



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

31st July 2022 - Eighteenth 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  
Fairfield NSW 2165

**Presbytery:** 18 Vine St. Fairfield 2165

**Email:** [admin@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:admin@olrfairfield.org.au)

**Phone:** (02) 9724 5997

**Emergency Ph:** 0488 693 482

### Office Hours:

Mondays - Fridays 9am - 12pm & 1pm - 5pm

**Parish Website:** [www.olrfairfield.org.au](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:info@mmcwakele.catholic.edu.au)

### SCECS Outside School Hours Care

Ph: (02) 9568 8218 Website: [www.scecs.nsw.edu.au](http://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](mailto: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.

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

### Entrance Antiphon

Ps 69:2,6

O God, come to my assistance;  
O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help;  
O Lord, do not delay.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

*What do people gain by all their work?*

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities.  
All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

### Second Reading

Col 3:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*Seek the things that are above where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

### Gospel Acclamation

Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

Lk 12:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
*To whom will all this wealth of yours go?*

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

### Communion Antiphon

Wis 16:20

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,  
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every  
taste.

### Planned Giving Envelopes 2022/23

The new sets of Planned Giving envelopes for 2022/23 are now available for collection in the foyer. They will remain in the church foyer till the end of August, after that they can be collected from the Parish office.

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.

### On Leave!

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

Dear Friends,

During the time when I was teaching, one of the simulation games that I included in our staff in-service days was called: 'Survival'. It was a game that challenged you to make choices. You were one of several survivors of a plane that crashed on a deserted island. About ten items survived the crash, but you could only take five things from those items. The focus of the activity was to prioritise the items, so that your group only took the five most important items needed for the group's survival. I was glad that it was only a game and not a real life experience, because I always managed to select the items which were of little value for the group's long term survival. It was an eye opener to see the list of 'essential' items that other members of staff chose.

Today's selection of readings [**Ecclesiastes 1:2.21-23; Colossians 3:5.9-11 and Luke 12:13-21**] all speak to us of the need to be able to prioritise the important elements of life and to not get caught up in the amassing of many material goods which eventually mean very little when compared with eternal life. The issue at stake here is greed or what the Gospel calls, avarice. Paul refers to it in the second reading as *'worshipping a false god'* [**Colossians 3:5**]. Our modern world encourages us in many subtle ways that we need to have as many possessions as possible, so that we can live comfortable and carefree lives. The world presents us with so many 'must have, must see, must buy' elements that it can become quite difficult to resist their attraction. One has only to consider the ways in which products are advertised. No sooner do we become accustomed to one type of phone, then we have a completely new model presented. And of course we cannot do without the new model.

The point, however being made in these readings is that there is nothing wrong with the material elements themselves. What becomes a problem is the value we give them. During one clergy retreat the preacher whose presentation was on the theme of 'Poverty' said that the best way for us as clergy to live out this vow was to ask ourselves two questions when we felt the need to acquire material goods: firstly, *'do I need that item'*? And secondly, *'can I live without it'*? Discerning these two questions frequently stopped me from acquiring items that eventually served no real purpose to me at all. I simply had to admit that I was being duped by all the publicity hype surrounding certain products.

Today's first reading [**Ecclesiastes 1:2.2:21-23**] and Gospel [**Luke 12:13-21**] speak of the futility of placing too much importance on material goods and on the futile pursuit of goods that is driven by avarice.

Greed or avarice is usually present as a driving force which allows us to compare our material goods with the goods obtained by others. Some people are driven by the temptation to amass bigger and better goods than their neighbours, in order to simply say that they possess these items and others don't. The second reading from **Paul's Letter to the Colossians [3:1-5.9-11]** speaks to us of the attitude that can help us to discern the value of what we possess. Paul states that because of our Baptism we need to live a life worthy of that vocation – a life that is based on Christ, and our thoughts need to be on heavenly values rather than earthly items. This does not mean that we shun material possessions. It means that we utilise and prioritise them for the betterment of our lives and those of others: we possess them: they do not possess us. In this way we certainly are making ourselves rich in the sight of God.

**Fr Robert Bossini**  
**Administrator**

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## **Request to all Parishioners that hold keys at OLR Parish**

We are in the process of compiling a database of all keys that have been issued to Parishioners so that we can better manage our Key Register Database.

We ask if you hold a key for the Church / Parish Hall/ Parish office, please come to the office and just let us know the type of key you have been issued with so that we can enter it into our database. Many thanks and appreciation.







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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**

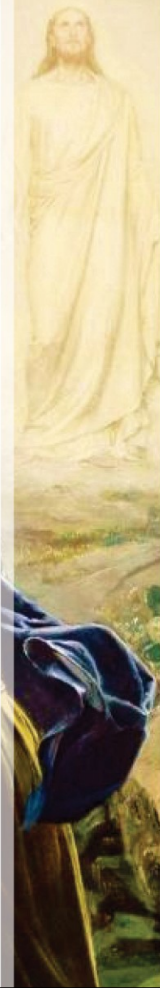
*Feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord*

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** **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.



### **Deacon Ben & Deacon Adrian's Ordinations**

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.*



**By the Grace of God  
On the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**

**The Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP  
Archbishop of Sydney**

**Will Ordain  
Rev Deacon Adrian W Simmons**

**To the Sacred Priesthood**

**OLR - Fairfield**

**First Mass on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

**At St Patrick's, Sutherland- 10am**

**RSVP: by 1<sup>st</sup> August at [asimmons@gmx.us](mailto:asimmons@gmx.us)**



**You are Invited to attend the Ordination**

**On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2022, 10:30 am**

**At St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney**

### ***We Remember and Pray for:***

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

**Anniversary of Death:** Francisco Rito Turingan, Maria-Giuseppe Petrella.

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

**Sick:** 9 Year old Archer.