



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

23rd October, 2022 - Thirtieth 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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Girls Year 7–12 Tel: (02) 9725 4322
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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.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

1st Reading

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a
poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves God will be
accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable
nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of
him,
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:2-3. 17-19. 23. R. v.7

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Second Reading

2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy
*All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved
for me.*

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and
the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the
good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I
have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown
of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the
righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not
only to me but to all those who have longed for his Ap-
pearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not
a single witness to support me. Every one of them de-
serted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But
the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that
through me the whole message might be proclaimed for
all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the li-
on's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil at-
tempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly king-
dom. To him be 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 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*The publican returned to his home justified; the phari-
see did not.*

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who
prided themselves on being virtuous and despised eve-
ryone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray,
one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee
stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank
you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous
like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not
like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay
tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some dis-
tance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heav-
en; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful
to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home
again at rights with God; the other did not. For every-
one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man
who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

We Remember and Pray for

Recently Deceased: Ivo Valentine Rice, Norma
B. Declaro, Jara Michalek & Dominic Vassal-
lo.

Anniversary of Death: Caterina Giuliano,
Domenico Giuliano, Tadevsz Konarski, Bev-
erley Hinton, Tony D'souza & Charles Watt.

In Loving Memory of: Bedour & Jamil Sadiq, Kar-
menu & Vincenza Ciantai, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri,
Charlie Camilleri, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Fr. Ben
Bezzina, Dominique Diem, Littorio Kenk, Brothers &
Sister in family Souls, Carmel Windred, Ana Maria
Oliveira & Mauricio Pereira, Giacomo-Raffaele-
Uglietta, Giuseppe & Vincenza Gagliano, All Souls,
Harold Aviet, Stefano Cagliostro, Domenica Cagliostro,
Domenico Marzano & Domenica Toscano.

Sick: 9 Year old Archer.

Spanish Group

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

Dear Friends,

This week's Gospel [Luke 18:9-14] tells us something of Luke's favourite theme: the **reversal of order**. We see in this parable that the 'bad' person (the Publican) goes home at rights with God while the 'other' (the Pharisee) does not. It also continues the theme of **prayer** that was presented to us last week in the parable of the unjust judge and the widow [Luke 18:1-8].

When we look at the two people presented in this parable we can realise that Luke is saying something important to us about prayer: **it needs to be directed to God and it needs to come from a humble and merciful heart**. The Pharisee virtually is praying to himself and about himself. He uses the word 'I' six times in his prayer. He mentions to God all the things that he does and does not do *'I fast twice a week, pay tithes on all I get...I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind'* [v.11]. He even scornfully rebukes the Publican, stating that he is not like him. Luke informs us at the beginning of the Pharisee's prayer that *'he said this prayer to himself'* [v.11].

The Publican on the other hand, in a position of **complete submission** to God, hardly raises his eyes to heaven and **simply and truthfully** states that **he is a sinner** and therefore is **in need of God's mercy and compassion** – *'God, be merciful to me, a sinner'* [v. 13]. Remember that Luke tells us at the beginning of this Gospel passage that Jesus told this story *'to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised others'* [v. 9].

This Gospel passage tells us a great deal about **Christian prayer**. We remember in Luke 11:1-4 that Jesus gave his disciples the **pattern of prayer** in the words of the **Lord's Prayer**. It began by **acknowledging God** as Father and praying that **God's will be done** and that his **kingdom be established**. Only then does it mention **our needs**, and again these are mentioned in association with **our relationship with others**. With today's passage we learn **three** very important elements about prayer. **Firstly**, no one who is **proud can pray well**. It requires a **humble and contrite** heart for us to pray to God worthily. **Secondly**, no one who **despises** others can pray well. In prayer we do not lift ourselves above others. We remember that we are one with others in our sinfulness and our need for God's mercy. **Thirdly**, true prayer comes from **setting our lives beside the life of God**. No doubt all that the Pharisee claims is true. But in **prayer our question should not be 'am I as good as my neighbour?'**, but rather **'am I as good as God?'** When we place our lives beside that of God, then all we can really ask for is God's mercy in recognition of our sinfulness.

As we read and prayerfully meditate on this parable today may we acknowledge our need for God's mercy each day. In so doing we can be confident that God will hear our humble prayer. God will then ensure that we return home justified through his mercy and grace. We could also meditate on the words of our Responsorial Psalm: **'The Lord hears the cry of the poor'** [Psalm 33].

Fr Robert Bossini
Administrator

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The Parish Male & Female toilets are under renovations; in the interim we ask Parish-ioners to utilise the Port-a-loos provided.



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.



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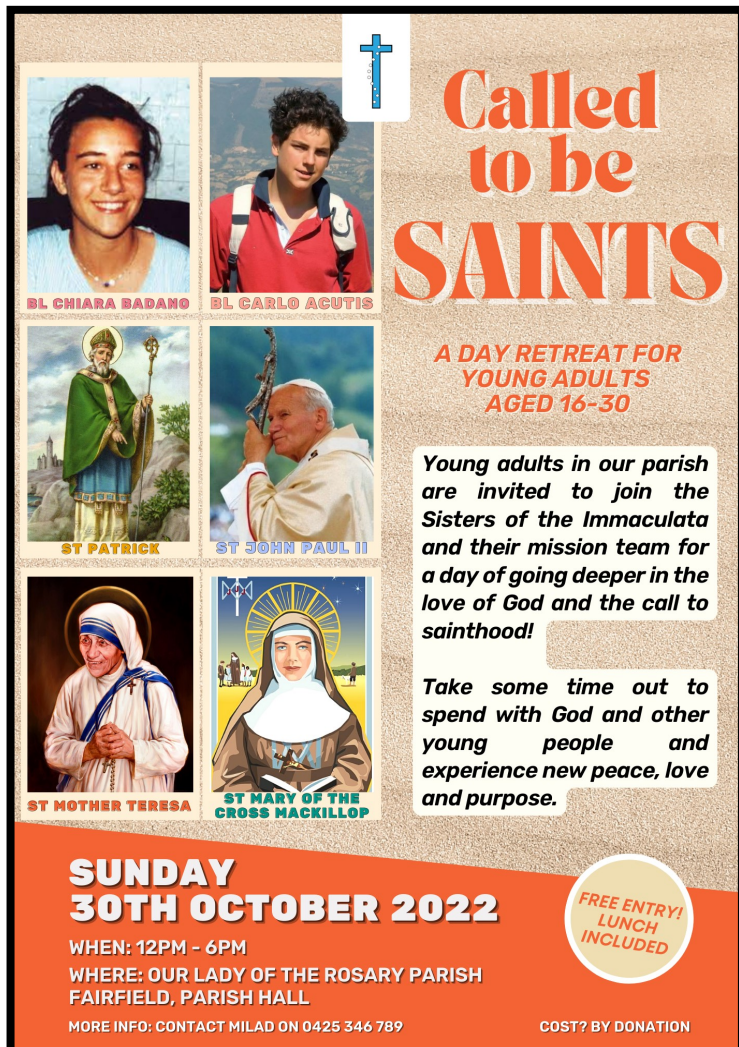
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YOUNG ADULTS
AGED 16-30**

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.


**SUNDAY
30TH OCTOBER 2022**

WHEN: 12PM - 6PM
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FAIRFIELD, PARISH HALL

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