



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

16th October, 2022 - Twenty-ninth 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 Florbela!

Email: manager@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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Mary Mackillop Catholic College

Girls Year 7–12 Tel: (02) 9725 4322
Principal: Ms. Gilda Pussich
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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 16:6,8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

1st Reading

Ex 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 120. R. v.2

(R.) Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

Second Reading

2 Tm 3:14 – 4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation

Heb 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

We Remember and Pray for

Recently Deceased: Norma B. Declaro, Jara Michalek & Dominic Vassallo.

Anniversary of Death: Charles Watt, Alexandra Da Costa, Braulio Pacheco Moronha, Maria Nguyen, Eileen Small, Giuseppe Licciardello, Rosemary Van Reyk & Richard Zamirovski.

In Loving Memory of: Littorio Kenk, Brothers & Sister in family Souls, Carmel Windred, Ana Maria Oliveira & Mauricio Pereira, Giacomo-Raffaele-Uglietta, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantai, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Charlie Camilleri, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Giuseppe & Vincenza Gagliano, All Souls, Harold Aviet, Stefano Cagliostro, Domenica Cagliostro, Domenico Marzano, Domenica Toscano, Chester Allan Bondocan, Nina D'Amico, Giuseppe & Vincenza Gagliano, Francisco Cubelo, Harry Small & Angelina De Fina.

Sick: 9 Year old Archer & Jozefa Cyganiuk.

Spanish Group

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

Dear Friends,

Today's liturgy adds to the gift of **FAITH** the element of **PERSEVERANCE** – in preaching the Good News and in prayer. The parable that is presented to us in Luke's Gospel today [18:1-8] concerns two individuals: a judge or magistrate and a widow. This particular judge was one who would have been appointed by the Roman authorities to deal with certain communal claims and disputes. Such people were swayed more by the profit they could make from a claim than for the call to justice that it demanded. The larger the bribe, the more certain you were of receiving 'justice' from this judge. On the other hand, we have a widow, a person who symbolises all that is vulnerable and poor within Jewish society. A widow had no one to fight for her rights and so was at the disposal of those who had authority in society. She had no material or financial means to sway the judge. We are not told what the dispute was about. All we know is that it concerned the widow's enemy and that she had been appealing to the judge for some time.

The only tool at the disposal of the widow was *perseverance*: she just kept at him time and time again. The judge here described as one who '*fears neither God nor man*' was being worn down by the widow's continual demand for justice. Luke tells us that through her perseverance the judge finally '*gave this widow her just rights*'.

Usually in the Gospel parables the authority figure either stands for God or portrays what God is **NOT** like. In this parable, the judge is the opposite of God, as Jesus states: '*Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him night and day when he delays to help them*' [v. 7]. In this statement Jesus is telling us that God will see to our good in God's own time. He is challenging us to see in our relationship with God something similar to that of a child and parent. Every parent will want to give their child what is good and beneficial to them, but they will not give them everything that they ask for every time they make a request. There will be times when parents will refuse to give their children what they ask for because of their good. This attitude calls to mind the words and mentality of the Lord's Prayer. We are to ask God for what we require **each day**, but we are also challenged to conclude our prayer with those very challenging words: '**your will be done**'. God knows what is good for us and will grant that to us. His answer to our prayers may not be what we have asked for, but it is for our eventual good. Our faith, deepened and nourished through daily contact with the Scriptures allows us the faith to work with God's good will for us. The final words of today's Gospel: '*when the Son of Man comes, will he find*

any faith on earth?' [v.8]. Do I have the courage and strength to persevere in my faith?

Fr Robert Bossini
Administrator

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Dear Parishioners,

Please be advised that Fr. Bob will be attending a retreat at Tyburn Prior for a week from the Sunday 16th October.

