



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

12th February, 2023 - Sixth 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
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 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

Cf. Ps 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading

Sir 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Second Reading

1 Cor 2:6-10

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

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation

See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 5:17-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Dear Friends,

Last week's Gospel [Matthew 5:13-16] was the beginning of a new section in the Sermon on the Mount, for here Jesus brings the elements of the Law into realistic and everyday situations. In being salt and light, our actions challenge people to take on the mission of Christ. In today's Gospel [Matthew 5:17-37] Jesus challenges us to evaluate our response to various realities.

He presents these in the form of antitheses: *'You have heard how it was said of our ancestors... but I say to you...'* In this way Jesus being true to his statement at the beginning of today's Gospel: *'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them'* [5:17]. He begins with the law that prohibits the killing of a person. Jesus then brings it back to a situation that if left unheeded may result in the physical harm of the other. Here he challenges us to consider the element of **'anger'** in our lives and relationships. We all have been angry with a particular person or group, and if our anger is not checked, then anger may turn to rage and we can find ourselves wanting to physically assault another person. Jesus here attempts at challenging us to do all we can to curb our anger against another person – to come to terms with them. If we do not, then even our participation in community worship will be affected.

The teaching that Jesus presents in today's Gospel build on three of the Beatitudes –blessed are the pure of heart [v. 8]; blessed are the peacemakers [v 9] blessed are the those persecuted for righteousness [v.10];

Jesus then takes up the situation of **adultery** and **divorce**. Here he states that if we entertain and deepen our lustful thoughts towards another, then we are committing adultery in our hearts, simply because such unchecked feelings can result in the abusive treatment of another person. Here Jesus is challenging the presence of jealousy, coveting of another, and lust as the basis for adultery and even the breakdown of marriages.

Lastly he speaks of the various oaths that can be stated as assurance of our **honesty**. Jesus states that we should simply go about fulfilling all that we say we are going to do without swearing any oath or promise in order to fulfil it. We need to realise our potential in achieving the things we say we are going to attempt. If we know that a situation is too hard for us then we should not attempt it all, instead of vowing that we will be able to fulfil something beyond our means. Our honesty and truthfulness is at stake here.

The elements touched upon here by Jesus brings to mind the theme put forward in our first reading today from Ecclesiasticus [14:15-20], where the author highlights the element of free will given to us by God. We need to choose wisely in our actions: *'Man has life and death before him; whichever he prefers better will be given him'* [15:17]. The challenge of today's Gospel is that we need to think, choose and respond to situations according to the mind of God. Our free will – our conscience – needs to be well informed and prolific in the ways of God. Through prayer and reflection on the Scriptures we come to know God's will a little better and we place ourselves in a better position to act in a Godlike manner. The onus is on us to respond wholeheartedly to God's grace.

Fr Robert Bossini
Administrator

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



We ask Parishioners to please bring in last years' Palms for burning, so that they can be used for ashes on Ash Wednesday.



We Remember and Pray for

Recently Deceased: Judy Singh, Abdul Amir Daher, Hedwig Hille, Maria Nguyen Thi Hien & all the victims of the recent earthquake.

Anniversary of Death: Benito Cansino Jr, Marino B Mapagu, John Almeida, Frank Treccase, Marie Fiore-Maria V. Zaccardi, Wiktor Zezula, Maria Thi Nguyen, Ashley Aviet & Bonaria Borra.

In Loving Memory of: Corazon Guiab, Domenica Cagliostro, Joseph Pham Kim Chuc, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Charlie Camilleri, Carmel Windred, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantai, Giuseppe & Vincenza Gagliano, Domenico Marzano, Vincenza Cagliostro, Michael Pham Liem Cu, Richard Zamirowski, Fred Sulikowski, Paolinia Climich, Antonio Kenk, Henry Rodrigues, Mateo Treccase, Caterina Bartone, Salvatore Bartone & Maria Morabito.

Sick: 9 Year old Archer.



Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

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OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, FAIRFIELD
18 VINE ST, FAIRFIELD



Presented by
Charbel Raish



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EVERY FRIDAY
17th February
until 31st March

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




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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023
PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
WED 15TH FEBRUARY

Location: HARRINGTON HALL (PARISH HALL)
Time: 6:30pm

At least one parent/caregiver of children enrolled in the Sacramental Program **MUST** attend the Information Night to receive important information about the sessions, including allocated class times.

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



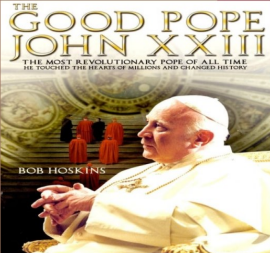
ALL ARE WELCOME!

MOVIE NIGHT

When :
SATURDAY, 25th February
7:30PM (AFTER THE 6PM MASS)

Where:
Harrington Hall,
2 Weston St.
Fairfield

**FOOD AND DRINKS
WILL BE PROVIDED**



**THE GOOD POPE
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THE MOST REVOLUTIONARY POPE OF ALL TIME
HE TOUCHED THE HEARTS OF MILLIONS AND CHANGED HISTORY
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Must RSVP at
events@olrfairfield.org.au
OR 0491 602 332

Please note the first 'Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible' session commences at 6.30pm on Friday the 17th of February, a week before Lent starts.

Marriage Enrichment Session

*Marriage in the Catholic Church is
a union between man and woman
It is the beginning of a life-long commitment
that mirrors the covenant
between God and His Church*



worldwide
**marriage
encounter**

We welcome all couples to a fun afternoon.

Those married for 1 year to 50 years
Even those thinking of getting married

Date: Sunday, 12 March 2023

After 10.30 am mass

Time: 12.00 to 2.00 pm

This event is FREE
Coffee/Tea/Refreshments will be provided

Venue: Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Parish, 18 Vine Street,
Fairfield, NSW

Title: THE VOW

Presenters: Anne & Eddie Ferry

Please RSVP by Sunday, 5 March 2023
Contact: events@olrfairfield.org.au
Mobile: 0491 602 332



A good marriage is the heart of the family