 9:51-62 & 10:1-12.17-20] Luke has instructed us on the conditions of discipleship – what we need to do in order to follow in the ways of Jesus. Jesus states that our reaching out to others begins in a non-violent manner; that we need to keep in mind the One who calls, sends and empowers us in our mission and that we need to be prepared for the unexpected. Jesus also stated that our approach to our mission needs to be simple and single minded – so that we do not lose sight of the central message: the nearness of the Kingdom of God. In all Jesus informs us that this missionary call can be risky, as he suggests that he is sending us as lambs among wolves.

This week's Gospel [Luke 10:25-37] challenges us on the practical implementation of these conditions. Jesus' parables were challenging and controversial and would quite often anger and upset his audience, often drawing the disapproval of his listeners. The parable we hear today, the Good Samaritan, would have shocked Jesus' listeners. The fact that a Samaritan, a foreigner was the one in the story, who showed mercy on the beaten man, rather than the priest or Levite, would have been insulting to Jesus' audience. The priest and Levite were not doing anything wrong. Their main purpose was to go to Jerusalem and offer sacrifice in the Temple. In dealing with a man who seemed to be dead would have rendered them ritually unclean and therefore unable to offer the Temple sacrifices. The issue here is that they failed to take to heart the situation of the beaten man they would not take the risk of entering into his experience. They kept their distance.

This parable, however, is more than just a story of a stranger who attends to the very real needs of another person who has fallen into a tragic situation. It is more than just a story that shows up two religious individuals as being more concerned about cultic purity than the very real needs of a destitute person. It is a story that challenges the very foundations of who I am as a Christian. The parable of the Good Samaritan represents all those occasions when I have been put out by the needs and demands of others. How did I respond on those occasions? Did I, like the two religious people 'pass by on the other side of the road' and not get involved, stating my participation in other more important matters as my reason for non-involvement? Or did I like the Samaritan go out of my way in rendering assistance to someone in need? In this parable the main character is not the priest, Levite or even the Samaritan. It is the unnamed individual who fell into the hands of brigands and robbers, simply because of the service rendered to or negated to him by others that forms the central theme of this parable.

When we consider our Christian understanding of service, love and mission, then our response should be closer to that of the Samaritan than that of the religious officials. In a world that is becoming more disengaging with regard to true personal relationships and seems to be making us busier and indifferent, it has become more difficult to act in the example of the Good Samaritan. Common sense would at times tell us that it is more important for me to have my private space and time than to reach out to someone who is in need of simple basic human contact. Common sense would say

that it may be too dangerous to get involved with the needs of a stranger 'on the side of the road'. But common sense rarely enters into Christian decisions regarding ministry and pastoral outreach. If anything the parable of the Good Samaritan teaches and challenges us to consider that the needs of the 'least' in the Kingdom are indeed my concern. I cannot, and must not, 'pass by on the other side' when I hear of a brother or sister in need. Like the parables that we find later on in Luke which speak of the Lost Sheep [15:4-7], the Lost Coin [15:8-10] and the Lost Sons [15:11-32], these deal with the extravagant and almost 'wasteful' love of God. It is love that goes above and beyond the response of the situation. The love of Christ, then urges and impels me to be involved in that situation at whatever depth or level I am capable. Our following in the way of Jesus through our Baptismal commitment is both a personal and public affair. It is personal as it is based on my need to deepen my relationship with Jesus. It should not stop there. If I am deeply in love with Jesus, then I cannot overlook the needs of those around me, especially the least in the Kingdom.

Fr Robert Bossini Administrator

#### Deacon Ben & Deacon Adrian Ordinations

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2022 Deacon Ben Saliba & Deacon Adrian Simmons will be ordained to the priest-hood at St Mary's Cathedral with the ceremony commencing at 10.30am.

We are looking to organise a bus for parishioners who would like to attend, if you are interested, please advise the Parish Office.

In view of Deacon Ben's ordination, the Saturday morning 8.30am Mass will be brought back to 7am instead.

Deacon Ben's First Thanksgiving mass at "Our Lady of the Rosary" will be on Sunday the 14th of August at 10.30am.

#### We Remember and Pray for:

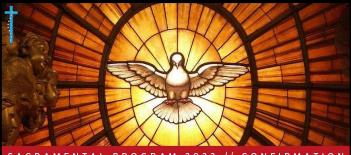
Recently Deceased: Heather Crossland, Phero Dang Thang, Ignazio Spaccavento & Darren Van Reyk.

Anniversary of Death: Cirilo Gatchalian Jr., Isabel Tuyet Thi Dang, Jose So (SiBeng) & Lope C. Mapagu.

In Loving Memory of: Cecilia Anh Thi Nguyen, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantai, Charlie Camilleri, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Anna Chuong, Anna Hoa, All Souls, Carmel Windred, Ashley Aviet, Katy Mary McEvoy, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Vincenza & Guiseppe Gagliano, Giuse Hien, Giuse Hy, Littorio Kenk, Silvana Gruber, Giacomo & Raffaele Ugliettia, Irmgard & Leon Kacalak, Molly Traynor, Milagros Poblador, Annaliza B. Poblador, Stewart Rehu.

Sick: 9 year old Archer





SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022 // CONFIRMATION

## REGISTRATIONS DUE BY 21ST JULY

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ENROL YOUR CHILD TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION, PLEASE PICK UP A FORM FROM THE PARISH OFFICE OR CONTACT SIMONE SMITH:

sacramental@olrfairfield.org.au 0432 437 552

CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION MUST BE IN YEAR 6 AND ABOVE

Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses." (Acts 1:8)

Our Lady of the Rosary

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**PARISH HALL** (HARRINGTON HALL)

Katelyn Del Rosario will be concluding her work in the parish as the Youth Coordinator, Her work with the youth group has been remarkable and a huge blessing for the parish. Join us for morning tea as we farewell

15TH JULY FRIDAY 10AM-11:30AM

**ALL ARE WELCOME!** 



cordially invites you to the

**ORDINATION PRIESTHOOD** 

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### REV. BENJAMIN **JOHN SALIBA**

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Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP Archbishop of Sydney

Saturday 6th August, 2022 at 10:30am

Feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord

St Mary's Cathedral 2 St Mary's Road, Sydney NSW

All are invited to attend Fr Ben's First Masses of Thanksgiving

Sunday 7th August 2022 Sunday 14th August 2022 at 3pm | St Felix de Valois at 10:30am | Our Lady Catholic Church, Bankstown of the Rosary, Fairfield

Visiting clergy for both the ordination Mass and Masses of Thanksgiving are asked to wear white vestments.



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> INVITES EVERYONE TO OUR MONTHLY TEACHING

# **GROWING IN** FAITH

Friday, July 15, 2022 7PM-8:30PM OLR Parish Hall

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: PARISH OFFICE @ 97245997