



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

13th November 2022 - Thirty-third 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
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Presbytery: 18 Vine St. Fairfield 2165
Email: 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

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

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

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

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.

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Entrance Antiphon

Jer 29:11,12,14

The Lord said:
I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

1st Reading

Mal 3:19-20

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Second Reading

2 Thes 3:7-12

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

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

Gospel Acclamation

Lk 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 21:5-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

Communion Antiphon

Ps 72:28

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

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



Our Lady Of The Rosary

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

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Parishioners please be advised that the Fr. Terry Room has been renamed as 'The Divine Mercy Room'.



Dear Friends,

Today's liturgy marks the second last week of the Church's liturgical year, and so it is not surprising that we have the theme of the end time mentioned in the readings. Last week, our Gospel focused on the notion of resurrection and the afterlife [Luke 20:27-38] with Jesus' confrontation with the Sadducees over this issue. Today's Gospel [21:5-19] lies between the **entry of Jesus into Jerusalem** and the **beginning of the Passion Narrative**. As such it is a **preparation** and **reminder** to the followers of Jesus that **times will become difficult** for them. All that they need to have in order to overcome these difficult times is **faith** and **perseverance** – all else will take care of itself.

The first reading from the prophet **Malachi [3:19-21]** warns of the **day of the Lord** that will come as a great fire. It will be a means of destruction to those who are **'arrogant and evil doers'** while those who **'fear God's name'** will bask in its radiance. The warning then is set in place: do wrong and you can expect punishment; obey the word of God and righteousness is on your side. This mentality underpins our Christian ethics.

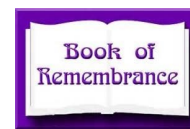
The way in which the people were in awe of the outside of the Temple becomes the entry point for Jesus to give the people a teaching on **what is important in life**. He mentions that the Temple will be reduced to rubble – pointing towards the eventual siege and destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 AD. Jesus then warns the people to not follow the signs or the people who claim to be the Messiah. In this time there will be **great natural and man-made horrors**: earthquakes, wars, famine and other disasters. He points also to the fact that it will be a **difficult time of persecution for his followers**. Jesus assures them that these trials will be an **opportunity to bear witness to his ways**. In fact they are not to worry about what they have to say or do: all will be given to them from a power from on high! The **final sentence** becomes the **main theme** of this passage and of Jesus' message: **'Your endurance will win you your lives!'** In other words, Jesus challenges the people to be alert, prepared for whatever comes and to rely on their faith as a means of overcoming these trials.

When we place this passage and its message within our present times we can see that it is a message that is still **relevant**. In the midst of natural and human-made disasters our faith in a merciful and loving God can begin to falter. It is at this time that we can come to realise and accept the tremendous depths of Jesus' claim - that there is **no need for us to fear** or **to become anxious about the future**. All that is required of us is a faith that is seen in our continued

perseverance each day. It is the basis of the words of the **Lord's Prayer**, when we entreat God to **'give us each day our daily bread... to lead us not into temptation and to deliver us from all evil.'** Our fidelity to this perseverance needs to be a daily challenge – one renewed through prayer, adherence to the Scriptures and immersion into the Sacramental life. We believe that the grace of salvation given to us in Baptism and strengthened through the sacrament of Confirmation and nourished daily by the Eucharist allows us the **means to continue** on our pilgrimage to the Father. While suffering and death is a part of our earthly existence we take courage that **we already possess the gift of eternal life** by God's grace. This becomes a means for us to **not lose hope** but to **live patiently each day with faith**. Our endurance will lead us to salvation and eternal life.

Fr Robert Bossini
Administrator

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.

'The Catholic Women's League' will be holding a Christmas stall outside the church on the 19th & 20th November after each Mass. There will be a cakes, food, plants and all sorts of bric-a-brac.

Please join us for a light morning tea to celebrate Fr. Andrew's 49th Birthday on Thursday the 17th November, in the Parish Hall after the 9.30am Mass. All are welcome!

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



DATE: 1-10 JANUARY 2023

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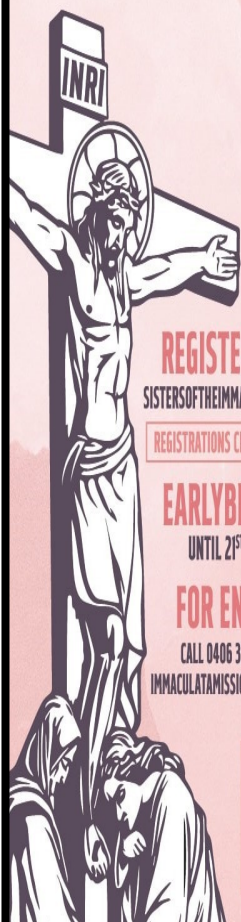
RCIA: A journey in faith

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

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