



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

29th January, 2023 - Fourth 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 Tibebeselassie 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
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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 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

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.



Like our Parish Facebook page *Our Lady of the Rosary Fairfield Parish*

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

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Entrance Antiphon

Ps 105:47

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.

Seek the Lord
all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.
Seek integrity,
seek humility:
you may perhaps find shelter
on the day of the anger of the Lord.
In your midst I will leave
a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the
name of the Lord.
They will do no wrong,
will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.
But they will be able to graze and rest
with no one to disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10. R. Mt 5:3

(R.) Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Second Reading

1 Cor 1:26-31

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

God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Happy are the poor in spirit.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 30:17-18

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

We are looking to compile a Roster of Volunteers to lead the Stations of the Cross after the 9.30am & 6pm on Fridays during Lent. If you are interested please advise the Parish Office.



We Remember and Pray for

Recently Deceased: Cardinal George Pell, Maria Nguyen Thi Hien, Nicola Ali & Billy Leslie.

Anniversary of Death: Littorio Kenk.

In Loving Memory of: Carmel Windred, Anton Shehadeh Haddad, Joseph Pham Kim Chuc, Christine, Ashley & Brendan Aviet, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Charlie Camilleri, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantai, Vincenzo & Domenico Cagliastro & Norman & Gloria Ratcliffe.

Sick: 9 Year old Archer & Churchill Vanderwert.

Dear Friends,

It is a common custom that when a new national leader begins his or her term in office, they normally present an agenda or a vision that they believe the country should adopt during their administration. In the Gospel today we hear Jesus placing before the people his intentions concerning the Kingdom of Heaven. Mark and Matthew have Jesus briefly state his intention thus: **“Repent and believe in the good news, for the kingdom of Heaven (God) is close at hand”** [Mark 1:14; Matthew 4:17]. Luke has a broader statement: **‘The spirit of the Lord is on me...’** [4:18-19]. From all three Gospels we receive the impression that Jesus is heralding not only a new message but also a new era. After claiming that the people need to repent because of the closeness of the Kingdom of Heaven, Matthew has Jesus expand on the meaning of that statement, which begins with today’s Gospel passage – the Beatitudes [Matthew 5:1-12]. Jesus, according to Matthew is the new Moses bringing about a new Law, one which in using the Torah as its basis presents the world with a new series of challenges, which will be expanded upon over three chapters of his Gospel. The **‘blessedness’** that is referred to in the Beatitudes calls for a certain spirit by which a person can live. It calls for a particular way of viewing the world and of acting in it. The fact that each of the statements begins with the expression: **‘Blessed are...’** suggests that to be poor in spirit, to mourn, to be gentle etc. is a cause for **rejoicing**. In order to appreciate the fundamental significance of the values presented in the Beatitudes, we may need to hear them in a different way:

<i>Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven (v.3)</i>	The immense happiness and joy of the person who realises their own helplessness , while taking the risk of placing their complete trust in God , for they will be prepared to live in complete obedience and surrender to the One who calls them to be a citizen of the Kingdom here and now.
<i>Blessed are the meek (gentle), for they shall inherit the world. (v.4)</i>	The immense happiness and joy of those who can always be angry and the correct time , and those who are never angry at the wrong time . These are the people who can be capable of having every instinct, impulse and passion under control , simply because they allow themselves to be God-controlled . These are the people who will have the humility to realise their own ignorance, need for growth and weaknesses .
<i>Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. (v. 5)</i>	The immense happiness and joy of those whose hearts are touched and moved by the brokenness and suffering of the world and people around them, because out of their sorrow and empathy they will experience the joy , presence and mercy of their God.
<i>Blessed are those who hunger for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied (v. 6)</i>	The immense happiness and joy of those who long for the total righteousness of God’s ways , as one who is starving longs for food and as one whose throat is parched longs for water, for they will be satisfied .
<i>Blessed are the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them (v. 7)</i>	The immense happiness and joy of those who are able to reach inside of the lives of those around them: who are able to see with the eyes of others, to hear with the ears of others, to think with the thoughts of others, to feel with the thoughts of others. These people will find the joy of knowing what God has achieved in the life of his Son, Jesus Christ , and have the courage to live in the same way.
<i>Blessed are the pure in heart: they shall see God (v. 8).</i>	The immense happiness and joy of those who can act and live with pure intentions in every relationship – and not seek self-satisfaction by manipulating and controlling others and events. These people will be living the God life .
<i>Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be called the sons and daughters of God (v. 9).</i>	The immense happiness and joy of those who are able to produce the right relationship between people. These people will be truly doing God’s work .
<i>Blessed are those who are persecuted in the cause of righteousness: the kingdom of heaven is theirs. (v. 10)</i>	The immense happiness and joy of those who are prepared to be moved and disturbed by the elements of their faith . These people will have the courage to live the life of the Gospel values in imitation of the life of Jesus, and not be frightened if that life will bring them pain, suffering and isolation .

These values form the basis of the life of the disciple. Without these values we cannot live the life of the kingdom, let alone bring it to fruition. How are they present in my life? In the life of my family? My Parish?

Fr. Robert Bossini
Administrator



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Charbel Raish



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17th February
until 31st March

Starts at 6:30pm
after the Stations
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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
sacramental@olrfairfield.org.au

Blessing of Candles

On Thursday 2nd February (The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord) the Candle blessing will be held after the 8am Mass. Candles will be provided but also feel free to bring your own.



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.



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