



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

24th July, 2022 - Seventeenth 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
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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.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 67:6-7,36

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

1st Reading

Gen 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial

Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Second Reading

Col 2:12-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Rom 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 11:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.
And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Communion Antiphon

Ps 102:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

Refresher Session for all current volunteers

July 29th 10:15-11:15am in Parish Hall.



To register (if you haven't updated Safeguarding THIS YEAR) please contact Simone Smith:
0432 437 552 sacramental@olrfairfield.org.au

On Leave! Fr. Bob will be on leave from Wednesday 27th July till the 21st August.

Dear Friends,

Within the Christian tradition prayer is considered to be an important aspect of the spiritual life. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes prayer as the *'raising of one's mind and heart to God'*, stating that *'humility is the foundation of prayer'* [CCC #2559]. Our Gospel [Luke 11:1-13] today presents us with the pattern, method and disposition needed for Christian prayer. The Lord's Prayer, presented in today's gospel as the way of prayer is described by the Catechism as the *'the summary of the whole gospel'* [CCC # 2761]. Does this prayer which is presented to us by Jesus become a prayer or is it simply a pattern to be used for prayer? The Lord's Prayer has become such an important part of our Christian spirituality that it can be considered as both pattern and prayer.

So what constitutes this prayer pattern that Jesus presents to us? There is a certain flow that should be present in all our prayer. Firstly, it should begin with an *acknowledgment of our relationship with God* – that we are God's children through the redemptive action of Jesus' death and Resurrection. It should then acclaim that *we wish God's Kingdom – not ours—to be established in our lives and world*. In this way we are humbly submitting our desires to the greater good of God's ways and acknowledging the reverence and respect we need to direct towards God. In simplicity and practicality, we need to place our needs before God – *'give us each day our daily bread'*. The *'bread'* we ask for consists of what we need this day in order to live that day to the fullest as a child of God. This pattern of prayer *asks God to forgive our past and present sinfulness* because *we too need render forgiveness to those who have sinned against us*. Christian prayer then looks towards the future and *asks for the strength, fortitude and wisdom to overcome whatever difficulties and temptations may lay ahead*.

Luke then has Jesus relate a parable that stresses the element of perseverance in prayer [Luke 11:5-8]. This is the story of going to a friend's house in the middle of the night to ask for food because some unexpected visitor has arrived. If friendship does not move the man to give him his request, then the man's *perseverance* (or *'the man's shamelessness'* as in other translations) will win him over. This persistence in prayer is further stressed in the concluding statements of the passage which suggest that what we ask of God will be given to us simply because the *'heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him'* [v 13].

When we ponder the words of the Lord's Prayer, we can consider that it is truly a risky prayer because it asks us to allow God's will and kingdom to be established in our world and lives. It becomes a truly humble way of turning everything over to God, knowing

that God will always give us what is good for us, even though we may not be totally aware of or approving of the outcome! The ultimate force and impact of the Lord's Prayer is that it becomes more than just a series of words and phrases. It suggests that we live our lives according to God's ways and demands and not our own. In conclusion, we should enable all our prayer to follow this pattern: to begin with a recognition of and praise of God's presence in our world; to ask for our daily 'bread' (what we need to sustain us throughout the day); for forgiveness of our sins; for the courage to forgive others; and for the power and strength to withstand temptations. Does my prayer follow that pattern?

Fr Robert Bossini
Administrator

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.

We Remember and Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Naceforeo Castro, Rachele Sergi, Dimitrios Dadinos & John Leray.

Anniversary of Death: Maria-Giuseppe Petrella, Jimmy Butacan & Gloria Ratcliffi.

In Loving Memory of: Virginia Doutel Sarmento Corte-Real, Silvestro & Poalina Clinich, Antonio & Graziella Kenk, Carmel Windred, Jean Mavis Ingram, Giuseppina Ronrini, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantai, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Charlie Camilleri, Albertin & Joseph Jabro, Giacomo & Raffaele Ugliettia, Domenico Marzano, Vincenza & Vincenzo Gagliano, Ashley Aviet, Stan Cross, Fr. Kevin Spillane, Cecilia Anh Thi Nguyen, Anna Chuong, Anna Hoa, All Souls, Katy Mary McEvoy, Vincenza & Guiseppe Gagliano.

Sick: 9 Year old Archer.

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022 // CONFIRMATION
PARENT/CANDIDATE INFORMATION NIGHT
TUES 26TH JULY
7:30PM IN THE CHURCH

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.

