



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

30th October, 2022 - Thirty-first 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 Florbela!*

*Email: [manager@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto: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](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.**

## Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

### Entrance Antiphon

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;  
be not far from me!  
Make haste and come to my help,  
O Lord, my strong salvation!

**Cf. Ps 37:22-23**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

**Wis 11:22 – 12:2**

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.*

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. see v.1**

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

### Second Reading

**2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

*The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.*

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Jn 3:16**

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

**Lk 19:1-10**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.*

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

### Communion Antiphon

**Cf. Ps 15:11**

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

### *We Remember and Pray for*

**Recently Deceased:** Ivo Valentine Rice.

**Anniversary of Death:** Doris De Zilwa,  
Pauline Wheeler & Paul Pace.

**In Loving Memory of:** Jaime Salina Senior, Milagros Baguio, Simon Ong, Giacomo-Raffaele-Uglietta, Carmel Windred, Joseph & Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantai, Carmen Camilleri, Charlie Camilleri, Bedour & Jamil Sadiq, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Fr. Ben Bezzina, Dominique Diem, Littorio Kenk, Ana Maria Oliveira & Mauricio Pereira, Giuseppe & Vincenza Gagliano & All Souls.

**Sick:** 9 Year old Archer.

**Name Day St Jude Thaddeus:** Late Tadeusz Konarski.

**Birthday Thanksgiving:** Anna (80th Birthday).

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.



Dear Friends,

This Sunday's Gospel [Luke 19:1-10] is another story of God's mercy and grace in the life of a sinner. It holds for us the notion of God's intimate and surprising presence in the lives of those who least expect to receive God's mercy. We begin the passage with Jesus' entry into the city of **Jericho**, a well-positioned city in the Jordan Valley. Because of its geographic location and industry, it was a city which was a source of great revenue for the Romans. Here in Jericho we meet **Zacchaeus**, a **tax collector** who had climbed to the top of his profession. The presumption here is that Zacchaeus achieved this position by taxing the people more than was required, thus keeping the profit for himself. This would have made him a very disliked man in his town.

There are **three stages** in this Gospel story of Zacchaeus. **In the first phase** we find out that Zacchaeus is **lonely and unhappy** even though he was **extremely wealthy**. His wealth gained from overtaxing the people had placed him as a **social pariah** – an outcast within his own town. He had heard of **Jesus' love and association** with tax collectors and he **had a desire to meet him**. Perhaps Zacchaeus had heard about Jesus by communicating with other tax collectors. In his loneliness and isolation, Zacchaeus is reaching out for God! In the **second phase** we see that Zacchaeus is **determined and eager** to see and meet Jesus. He realises that if he mingles with the crowd on the ground he might be in for a rough time. People may jolt, elbow, kick and jostle him about. It would have been a good opportunity for the people to anonymously get back at this man who had made himself rich with their money! But nonetheless, Zacchaeus shows his determination and courage as he climbs a tree in order to not miss Jesus' arrival. **The third stage** has us encounter the **converted and changed** Zacchaeus. He goes to **great lengths** to show the community that he is **genuinely a changed man**. In finding Jesus and the mercy, acceptance and friendship he had shown him, he was willing to use half his property to give to the poor. The other half he would use to make good – four times over – the money that he took unlawfully from others. We can see something of the determination of the widow in the Gospel two Sunday's ago [Luke 18:1-8], where her persistence and determination won her some justice from the judge.

What begins as a story about **sinfulness, avarice and isolation** becomes a story of **salvation and redemption** and a reminder of the mission of Jesus. Jesus himself announces today that he has **'come to seek out and save what is lost.'** It is a story that reminds us of the **surprising ways** in which God comes into our

lives with his **mercy, grace and call to conversion**. Zacchaeus' willingness to see what kind of man Jesus was resulted in his conversion and salvation. Do we in our times of difficulty and spiritual isolation seek the company of Jesus? Perhaps in this coming week we can examine our lives and identify anything that could be isolating me from God and others, and like Zacchaeus have the determination to seek Jesus' mercy and forgiveness and so be restored to the community and God. God's mercy is always available to us – we only need to seek it and ask for it.

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

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'I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord.  
Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, will live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever.'  
John 11:25-26

## MASS CELEBRATIONS ON ALL SOULS DAY

02 NOVEMBER 2022

9.30AM, \*12PM AND 7PM

\*12PM FOR OLR PRIMARY SCHOOL



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### *All Souls Day Morning Tea*

Join us for some morning tea after the 9:30am mass in the Parish Hall to celebrate the day. All are welcome!

## PLAYGROUP

COME AND JOIN US!

TUESDAY

9-10AM

IN THE PARISH

MORNING TEA PROVIDED.



FREE



This term, playgroup will be run by a STARTTS Early childhood educator. Each session are for parents/carers and children together. They are based on a child development topic, which contains:

- talk time,
- songs and rhymes
- books and stories
- play activities (during the session and/or ideas to try at home).
- craft and more



Join us to celebrate 'All Saints Day' Masses on Monday 31st October at 7pm and on Tuesday 1st November 9.30am for parishioners, 10am (Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School) and 7pm for parishioners



'All Souls Day' Masses on Wednesday 2nd November 9.30am for parishioners, 12pm (Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School) and 7pm for parishioners.

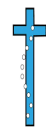
*Vietnamese Masses will be held on both days commencing at 5pm.*

In the month of November the 'Book of Remembrance' will be on display in front of the baptismal font for you to write in the names of your deceased loved ones.



"November is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2nd November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, eucharistic communion, and prayer for the pope's intentions."

On Tuesday the 8th November, the 7pm Mass will be cancelled due to the Clergy and Parish Staff attending a retreat day. Please note that the Parish Office will be closing at 10.00am on the day.



Our Lady Of The Rosary

A Mass for deceased Volunteers will be held on Tuesday the 29th November at 7pm.

If you know of any deceased volunteers, please pass their names to the Parish office as soon as possible, so that that their name/s can be included in the Mass.

### **Spanish Group**

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