

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946



2nd October, 2022 - Twenty-seventh 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

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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. Est 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

1st Reading

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save?

Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes.

Then the Lord answered and said.

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail.

See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading

2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy *Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.*

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Pt 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 17:5-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke *If you had faith!*

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."

Communion Antiphon

Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Catechist Ministry

We are looking to organise a time for a basic training course for our Catechist Ministry, which brings the Good News to Catholic children who attend our local public primary schools, so we have some new people ready to join us in 2023.

Please leave your name and phone number with the Parish office or speak to us after the 9am or 10.30am Mass this Sunday.

Thankyou, Heather.

Spanish Group

Just a reminder that the Spanish Group meets every Saturday in the Father Terry Room from 12.00pm—2.00pm.

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary



Sunday—9th October 2022

There *will be no* 9am or 10.30am Mass, instead there will be a procession commencing at 9.45am followed by Mass at 10am and then Lunch in the Parish Hall.

The parish carpark off Weston street will be closed, however you can access the OLR's Primary School carpark from Vine St and the RSL carpark can also be used.

Dear Friends,

Again this Sunday we are faced with a seemingly difficult Gospel [Luke 17:5-10] for our consideration and prayer. It comes across initially as a rebuke on the part of Jesus towards the disciples as they ask to have their faith increased [v. 5]. Jesus makes the analogy that had their faith been the size of a mustard seed then they could command this huge mulberry tree to be uprooted and hurled into the sea. [v 6]. There is an assumption here that the disciples did not possess the needed small amount of faith. To appreciate and understand this passage we need to take into consideration what comes before [v 1-4] and what follows [v. 11-19].

Preceding this request for an increase in faith, that makes up today's Gospel, we find Jesus making certain statements or pronouncements. Firstly, he warns against those within the faith community who give scandal 'to one of these little ones' [v. 1-2]. We can take the reference of 'little ones' to go beyond referring to someone of a young age, but encompassing all who are innocent, blameless and easily impressed. Jesus warns that people such as these should not be allowed to stumble or be scandalised because of something we have said or done. Secondly, Jesus encourages the members of the community to go to incredible extremes in order to bring about forgiveness: if a member of the community sins and asks repentance, no matter how many times this occurs then the other is bound to forgive him [v. 3-4]. Our faith needs to be the basis of stimulus, example and edification to all members of the community, especially the 'little ones'.

Following the request for faith is the encounter between Jesus and the ten lepers [v.11-19]. This encounter Luke tells us happens in foreign territory – 'an area between Samaria and Galilee' - as Jesus is journeying towards Jerusalem. It is assumed that these ten lepers were non-Jewish. Jesus heals them without pronouncing the words of healing – only telling them to show themselves to the priest as proof of their healing. On their way they become clean. [v.14]. It is the Samaritan – a foreigner – who returns and glorifies God and thanks Jesus for what has happened [v.16]. Here Jesus links faith (seen in the faith of the Samaritan leper) with thankfulness.

In order for us to live a life where we do not give scandal to others; where we are prepared to continually bring forgiveness to broken relationships when others acknowledge and repent of their sins; if we are prepared to approach Jesus in our infirmity (as did the lepers), then we need to have faith the size of a mustard seed. If we do these things – live innocent, blameless and encouraging lives; if we continually forgive those who have wronged us and seek our forgiveness; if we approach Jesus in our weakness and thank him for his

blessings, then 'we have done what we were supposed to do' [v.10]. Being a faithful servant of the Lord requires nothing but faith – a faith that grows and is life giving to me and to those in my community. This is the second time that Jesus uses the image of the mustard seed. He referred to the Kingdom of God as being like a mustard seed [Luke 13:19]. This second use of this image allows us to consider the ways in which our faith – like the mustard seed – can also grow and give life.

Fr Robert Bossini Administrator



We Remember and Pray for

Recently Deceased:

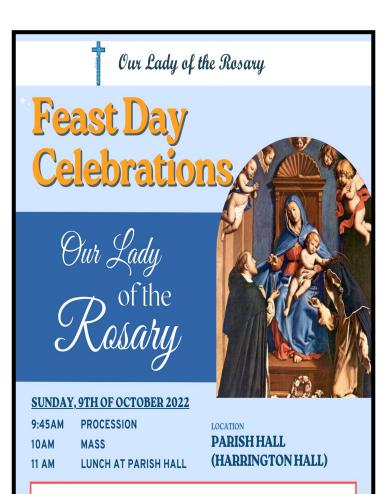
Anniversary of Death: Teresa Ngoc Nguyen, Silvana Gruber, Antonia & Caterina Toscano & Peter Van Ba Nguyen.

In Loving Memory of: Esterina & Joseph, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantai, Carmel Windred, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Charlie Camilleri, Stefano Cagliostro, Domeca Cagliostro, Domenico Marzano, Domenica Toscano, Chester Allan Bondocan, Giuseppe & Vincenza Gagliano, Nina D'Amico, Giuseppe & Vincenza Gagliano, All Souls, Francisco Cubelo, Harry Small, Angelina De Fina, Giacomo & Raffaele Uglietta, Vincenzo & Vincenza Cagliostro.

Sick: 9 Year old Archer.

As Monday the 3rd October is a Public Holiday, the **9.30am Mass** will only be held. There will be no **7pm Mass**.





TAKE NOTE: There will be NO 9am or 10:30am Mass on this day. The parish carpark will be closed. School carpark can be used and accessed from Vine Street and RSL carpark can be used.



World Youth Day 2023 Info Session

The Sisters of the Immaculata are facilitating an Armidale Diocese Pilgrimage to WYD! *Pilgrims from other Dioceses are welcome.*

Pilgrimage Details: "Journeying to Jesus with Mary"

22nd July - 13th August (22 day pilgrimage) Rome (2 nights) - Assisi (4 nights) - Fatima (2 nights) - Lisbon (7 nights) - Lourdes (3 nights) - Paris (1 night)

Estimated cost: \$5990* (for pilgrims flying out of Sydney)

Inclusions: Return flights, all internal travel, accommodation (including simple pilgrim accommodation for WYD week) and meals. The pilgrimage is



open to pilgrims under 18.

The info session will take place Sunday October 2nd at 5:15pm in the OLR Parish (Harrington) Hall. All interested pilgrims 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.

