



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

6th November 2022 - Thirty-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 Tibebelessie Abza  
**Assistant Priest:** Rev Fr Ben Gandy  
**Parish Office:** 2 Weston Street  
Fairfield NSW 2165  
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**Email:** [admin@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:admin@olrfairfield.org.au)  
**Phone:** (02) 9724 5997  
**Emergency Ph:** 0488 693 482  
  
**Parish Office Hours:**  
Mondays - Fridays 9am - 12pm & 1pm - 5pm  
**Parish Website:** [www.olrfairfield.org.au](http://www.olrfairfield.org.au)

## MASS TIMES

**SATURDAY MASS:** 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 MASSES

**Monday - Friday:** 9.30am  
**Monday & Tuesday:** 7pm  
**Friday Mass:** 7.00pm First Friday of the month

**Business Manager:** Florbela Caxala Mb: 0472 862 509

### Events & Marketing Co-ordinator:

Kathryn Gerardino Mb. 0491 602 332

### Sacramental & Safeguarding Co-ordinator:

Simone Smith Mb. 0432 437 552

**Liturgical Music Co-ordinator:** Fr. Ben Gandy

**Novena Prayer:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help—6.30pm on Wednesdays.

**Novena Mass:** 1st Wednesday of the Month 6.30pm.

**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 Mb. 0426 847 213 - Meeting 4th Thursday of month.

**St Vincent de Paul** - Meeting 1st Thursday of month: Marcel D'Abrera Mb. 0418 231 368

## 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)  
Mary Mackillop Hall 20 Vine Street, Fairfield NSW 2165

## 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.



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This Parish pays respect to the Gadigal People of the Eora Nation, the traditional custodians of this land.

## Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

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

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

*The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.*

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 16:1. 5-6. 8. 15. R. v.15

(R.) Lord, when your glory appears,  
my joy will be full.

### Second Reading

2 Thes 2:16 – 3:5

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

*May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.*

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence

that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

### Gospel Acclamation

Rv 1:5. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;  
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

Lk 20:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*He is not a God of the dead but of the living.*

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

On Tuesday the 8th November, the 7pm Mass will be cancelled due to the Clergy and Parish Staff attending a retreat day. ***The Parish Office will remain open on the day.***

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.

Dear Friends,

Life after death has been an issue that has captured the human imagination for quite some time. The question of an afterlife and what happens to a person after death has been at the centre of many forms of literature and the arts. Our Gospel today touches on this subject of the resurrection and the afterlife. In today's Gospel [Luke 20:27.34-38] Jesus reminds us of this life after death, and that this future existence consists of a resurrected life that will transform our whole existence. It comes as a result of a question put to Jesus by the Sadducees, a Jewish philosophical school that did not believe in the existence of either angels or in the resurrection of the dead. Jesus' response to the 'problem' voiced by the Sadducees reminds us of the words we pray in the first Preface for Christian Death: ***"Lord for your people, life is changed not ended..."***

Belief in life after death affects the way we live here and now. This point is driven home in this rather savage and brutal story from the Second Book of Maccabees, today's first reading [7:1-2.9-14]. In this story seven brothers are put to death in front of their mother rather than partake of pagan rituals and forsake their religious traditions. Their faith in life after death is entrenched in the statement of one of the brothers: ***'we are prepared to die rather than break the laws of our ancestors...you may discharge us from this life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die!'***

All those who are baptised have a share in the very life of God, a life that does not end. When we choose to live by that grace, we choose to live and love as Jesus did. Jesus is the model for all graced individuals, because of his being both God and human.

That is the gift we now share. Jesus shows us how to live our new life in a way that gives witness to our dignity – a dignity that has been given to us by the merciful love and grace of God. In our second reading today [2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5] Paul summarises for us what a believer's life should be like. It is a life of hope given to us through God's mercy and love. This then becomes the source of strength for us that all that we do and say may be for the good of God and his kingdom. Our lives need to be lived in constant prayer that we may be preserved from evil. This life to which we are called is based on the relationship between Jesus and his Father. Jesus was well aware of the love that his Father had for him, and because of this love he was able to carry out the Father's will.

We are urged to live in this manner as well – **trusting in God's love** for us and making every effort to come to terms with the **Father's will for us today** and then to have the courage to be able to **put that will**

**into practice** to the best of our ability. Living each day this way with the strength of God's grace is how we can respond to the gift of God's life within us. It also prepares us for the fullness of the eternal life promised to us when we die. May this be a guiding thought for us – our belief in a God who is a God of the living - as we have embarked on our month of prayer for our deceased relatives and friends.

**Fr Robert Bossini,  
Administrator**



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# PLAYGROUP

COME AND JOIN US!

TUESDAY

9-10AM

IN THE PARISH

MORNING TEA PROVIDED.

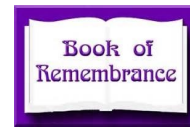
This term, playgroup will be run by a STARTTS Early childhood educator.

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



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.



All Masses in November will be offered for all the souls mentioned in the Book of Remembrance.

As all November Masses are dedicated to the Holy Souls, No Mass intentions will be announced during Mass for the month.

## Spanish Group

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

## Catechist News

Congratulations to Heather Watt, Catechist Coordinator who is being awarded a Certificate to commemorate her 20 years of Service at St Marys Cathedral this Sunday 6th November at a 2.30pm Mass.



## RCIA: A journey in faith.

We are seeking interested volunteers to be sponsors who journey with those interested in becoming Catholic through the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) process. To be a sponsor you simply need to be ready to accompany, listen to, and support those undergoing the formation process in our parish.

If interested please contact our Sacramental Coordinator:  
Simone Smith on 0432 437 552 or  
[sacramental@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:sacramental@olrfairfield.org.au)

★★★★★

This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith and devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering.

# MOVIE NIGHT

18TH NOVEMBER  
FRIDAY 6:00PM  
PARISH HALL  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

(FOOD AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED)

RSVP KATHRYN AT 0491-602-332  
[EVENTS@OLRFairfield.org.au](mailto:EVENTS@OLRFairfield.org.au)

**REGISTER NOW!** 😊

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