



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

15th January, 2023 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



## 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 Tibebeleslassie 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

**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 Co-ord:** Simone Smith 0432 437 552  
**Liturgical Music Co-ordinator:** Fr. Ben Gandy  
**Parish Safeguarding Support Officers: ( PSSO's )**  
Florbela Caxala & Simone Smith  
[safeguarding@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@olrfairfield.org.au)

**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.**

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

### Entrance Antiphon

Ps 65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,  
and shall sing to you,  
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

### First Reading

Is 49:3. 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I will make you the light of the nations so that my  
salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel,  
in whom I shall be glorified';  
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,  
my God was my strength.  
And now the Lord has spoken,  
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant,  
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the  
survivors of Israel;  
I will make you the light of the nations  
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the  
earth.'

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

(R.) Here I am, Lord;  
I come to do your will.

### Second Reading

1 Cor 1:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Co-  
rinthians

*The grace and peace of God our Father and the  
Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together  
with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church  
of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus  
Christ, who are called to take their place among all  
the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus  
Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May  
God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you  
grace and peace.

### Gospel Acclamation

Jn 1:14. 12

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among  
us.  
He enabled those who accepted him  
to become the children of God.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Jn 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
*This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins  
of the world.*

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said,  
'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away  
the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of  
when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks  
before me because he existed before me. I did not  
know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to  
Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also  
declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him  
from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did  
not know him myself, but he who sent me to bap-  
tise with water had said to me, "The man on  
whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the  
one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit."  
Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the  
Chosen One of God.'

### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 22:5

You have prepared a table before me,  
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my  
thirst.

## ***We Remember and Pray for***

### Recently Deceased:

Cardinal George Pell, Marie Clark & Marie  
Thi-Hien Nguyen.

### Anniversary of Death:

Maria Pham Thi Canh, Joseph Kim Chuc  
Pham & Esther Bond.

### In Loving Memory of:

Domenico Marzano, Vincenza Cagliostro, Domenico  
Cagliostro, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Bedour & Jamil  
Sadiq, Carmel Windred, , Joseph & Carmen Camilleri,  
Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantai & Charlie Camilleri.

### Sick:

9 Year old Archer & Thi-Hien Nguyen.

### Thanksgiving:

Sister Joan Bukrey OSF & Father Nich Punch OP.

Dear Friends,

With this Sunday's liturgy we begin the Ordinary cycle of the Church's year [Year A]. The fact that it is called 'ordinary' does not mean that it is a liturgical period of less importance than the other seasons. It simply offers us an opportunity to reflect on the ordinary events of our lives through the liturgy. It is also a time when we can reflect on the reality of the Kingdom of God as shown to us through the life and ministry of Jesus. It is a time when we too can contemplate our part in the revelation of the Kingdom in our world, as we reflect mainly on the Gospel of Matthew.

It is interesting to see how John the Baptist identifies Jesus in today's Gospel passage [**John 1:29-34**]. He refers to him in the following terms: as the **Lamb of God** who takes away the sin of the world; as the **one who existed before him**; the one on whom the **Spirit descended** in the form of a dove; the one who will **baptise with the Holy Spirit** and as the **Chosen One of God** (Son of God).

As the **Chosen One of God** – the **Son of God** – Jesus fulfils the title Isaiah speaks of today – '**the light of the nations**'. Through the life and ministry of Jesus, the salvific plan of God may reach all people.

It is an astonishing, and often little appreciated fact, that we, through **our Baptism** have been incorporated into this plan. As **Paul** puts it in today's second reading [**1 Corinthians 1:1-3**] we have been called to be **saints** (holy people) sanctified in Jesus Christ. We are therefore **active** and **full** members of the Church, and as such we are the **continuing presence** of Jesus in our world. We too, through our Baptism are **a light to all nations** proclaiming the Good News to the ends of the earth.

This sounds like a formidable task, since most of us would not be intending to take up a missionary apostolate. So how can we be people whose lives reach out to the ends of the earth? We need to remember that **St Therese of the Child Jesus [1873-1897]** was proclaimed by the Church as the patron saint of missions, even though she did not leave her Carmelite convent. We don't have to live in a missionary country or work in order to be imbued with the missionary spirit. As members of the Church we **share in the missionary activity of the Church** and its **members**. We **can support** those who are missionaries through our **prayers** and **good works**. It would be a good exercise to spend some time in prayer, fasting and good works as a means of supporting the many missionaries from Australia working around the world.

We could choose an individual or a religious order or organisation involved in missionary work as our focus for prayer in the coming months. Through our prayer and support our influence does reach to the ends of the earth. Through our prayers for missionaries and their ministry we continue to share in the work of presenting Jesus as the 'Light of the nations'. As people who partake in the life of Jesus Christ, the Light of the nations, then we too can allow the light of our faith-filled actions enter into the darkness of our world, and thus ensure that the Kingdom of Heaven is indeed strengthened and supported.

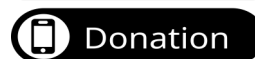
**Fr Robert Bossini**  
**Administrator**

### **Spanish Group**

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

The Parish Office will be closed over the Christmas and New Year's period; closing on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December and reopening 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2023. For urgent matters please ring the emergency Mobile No. 0488 693 482.

**The 7.00pm Monday & Tuesday evening Masses will recommence on Monday 16th January 2023.**







## 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)



## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023

### REGISTRATIONS DUE BY 25TH JANUARY

TO ENROL your child into the SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM for FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION 2023, please fill out the application form (available in Church foyer & Parish Office) & return to the Parish Office  
or via email: [sacramental@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:sacramental@olrfairfield.org.au)

NB: Parish Office closed from Dec 21st until Jan 16th, 2023. Forms can be placed in the back lock box outside Parish Office during this time.

For more details, please contact: Simone Smith  
0432 437 552 (Sacramental Co-ordinator)



Our Lady of The Rosary Parish, Fairfield  
Formation Night

## Overcoming the Works of the Evil Spirit

Speaker: Fr Bob Bossini

Date: 20 January 2023  
Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Venue: Harrington Hall (Parish Hall)



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