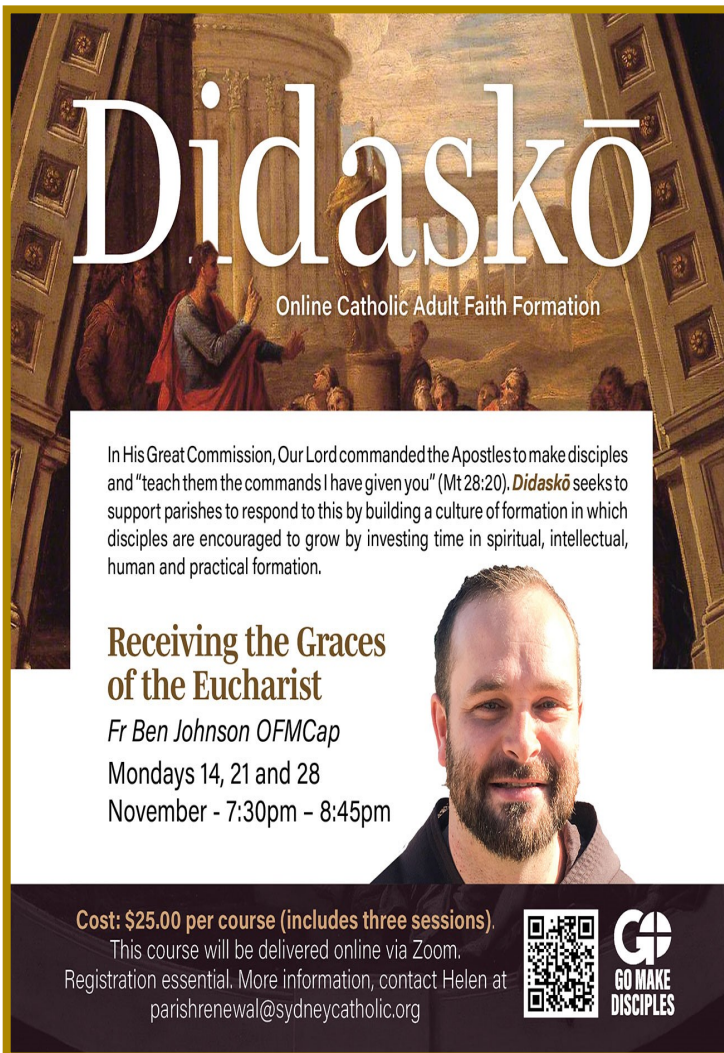
Please keep him in your prayers.

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.



A Mass for deceased Volunteers is being organised for November. More details will be given later. If you know of any deceased volunteers please pass their names to the Parish office as soon as possible.



Didasko

Online Catholic Adult Faith Formation



In His Great Commission, Our Lord commanded the Apostles to make disciples and "teach them the commands I have given you" (Mt 28:20). *Didasko* seeks to support parishes to respond to this by building a culture of formation in which disciples are encouraged to grow by investing time in spiritual, intellectual, human and practical formation.

Receiving the Graces of the Eucharist

Fr Ben Johnson OFMCap

Mondays 14, 21 and 28
November - 7:30pm - 8:45pm

Cost: \$25.00 per course (includes three sessions).
This course will be delivered online via Zoom.
Registration essential. More information, contact Helen at parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org


LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST MOVEMENT
OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH, FAIRFIELD

PARISH NEW EVANGELISATION SEMINAR

Life in Christ

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 9:00AM - 2:00PM
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 11:45AM - 4:00PM

VENUE: PARISH HALL, OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
PARISH, FAIRFIELD
2 WESTON STREET, FAIRFIELD NSW 2165, NSW

"COME AND JOIN US BRING CATHOLICS BACK TO
GOD AND TO THE CHURCH".

This is a free event

FOOD AND CHILD MINDING SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
PARISH OFFICE @ (02) 97245997

Catch the Wave: your journey with Jesus

A day of fun, games, fellowship, talks on our faith and times of music and prayer, for students in Yrs 5 - 9, hosted by the Sisters of the Immaculata and their mission team. The day will be held in the parish hall (Harrington hall) on Saturday 29th October and run from 10am - 6pm. The event is free and lunch is included! To register your child, contact Simone Smith via email on sacramental@olrfairfield.org.au or by phone on 0432 437 552.


Called to be Saints: a day retreat for young adults aged 16-30

Young adults in our parish are invited to join the Sisters of the Immaculata and their mission team for a day of going deeper in the love of God and the call to sainthood! Take some time out to spend with God and other young people and experience new peace, love and purpose.

When? 12pm - 6pm, Sunday 30th October

Cost? By donation, lunch is included

More info? Contact Milad on 0425 346 789



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JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR

28TH OCT 7PM - 8PM
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WILL NOT BE HELD FACE TO FACE.

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