



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

18th September 2022 - Twenty-fifth 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.

**Entrance Antiphon**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

**Am 8:4-7**

A reading from the prophet Amos

*The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.*

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy  
and try to suppress the poor people of the country,  
you who say, ‘When will New Moon be over  
so that we can sell our corn,  
and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?  
Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,  
by swindling and tampering with the scales,  
we can buy up the poor for money,  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.’  
The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,  
‘Never will I forget a single thing you have done.’

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7**

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

**Second Reading**

**1 Tm 2:1-8**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

*Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.*

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**2 Cor 8:9**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,  
to make you rich out of his poverty.  
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.*

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, “What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer.” Then the steward said to himself, “Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes.”

‘Then he called his master’s debtors one by one. To the first he said, “How much do you owe my master?” “One hundred measures of oil,” was the reply. The steward said, “Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty.” To another he said, “And you, sir, how much do you owe?” “One hundred measures of wheat,” was the reply. The steward said, “Here, take your bond and write eighty.”

‘The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

‘And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

‘No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.’

**Communion Antiphon**

**Ps 118:4-5**

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;  
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.



**Please note that sections of the Church will be reserved on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 at the 6pm Vigil Mass for the Children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation and their families.**

Dear Friends,

Today's Gospel [Luke 16:1-13] poses a very difficult scenario. It seems at first glance that Jesus is praising the dishonest steward for his astuteness. Perhaps this praise is based on self-centred motives on the part of the master in the parable, since the reduction in the amount that the debtors had to pay was indeed an unnecessary excess that the master had placed on them initially. However, when we consider this strange parable as a whole it says something quite deep about our Christian life and the values we attach to it.

There are basically four lessons that we can take from this parable. Firstly, in **verse 8** where the master praises the children of this world as being wiser than the children of light. The meaning we can take from this is that if Christians were as eager and ingenious in their attempts to attain the higher values (honesty, compassion, peace, justice) of life as those values considered worldly (money, success, comfort), they would be better people. It urges us to place our priority and energy on the elements of life that lead to eternal life, rather than to material rewards.

In **verse 9** we have the second lesson which states that material possessions should be utilised to make friends which can win us eternal life. It was a Jewish belief that charity shown to the poor in this life would allow a person to gain eternal reward. It was based on the principle that it is more blessed to give than to receive and that true wealth consisted not in what a person had, but the amount a person gave away to the poor. Here the parable is challenging us to continually render service to those in need.

In **verses 10 and 11** we learn the lesson that the way of fulfilling a small and almost insignificant task is the best proof or test of one's fitness and ability to be entrusted with bigger and more responsible tasks. Generally, people are promoted in life according to the way in which they perform the tasks given to them – the better they perform these tasks the greater the chance of climbing the so called 'ladder of success'. If we are diligent in dealing with monetary things on earth, then greater things will be given to us in eternity. What we learn from this parable is that we need to continually do the ordinary things of life extraordinarily well.

**Verse 13** lays down the lesson that we cannot serve two masters. This lesson needs to be considered in the language and times of Jesus. Today we have people who hold two jobs or occupations at the same time. But in Jesus' time a servant was completely and totally at the disposal of his master: every minute of his day was accounted for by his master. The slave had no free time, let alone the opportunity to hold down a second job! Bringing this lesson to the level of our relationship with God, Jesus is suggesting that our service to God cannot be a part time affair. Our decision to follow and serve God

means that we do so with every fibre of our lives – it is not a spare time occupation. We either belong to God totally or not at all. Here we learn that we need to be able to dedicate our entire being to God especially in the service of our neighbour.

These four lessons that emanate from this parable can enhance and deepen our life as disciples of Jesus. It can allow us the opportunity to see not only where our values lie, but how deeply we are committed to the ways of God. We need to realise that serving and following in the Lord's ways is not an element of life that we switch on and off, but rather that we live out in every facet of our lives. May we always choose and remain faithful to the ways and values of the Gospel.

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



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**Anniversary of Death:** Rogelio Angara, Harold Aviet & Concha & Felipe Vinuya.

**In Loving Memory of:** Francisco Cubelo, Harry Small, Carmel Windred, Angelina De Fina, Giacomo & Raffaele Uglietta, Vincenzo Cagliostro, Domenico Marzano, Vincenza Cagliostro, Charlie Camilleri, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantai, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Giuseppe & Vincenza Gagliano, Joseph Hoang & deceased family members, Domenico Cagliostro, Leon Kacalak, Corry Wilson, Hanna Arriola, Eileen Small & Ashley Aviet,

**Sick:** 9 Year old Archer.



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SATURDAY  
1ST OCT 6PM

# Salsa Night



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FAIRFIELD. (PARISH HALL)

DRESS ATTIRE:  
SMART CASUAL

REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL

REGISTRATION FEMALE:  
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REGISTRATION MALE:  
[WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CCOZH](http://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CCOZH)

## FEAST of SAN LORENZO RUIZ

We will be celebrating the 'Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz', on Sunday 25 September 2022 during the 10:30am Mass. San Lorenzo Ruiz as the Filipinos dearly call him is their first saint and Filipinos all over the world take delight in celebrating his feast day to honour him and give thanks for his deep faith.



After the Mass, a 'fraternal agape' will follow at the Parish Hall and everyone is invited to join as we continue to celebrate this special occasion for our beloved saint. If you can bring a plate of food to share, that will be much appreciated.

## FATIMA DAY PILGRIMAGE

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

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

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

Please purchase a ticket from Parish Office

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



*Our Lady of the Rosary*

# Farewell Morning Tea



*Priscilla Liem will be finishing up her role as the Operations Manager in the Parish Office. In the 5 years she has worked here, she has helped achieve many projects in the parish and has contributed so much in the community. We wish her nothing but all the blessings and success for the bright future ahead. Join us for morning tea as we farewell Priscilla.*



LOCATION

PARISH HALL  
(HARRINGTON HALL)

28TH SEPT  
WEDNESDAY  
10AM-11:30AM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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.

