



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

21st August 2022 - Twenty-First 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  
**Assistant Priest:** Rev Fr Ben Gandy  
**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.**

## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

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

Is 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*They will gather all of your people from all nations.*

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

Go out to all the world  
and tell the Good News.

### Second Reading

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*The Lord disciplines those he loves.*

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

### Gospel Acclamation

Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

Lk 13:22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.*

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;  
you bring forth bread from the earth  
and wine to cheer the heart.

### *We Remember and Pray for:*

**Recently Deceased:** Jimmy Nguyen, Judith Durham, Fr. Benjamin Bezzina & Anetta Bernthaler

**Anniversary of Death:** Domenico Marzano, Diego D'Souza & Robert Zamirowski.

**In Loving Memory of:** Domenica & Vincenza Cagliostro, Stefano Cagliostro, Vincenza & Vincenzo Gagliano, Maria Faggini, Carmel Windred, Charlie Camilleri, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantai, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Esposa S. Turingan, Antonio C. Soriano, Juan M. Soriano, Harold Aviet, Giacomo & Raffaele Ugliettia, Bedour & Jamil Sadiq, Ashley Aviet, All Souls, Virginia Doutel Sarmiento Corte-Real, Silvestro & Poalina Clinich, Antonio & Graziella Kenk, Jean Mavis Ingram & Giuseppina Ronrini.

**Sick:** 9 Year old Archer & Patricia Carew.

**Thanksgiving:** Nam Tran

Dear Friends,

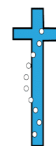
It is interesting how at times a simple question can open up a plethora of ideas and concerns. At the beginning of today's Gospel [Luke 13:22-30] a certain person asks Jesus: *'will there be only a few saved?'* He asked this with the expectation that Jesus would have reinforced the notion that salvation would have been the reward for the Jews. The Chosen Ones and that there would be no room for Gentiles or pagans!

Jesus' answer challenges the hearer to think of salvation on a different and broader dimension. He challenges his audience to recognise that salvation or placement within the Kingdom is not due solely because a person believes themselves to be a member of a particular race, no matter how privileged one may consider themselves. Just because the Jews were God's Chosen People, did not mean that salvation was automatically theirs. So too with ourselves. We may think of ourselves as being specially chosen in and through our Baptism. As great a privilege as this is, it does not mean that we are automatically granted a special place in God's kingdom. Jesus makes it clear that inclusion in the Kingdom is based on a person's disposition and interior application of Jesus' teaching. *'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because I tell you that, many will try to enter and will not succeed'* says Jesus to the crowd.

What is this *'narrow door'*? The mental image is of an entrance which is accessible but can only accommodate a few people at a time: accessible but narrow! It seems that it is best to make one's way through the door before there is a great number trying to push through and gain entrance. Jesus also states that upon entering one may be surprised by the people already granted accommodation: *'men from east and west, north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God'*. We are not the ones who determine the people who gain entry into the Kingdom. This is the sole domain of God. All that remains for us is simply to go on living the types of lives expected of us: lives based on and lived out of the values of the Gospel. As Jesus mentioned to us some weeks back: *'When someone is entrusted with a great deal, of that person even more will be demanded'* [Luke 12:48]. Those who have been 'entrusted with a great deal' can easily be living lives contrary to the values of the world. It is a path that leads us to the narrow door. Let us pray for the strength to be able to remain faithful to the ways of Christ, to not rely solely on our Christian identity, but that through the living out of the demands of that identity we may gain admission into God's kingdom through the narrow door.

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

Our Lady of the Rosary is urgently inviting applications for the position of Parish Business Manager.



6 Month contract and likely to extend,  
full-time salary negotiable.

The role (37.5 hours per week) of the Parish Business Manager is to reduce the underpinning workload of the Parish Priest's administration so that his availability to carry out his priestly ministry of teaching and sanctifying can be maximised. Such assistance involves managing: human resources, property and assets, fundraising/financial sustainability; and contributing cooperatively and collaboratively with the OLR Parish Office team.

- The most desirable applicant will possess a tertiary qualification in an area that is relevant to this role.
- Experience in one or more of the following areas: business administration, management, finance, people management, facilities/property management or office management.
- Understanding of the Catholic Church, its mission and its unique challenges and opportunities.
- Experience in dealing with people and excellent communication skills.

At least intermediate experience is required with Microsoft Office Suite (i.e., Outlook, File Explorer, Internet Explorer, Word, Excel, Publisher, PowerPoint).

On the job training will be provided. Applications are only open for people who already have the required Visa to work in Australia.

For enquiries, contact the Priscilla, Parish Operations Manager: 9724 5997 or 0490 099 551 or [priscilla@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:priscilla@olrfairfield.org.au)

Applications are to be submitted in writing, including a CV and cover letter, and close on **18<sup>th</sup> August 2022**. Only successful applicants will be contacted.

The Legion of Mary Group -Vietnamese and English Praesidium would like to invite all parishioners on Saturday 10th of September, 2022 to celebrate Our Lady's birthday with a Rosary & Mass commencing at 10.30am - praying for peace and for the Legion of Mary. After Mass please join in the celebration in the Parish Hall.



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Sadly, Fr. Benjamin Bezina who served at 'Our Lady of the Rosary' for many years has recently passed away. The funeral will be held on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 11am here at Our Lady of the Rosary Church. Please keep him in your prayers.



## Bring Hope to Neela and her family



This week Catholic Mission offers us the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to help prevent malnutrition, especially in babies and young children, and help disadvantaged families provide food for their loved ones.

**The Deberety Goat Rearing Centre is a dream of the local Church and community in Emdibir. When established, the Centre aims to provide nutritious goats milk for families in need, like Neela's\*, so that babies like Ajani\* can be healthy and strong.**

Please give generously today to help kickstart this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope provided, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia](https://catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia), or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

*\*Name altered to protect identity*

Free call: 1800 257 296  
[catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia](https://catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia)



## Ex-Students & Staff Reunion Dinner



25 NOVEMBER 2022

Mass in Chapel @ 6pm

Pre-Dinner Drinks @ 6.45pm

3 Course Dinner & Drinks

\$80.00 per head

Tables of 10

Call the College - 9797 3200 to purchase tickets

RSVP :Friday 4 November 2022

