



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

22nd January, 2023 - Third 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.**

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

#### Entrance Antiphon

**Cf. Ps 95:1,6**

O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In his presence are majesty and splendour,  
strength and honour in his holy place

#### First Reading

**Is 8:23 – 9:3**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.*

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness  
has seen a great light;  
on those who live in a land of deep shadow  
a light has shone.  
You have made their gladness greater,  
you have made their joy increase,  
they rejoice in your presence  
as men rejoice at harvest time,  
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,  
the bar across his shoulders,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
these you break as on the day of Midian.

#### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1**

**(R.)** The Lord is my light and my salvation.

#### Second Reading

**1 Cor 1:10-13, 17**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.*

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Mt 4:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

#### Gospel

**Mt 4:12-23**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.*

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!  
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,  
Galilee of the nations!  
The people that lived in darkness  
has seen a great light;  
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death  
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

#### Communion Antiphon

**Cf. Ps 33:6**

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.

Dear Friends,

There is hardly a commodity which we buy that does not come with some form of guarantee. From products that allow us to control our weight through to materials that can easily make our way of living more enjoyable and attractive. Whenever we buy any food products, we look at the nutritional guarantees that each product advertises, in order for us to receive the right amount of healthy ingredients.

Today's liturgy makes some assertions and guarantees about our spiritual lives. Isaiah [8:23-9:3] tells us that a great light has shone in our lives and that this light is a reason for us to rejoice and be happy. The **deeper reason** for this joy is the fact that **Jesus**, the Light of nations has **shattered the gloom and darkness of the world** together with the **yoke of sin**. Jesus has brought us out of the darkness of sin and into his marvellous Light through our Baptism. For this we should be thankful and rejoice. This is the guarantee that Jesus makes for us: abide in his presence, break from sin and eternal life and light is ours!

We can ask ourselves why then is there still gloom and darkness in our world? As we analyse the experiences and situations that we find in our world, it becomes obvious that some people have chosen the darkness over the Light of Jesus. Nonetheless, this becomes for us a means not of despair but of challenge. This fact allows us to assert more readily and faithfully the Light of Jesus that has been given to us through Baptism. It is important that the Light of Christ be present in our lives so that we can bring it into our world through our actions and words – essentially through our presence. We do this through our daily living – the way we reach out to others offers us an opportunity to bring the Light of Jesus into their lives. Our **honesty**, our **caring**, our **compassion** and our **willingness to bring forgiveness** into our broken relationships (as Paul mentions in today's second reading from **1 Corinthians 1:10-13.17**), is a way for us to bring Light into the darkness of others.

The Gospel [Matthew 4:12-23] tells the story of the calling of the first disciples – **Peter and Andrew, James and John**. They were called to leave behind the stability of a known existence and to travel with Jesus into paths unknown. They were called to continue his ministry – to **preach, teach,**

to **proclaim** the Good News of the Kingdom and to bring **healing** and **wholeness** to those who are sick. The living out of this call is for us a means of allowing the Light of Christ to shine in our world. Like those first disciples we too have been called to follow in the ways of Jesus in and through our baptismal vocation. How will I be a source of this Light in the coming weeks? In the course of this year? Our Baptism is our call to follow Jesus. Am I prepared and ready to answer and renew my Baptismal call and to follow where Jesus asks me to go?

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



The Archdiocese of Sydney has announced that the Pontifical Requiem Mass for Cardinal George Pell will be held at St Mary's Cathedral on Thursday, February 2, at 11am before a private burial in the cathedral's crypt.

**Please be advised that on the 2nd February the 9.30am Mass will be held at 8am, as the OLR clergy will be attending the Requiem Mass for the Late Cardinal George Pell.**

***Spanish Group***

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

***We Remember and Pray for***

**Recently Deceased:** Cardinal George Pell, Iris Parks & Debby Nicholls.

**Anniversary of Death:** Guide Arauge Pereira, Vincenza Cagliostro, Ashley Aviet, Shammoon Yakoob Suham Hanne & Cecilia Anh-Thi Nguyen.

**In Loving Memory of:** Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantai & Charlie Camilleri, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Van Hao Tu & Ancestors, Carmel Windred, Glenis Fleury, Leon & Irmgard Kacalak, Corry & Fiona Wilson, Peter Wilson & Anton Shehadeh Haddad.

**Sick:** 9 Year old Archer, Churchill & Heather Van Reyk.





# Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

## Dates - Times - Location

A seven-week bible study from Adam to Jesus, starts on **Friday, February 17** until **Friday March 31**

**Starts at 6:30pm** after the Stations of the Cross

Free to join!  
Our Lady of the Rosary  
18 Vine St, Fairfield

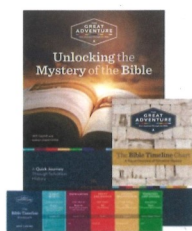


Presented by Charbel Raish

Many people want to read the Bible because they know it is God's Word, but they give up because it seems so complicated. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible helps you to get the "big picture" of the Bible by showing how fourteen narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church.

*"The effect on my parishioners has been wonderful: a deeper love for Christ, a deeper experience with the sacraments, and continued love for the Scriptures."*

—Fr. Becker



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## 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)

**Outside Office Hours:** Forms can be placed in the black lock box outside Parish Office during this time.

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

## Liturgy Corner

With Fr. Ben



*Question: How do we best prepare for Mass?*

**Answer:** Silence. While prayers said out loud certainly have a place in the devotional lives of the Faithful, it is encouraged to have a period of recollection prior to Mass, and a certain time of silent thanksgiving after Mass.

Not all prayers need to be said out loud. Having a profound silence before Mass makes us ready to receive Jesus in word and sacrament. It predisposes us towards the great mystery before us and focusses our minds and hearts to what He is offering us in that moment.

It would be rude to have a conversation with one person while another is trying to communicate with us, especially if it is important. Therefore, silence is listening, an attentive listening to God.



## 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)