



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

11th September 2022 - Twenty-fourth 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
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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
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Girls Year 7–12 Tel: (02) 9725 4322
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SCECS Outside School Hours Care

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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

Cf. Sir 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

1st Reading

Ex 32:7-11. 13-14

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

The Lord spoke to Moses, ‘Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. “Here is your God, Israel,” they have cried, “who brought you up from the land of Egypt!” I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.’

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. ‘Lord,’ he said, ‘why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.’ So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-4. 12-13. 17. 19. R. Lk 15:18

(R.) I will rise and go to my father.

Second Reading

1 Tm 1:12-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Christ came to save sinners.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 15:1-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. ‘This man’ they said ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he spoke this parable to them:

‘What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? “Rejoice with me,” he would say “I have found my sheep that was lost.” In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

‘Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? “Rejoice with me,” she would say “I have found the drachma I lost.” In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.’

He also said, ‘A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, “Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.” So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

‘When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father’s paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father.

‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate.

‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant, “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed

your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.”

‘The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.”’

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 35:8

How precious is your mercy, O God!

The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

We warmly welcome recently ordained Fr. Benjamin Gandy to ‘Our Lady of Rosary Church’ as an Assistant Priest to our parish community. Please take the time to introduce yourself and include him in your prayers.

Dear Friends,

Today’s liturgy presents to us an entire chapter of Luke’s Gospel [15:1-32]. In its entirety this chapter gives us three parables concerning the mercy of God: all three centring on the joy of having found something or someone who was lost - the lost sheep [vv 4-7], the lost coin [vv8-10] and the lost son [11-32]. One overwhelming characteristic of these three parables is the extraordinary (or perhaps extravagant) joy and celebration that occurs when the object or person is found. As with all parables we need to appreciate the reason for Jesus’ telling of these stories and ask ourselves which of the characters in the parables we associate with best.

In considering the reason for the parables, we need to go no further than the beginning of this chapter. Luke tells us that the tax collectors and sinners were seeking the company of Jesus in order to listen to what he was saying. While this is happening the Pharisees and scribes were complaining that he welcomes such people into his presence (vv1-3). The point that Jesus wishes to make with these parables is simply the extravagant joy that God has in welcoming back sinners. As we immerse ourselves in these parables we notice the ‘**prodigal**’ or **lavish** and even **wasteful** love that the characters exhibit in their joy, especially the father in the parable of the lost son. The term ‘prodigal’ can be attributed also to the younger son, as we encounter him being wasteful of his father’s love and property in the manner in which he abuses both. The father’s response to the return of his ‘wasteful’ son would have shocked Jesus’ audience, for he comes across as being too lavish and forgiving of the young son. He places no consequences or conditions on the careless behaviour of the younger son on his return. He simply orders the servants to prepare a feast for the son and he reinstates him to his original position as son, by placing the ring on his finger. When we consider the reason for Jesus telling this parable – and all three parables for that matter – it centres on the joy that is celebrated by the one who had lost something and then found it.

In this parable Jesus is not so much concerned about

the two sons. He wishes the listener to take to heart the actions of the father. For Jesus the two sons simply present the two responses to life that we can give: **self-centredness** (as seen in the actions of the younger son and perhaps representing the tax collectors and sinners in their movement away from God but who are open to reconciliation and an awareness of their misdeed) and **self-righteousness** (as can be seen in the stubbornness and anger of the older son, representing the religious figures who refuse to acknowledge conversion of the tax collectors and sinners). To both sons the father is lavish in his love. We are well aware of the extent of the father’s love for his younger son. He deals with him in a super-human and divine manner: he shows no conditions to his love apart from the realisation of younger son that he had sinned: *‘Father I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called you son; treat me as one of your paid servants’* (v.18). It is significant that when welcomed by the father, the son does not get a chance to utter the last part of statement, which would have been a reasonable action for the father to take. The father then goes out to ‘welcome’ (or plead with) the older son who in his anger refuses to join in the festivities. The brother even goes to the extent of dissociating himself from the younger son by referring to him as *‘this son of yours’* (v.30). But the father would have none of that, as in pleading with the son he refers to the recently returned son as *‘your brother...who was dead and has come back to life’* (v.32).

These parables – especially that of the lost son – were intended to shock the audience of Jesus, many of whom would have sided with the attitude of the older son in his anger and discomfort not only of the return of his younger brother, but also of the treatment lavished on him by his father. Truly a great and challenging story in the areas of wrong-doing, penance, reconciliation, forgiveness, anger and ultimately, God’s lavish love for us. As we consider the limitless love and mercy of God through these parables, we can ask ourselves to whom do we best associate with: either of the two sons or the father, in our need to either show mercy and forgiveness or to be the recipient of mercy and forgiveness.

Fr Robert Bossini
Administrator

We Remember and Pray for

Recently Deceased: Ana Maria Oliveira Pereira & Patricia Percival.


Anniversary of Death: Fr. Tom Crotty & Adela Zezula.

In Loving Memory of: Giuseppe & Vincenza Gagliano, Graziella D’Amico, Carmel Windred, Karmen & Vincenza Ciantai, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Charlie Camilleri, Joseph Hoang & deceased family members, Vincenzo Caglio, Giacomo & Raffaele Ugliettia, Domenico Cagliastro, Domenico Marzano, Leon Kacalak, Corry Wilson, Hanna Arriola, Eileen Small, Ashley Aviet, Harold Aviet, Abaak Mayoun, Family Vidmar & F. Cerne,

Sick: 9 Year old Archer, Annette Silva, Patricia Carew

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.



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

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MUSIC • FOOD • DANCE
YOUNG ADULTS ONLY (20S TO 30S)

TICKET \$12

Fiesta Salsa Night

SATURDAY 1ST OCT 6PM

VENUE:
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DRESS ATTIRE:
SMART CASUAL


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Safeguarding Sunday, 11 September 2022

This week the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney celebrated National Child Protection Week for the sixth year in a row, and today, the week culminates with the celebration of Safeguarding Sunday. The celebration of this past week, leading up to Safeguarding Sunday, has provided us with an opportunity to reflect on how we celebrate and embrace differences within our community.

To help us reflect, the Safeguarding Office has developed a new resource for Children; the *Celebrating Differences – We are all special- Activity Book*.

These resource can be accessed on the Safeguarding website: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/>

FATIMA DAY PILGRIMAGE

Join us with our Assistant Priest, Fr Ben Gandy on a pilgrimage to Penrose Park for Fatima Day on **Thursday, 13th October 2022**.

We have organised a 40 seat bus and will be meeting **7:50am sharp, bus to depart 8am**.

TICKETS \$10 (includes bus fare to and from & bottle of water).

Please purchase a ticket from Parish Office

For more information, contact events@olrfairfield.org.au or call parish office **9724 5997** (Tickets are limited).

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