



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

17h July, 2022 - Sixteenth 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 Tibebeleslassie Abza
Deacon: Rev Mr Benjamin Saliba
Parish Office: 2 Weston Street
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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

Ps 53:6,8

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

1st Reading

Gen 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

Responsorial

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading

Col 1:24-28

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

See Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 10:38-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

Communion Antiphon

Ps 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.



SAFEGUARDING: All current volunteers must have safeguarding training up to date in order to continue to serve. A short refresher session will be held after Mass (10:15-11:15am) on **Friday July 29th** in the Parish Hall. To register please contact our Parish Safeguarding Support Officer, **Simone Smith: 0432 437 552** sacramental@olrfairfield.org.au

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

Last Sunday in the parable of the **Good Samaritan [Luke 10:25-37]** we learnt that our intention to fulfil the Law – of loving God completely and loving our neighbour – has to be seen in appropriate and loving concern and action towards our neighbour, those who are in need of our time, friendship, companionship and love. Today's Gospel **[Luke 10:38-42]** expresses a similar theme of pastoral engagement and service.

The story of Jesus' visit to the house of Martha and Mary **[Luke 10:38-42]** has often been seen as an example of the **active** versus the **contemplative** (the **'doing'** versus the **'listening'**) aspects of the Christian life. The one thing we need to do is to see the responses and the reactions of Martha and Mary as a single unit rather than as two separate entities, or as a clash of two different temperaments. There is no right or wrong action here between Martha and Mary. Both of them are serving in their own way.

In considering this event we need to recognise that Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem **[Luke 9:51]**. As such his intention in visiting Martha and Mary was to acquire some quiet time for himself as he journeys to his fate in Jerusalem. He was not after any fuss or exaggerated action for his sake. He simply wanted and required the element of human presence – spending some quality time with people who he loved and who loved him. The point of this story is the level of hospitality that is offered to Jesus. Martha initially welcomes him into her house **[v. 38]**. She is the first to offer Jesus hospitality. We hear that her sister, Mary is sitting at the feet of Jesus listening to him **[v. 39]**. At this stage Martha seems to forget her welcoming invitation as she becomes **'distracted'** with all that she has to do! At this point she becomes not welcoming but resentful of her sister's stance. All aspects of hospitality are forgotten!

We learn from this event that true hospitality firstly involves attending to the person to whom the hospitality is issued. Jesus required only the space and encouragement of human company. This hospitality was given to him by Mary. Martha offered him a level of hospitality that he did not want. All Jesus required was some quiet time with close friends. In order for us to be hospitable we need to see into the heart of the person we are trying to serve. There should be no conditions to our hospitality if it is oriented towards the needs of the person rather than our own. It is only when we listen deeply and intently to the one we wish to serve, that we can offer them the service they require.

As we contemplate this Gospel passage we are challenged to see that there needs to be a balance in our

spiritual and apostolic lives. We cannot be of service to everyone continually and completely, without having some time in prayer. This would run the risk of allowing all our service to remain at the level of community service and welfare. Similarly, we need to recognise that we cannot spend our entire day in prayer, without taking into account the needs of our neighbour. This would allow our prayer life to be fruitless. We need to be like both Mary and Martha. We need to be strengthened at the feet of Jesus, listening to, and being strengthened and challenged by his word. Renewed by this, then, we can set out with confidence to tend to the needs of those around us in a truly Christian manner. Mary and Martha represent the two side of the same coin. May we learn from both of their styles how to bring balance into our spiritual and apostolic lives.

Fr Robert Bossini
Administrator



Please do not place any religious icons, or scriptural general reading material in the church foyer without requesting permission from the parish office first. Thank you.

We Remember and Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Heather Crossland, & Darren Van Reyk.

Anniversary of Death: Salvatore Lazzoppina & Frank & Concetta Saffioti.

In Loving Memory of: Ashley Aviet, Stan Cross, Carmel Windred, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantai, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Charlie Camilleri, Fr. Kevin Spillane, Cecilia Anh Thi Nguyen, Anna Chuong, Anna Hoa, All Souls, 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

*"And you shall receive power when the Holy
Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my
witnesses." (Acts 1:8)*



CATHOLIC
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cordially invites you to the

ORDINATION to the PRIESTHOOD

of

REV. BENJAMIN JOHN SALIBA

by the

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 at 3pm | *St Felix de Valois*
Catholic Church, Bankstown

Sunday 14th August 2022 at 10:30am | *Our Lady 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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RIVETING RETELLING OF THE LIFE (FROM HIS
APPOINTMENT AS POPE TO DEATH) OF KAROL WOJTYLA

MOVIE NIGHT

29TH JULY, FRIDAY
6:00PM
FR TERRY ROOM
ALL ARE WELCOME!
(FOOD AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED)

RSVP KATHRYN AT 0491-602-332
EVENTS@OLRFAIRFIELD.ORG.AU

REGISTER NOW!

The story of the man who would
become Pope John Paul II.

Our Lady of the Rosary

Deacon Ben & Deacon Adrian Ordinations

On Saturday 6th August 2022 Deacon Ben Saliba & Deacon Adrian Simmons will be ordained to the priesthood 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.

Please join us for "Rev Ben's Thanksgiving Mass" on the 14th August, at 10.30am followed by a buffet lunch in the Parish Hall. We ask parishioners to be mindful that there will be no parking available in the parish carpark on the day; you can utilise the school grounds or RSL parking.

