



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

4th September 2022 - Twenty-third 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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

### Entrance Antiphon

Ps 118:137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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

Wis 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*Who can comprehend the will of God?*

What man can know the intentions of God?

Who can divine the will of the Lord?

The reasonings of mortals are unsure  
and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses  
down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming  
mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on  
earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who,  
then, can discover what is in the heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you  
not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened  
and men been taught what pleases you,  
and saved, by Wisdom.

### 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

Phlm 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

*Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear  
brother.*

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more,  
still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a  
child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these  
chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you,  
and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I  
should have liked to keep him with me; he could have  
been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the  
chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I  
did not want to do anything without your consent; it would  
have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be  
spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus  
for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back  
for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better  
than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but  
how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a  
brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common  
means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

### Gospel Acclamation

Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,  
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

Lk 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my  
disciples.*

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he  
turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me  
without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers,  
sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my  
disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come  
after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a  
tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to  
see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid  
the foundation and then found himself unable to finish  
the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of  
him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and  
was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to  
war against another king would not first sit down and  
consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand  
up to the other who advanced against him with twenty  
thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a  
long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So  
in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless  
he gives up all his possessions.'

### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;  
My soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

### *We Remember and Pray for:*

**Recently Deceased:** Fr. Benjamin Bezzina,  
Patricia Percival & Ngoc-Anh Thi Nguyen.

**Anniversary of Death:** Catherine Zarb,  
Frank Treccase, Baby Mateo Treccase, Salvatore Bartone,  
Caterina Bartone & Maria Morabito.

**In Loving Memory of:** Joseph Hoang & deceased family  
members, Vincenzo Cagliostro, Karmen & Vincenza Ciantai,  
Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo,  
Charlie Camilleri, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantai,  
Giacomo & Raffaele Ugliettia, Domenico Cagliostro,  
Domenico Marzano, Carmel Windred, Leon Kacalak, Corry  
Wilson, Hanna Arriola, Eileen Small, Ashley Aviet,  
Harold Aviet, Abaak Mayoun, Family Vidmar, F. Cerne,  
F. Buckner, Ivan Leich, Giuseppe & Vincenza Gagliano,  
Stefano Cagliostro, Tai Souvannarth, Domenica & Vincenza  
Cagliostro, Vincenza & Vincenzo Gagliano, Maria Faggini,  
Esposa S.Turingan, Antonio C. Soriano, Juan M. Soriano,  
Bedour & Jamil Sadiq.

**Sick:** 9 Year old Archer

**Thanksgiving for Fathers' Day:** Peter Wilson

## Child Protection Week

5 - 11 September 2022

Celebrating Diversity and Differences with all our Children



Dear Friends

If an event or an occasion is worthy of our involvement, then we will give it all that we have in order to make it successful. Take for example a person who is a member of a particular sports team. If they truly respect and cherish their position on that team, they will do all in their power to ensure not only that they will continue to be a part of the team, but that the team as a whole will excel in its particular sport because of their input. It means that the players will have to make certain choices, have certain priorities and live a particular type of life for the remainder of their stay as a team member. Their priorities, decisions and choices will be built around a training schedule and a playing roster that may see them having to say no to certain things as long as they play for that side. That is the price that they pay for inclusion into the sporting side.

If we take this analogy and place it within the words of Jesus in today's Gospel [Luke 14:25-33], we may gain an appreciation of what he is asking of us. Hearing Jesus say that for us to be his followers we need to hate those who are closest to us in life and that we need to take up our cross, seems quite harsh. He doesn't come across as a very sound recruiting officer with those demands. But what is he asking of us here? When Jesus asks us to hate our nearest and dearest, he does not mean for us to take this invitation literally. He means that no love in life – even the strong love between kin – can compare with the love we must bear him. He is challenging us to realise that if we decide to take up his call to follow him then we need to be aware of the demands and ask ourselves if we have the power, the intent, the resilience to take up that challenge. This is highlighted by the two examples that Jesus then presents us in today's Gospel: that of a man who wishes to build a tower on his property and of a king who wishes to go to war with a more powerful nation. Both need to sit down and consider whether they have the capacity and ability to not only take on the task but to see it through to the end.

