



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

28th August 2022 - Twenty-Second 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
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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
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

SCECS Outside School Hours Care

Ph: (02) 9568 8218 Website: 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

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. Ps 85:3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

1st Reading

Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.
The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly,
and then you will find favour with the Lord;
for great though the power of the Lord is,
he accepts the homage of the humble.
There is no cure for the proud man's malady,
since an evil growth has taken root in him.
The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,
an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Second Reading

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 14:1. 7-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

Communion Antiphon

Ps 30:20

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

We Remember and Pray for:

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

Anniversary of Death: Alexandrina Da Costa, Sr. Alma Pollard & Danilo Bundoc.

In Loving Memory of: Hanna Arriola, Eileen Small, Ashley Aviet, Harold Aviet, Giacomo & Raffaele Ugliettia, Abaak Mayoun, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Domenico Cagliostro, Domenico Marzano, Carmel Windred, Family Vidmar, F. Cerne, F. Buckner, Ivan Leich, Giuseppe & Vincenza Gagliano, Stefano Cagiostro, Tai Souvannarth, Domenica & Vincenza Cagliostro, Vincenza & Vincenzo Gagliano, Maria Faggini, Charlie Camilleri, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantai, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Esposa S.Turingan, Antonio C. Soriano, Juan M. Soriano, Bedour & Jamil Sadiq, Virginia Doutel Sarmento Corte-Real, Silvestro & Poalina Clinich, Antonio & Graziella Kenk.

Sick: 9 Year old Archer

Dear Friends,

Have you ever walked into a room and had the feeling that something was not quite right with the people gathered there? Today's Gospel [Luke 14: 1.7-14] begins in such a way. Luke gives us some hints that things are not too well here. Firstly, Jesus has been invited to a meal in the house of a leading Pharisee. Secondly he tells us that this meal is on the Sabbath day. Thirdly he states that *'they watched him closely'* as if to pick up on some action or word which they could use against him. So all does not seem well. We can be sure that some argument or disagreement between Jesus and the Pharisees will ensue. Today's Gospel omits the episode dealing with the healing of the man suffering from dropsy. It becomes a challenging test to see if Jesus would heal on the Sabbath day. Even with the omission of this miracle we can sense that some argument between Jesus and the religious authorities will follow.

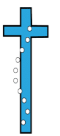
Luke tells us that Jesus notices that the other invited guests are making their way to the most prominent places at the banquet table. This then becomes the reason for the parable that follows. This parable is not so much a story that tells us how to deal with our embarrassment with regard to public seating arrangements. Jesus here is telling us to consider a vital and important aspect of our Christian spirituality: the virtue of **HUMILITY**. Humility is based on truth: how I stand before God. Humility challenges us to recognise the fact that all of us are sinners in need of God's grace and mercy, as Pope Francis so often reminds us. Humility also challenges us to recognise the fact that through Jesus Christ we have become adopted children of God – that we are – *'graced sinners'* as St Francis de Sales makes note in his writings. In recognising my own dignity, I am also recognising the dignity of others. Recalling that I am a sinner keeps me aware of my limitations – it keeps me spiritually sober; recalling that I am graced helps me to trust in God's providence for me. Recalling that I am a sinner keeps me from judging others, realising that I too have certain shortcomings; recalling that I am graced will allow me to reach out to others who are suffering in any way. Recalling that I am a sinner will allow me to call on God's mercy and forgiveness; recalling that I am graced will allow me to be thankful for the many gifts that God gives me every day.

The virtue of humility also enters into and affects our prayer life. **The Catechism of the Catholic Church** states that *'only when we humbly acknowledge that we do not know how to pray as we ought are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer'* [CCC # 2559]. Humility is referred to as having a *'poverty of spirit'* – a self-emptying of our pride and standing before God in all truth. [CCC# 2546]. Humility then is an essential aspect of our Christian and spiritual lives.

Without it we risk living an unrealistic and often withdrawn life. Our first reading today from the Wisdom tradition offers us some salient advice: *'The greater you are; the more humble you should behave'*. Greatness in the Kingdom is to view life through the eyes of humility – a vision that allows us to live in the truth of God's presence. Humility allows me to recognise my sinfulness but also to realise that through God's grace the gifts and talents given to me by God will shine through. Humility allows me to be thankful and truthful before God and others. Am I prepared to experience true greatness in the Kingdom by living a truly humble life?

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 Applications are to be submitted in writing, including a CV and cover letter, and close on **1st September 2022**. Only successful applicants will be contacted.

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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.

Congratulations to two Parishioners from **Patrician Brothers' College Fairfield**:

- **Joaquim Dos Santos (Year 12)** has been selected to receive the **2022 Archbishop of Sydney Award for Student Excellence**.
- **Nelson Fasavulu (Year 9)** who won the **Brian Jordan Prize** for his work expressing the Resurrection of Jesus and including three women at the tomb: Mary, Mary Magdalene and Mary of Cleophas.

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.



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FATHER'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 3 & 4, 2022



Patrician Brothers are holding a Fathers' Day Mass at the College Hall on Friday 2nd September at 8.10am. Parents are invited to attend.