The same holds with regard to our Christian vocation. Do we have the strength of character to make the choices and decisions to live the Christian lifestyle in our world? Most of us have been born into a Christian family and as such have not had to consider the demands that this makes on us. We may have taken it all for granted: we have had the example of parents and family who were regular to their religious commitments, comprising the regular attendance at Mass; having a fairly strong prayer life; of being respectful of people and so on. But being a Christian may mean for us to make decisions and choices that can be contrary to the world and society in which we live. It may mean for us to not simply take the general mentality of the society in which we live, which is based more on opinion polls than tried and tested traditions, but to go against the current, as Pope Francis urges

us and live with decisions that are pro-life and gospel based. Making choices that place us in opposition to others because we are Christian is what is meant by taking up our cross and following Jesus. Do I have the courage and the fortitude to not only make such choices and decisions, but also to live by them, and as such truly be Jesus' presence in our world? We are given an incredible and true example of what the demands of the Christian life can hold for us, and also of the faith and trust in the ways of God that is required of one who is called to such a life when we consider the lives of the saints. These are people who lived out their Christian vocation to the full and often in harsh and demanding circumstances. Mary Mackillop could have led a comfortable life as an educational nanny and mentor to children of well-to-do families. Instead she took the way of sacrifice in educating the marginal and poor. This is the way of the cross. May we have the courage to live it every day of our lives.

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

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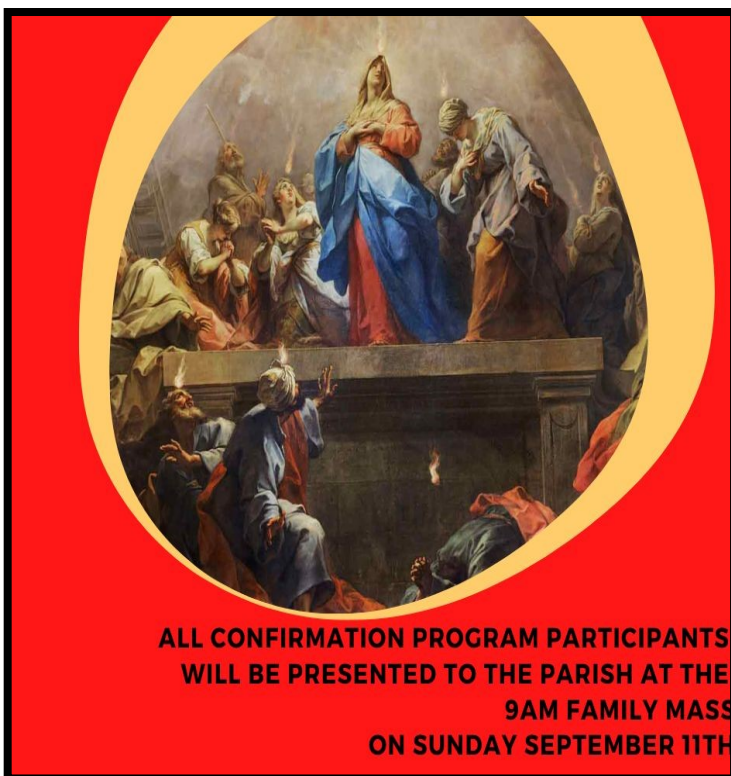


Thank you to all who have collected their Planned Giving Envelope sets for Financial Year 22/23. For those that are yet to collect them they are available from the Parish Office.

The Parish Office Staff are in the process of contacting the holders to update their details; if the Planned Giving Envelopes sets are not picked up by the end of October, they will be reissued.







Do you want to share your faith with others, but find that something holds you back? Do you hope for more out of your parish community? Do you feel called to serve, but you're not sure how your gifts can be used?

If you said 'yes' to any of these questions, then you are invited to join us for a Parishes for Mission Day! Together we will receive spiritual, theological and practical formation about the mission of Jesus Christ, and consider how our parish can be strengthened as a dynamic centre of evangelisation which calls and forms missionary disciples.

## Farewell message - Fr Ben Saliba

To my dearest family at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish. Thank you for your prayers, words of support and overall hospitality throughout my time here at the parish. I will never forget my first experience in ministry here at Fairfield. Getting to know you all, being apart of your lives, being welcomed into your hearts and homes has been the greatest privilege for me. After ordination, the Archbishop appointed me to the Parish of St John the Baptist, Bonnyrigg. I look forward to beginning a new chapter there in the coming days. Please be assured of my continued prayers and affection toward the people of this parish. I will remember you at my masses as I raise the Chalice you so generously gifted me. Furthermore, please continue to pray and stay close to your parish, supporting your priests and one another. Never has there been a time in history where we have all needed each other so much in our Church. Keep praying the rosary and our Blessed Mother will bring you closer to the most sacred heart of her son.

God bless, keep and protect you all.

In Christ,

Fr Ben Saliba

**PARISHES FOR MISSION Days**

Parish priests and their leaders are invited to a reflection and planning day where, supported by the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation, you will:

- Engage your leaders in the renewal of your parish
- Be guided through a process to articulate or refine your vision for the mission of the parish
- Undertake an intensive planning process to implement your vision
- Learn about strategies and resources that can assist implementation of your parish plan

**17 SEPT SATURDAY**

**Our Lady of the Rosary Fairfield, Parish Hall**  
9:30am - 4:00pm

For more information and to register contact [events@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:events@olrfairfield.org.au)