



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

26th February, 2023 - First Sunday Lent - 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 Officer: (PSSO)
Florbela Caxala
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

Fairfield Montessori Academy Childcare Centre

20 Vine Street, Fairfield Tel: (02) 1300 000 162

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.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

First Reading

Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3

(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading

Rom 5:12-19

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not certain that one man,

Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
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Gospel

Mt 4:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,
and they will support you on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 4:4

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

We Remember and Pray for

Recently Deceased: Lan Hiong Lie,

Anniversary of Death: David Jug & Domenico Giuliano

In Loving Memory of: Mary Borg, Christine, Ashley & Brendan Aviet, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Charlie Camilleri, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantai, Vincenzo & Vincenza Cagliostro, Domenico Marzano, Carmel Windred, Joseph Phan Kim Chuc. & Andrea So & Ose (So Si Beng)

Sick: 9 Year old Archer.

Birthday Thanksgiving: Leonora Badillos

Dear Friends,

We are at the beginning of another season on Lent. It is a time when we are invited on a journey of renewal, recovery, repentance and hope. The Liturgy of the Word for the **Mass of Ash Wednesday**, that we celebrated just a few days ago for the beginning of Lent places before us the elements we need in order to ensure that these next forty days are indeed days of spiritual renewal. On that day, the prophet **Joel** reminds us that we need to return to the Lord with our *'hearts broken, not our garments torn'*. In other words, Lent calls us firstly to an interior journey into self which leads to a transformation and renewal which is exhibited in our actions. Lent is a time for looking inwards in order for us to truly be *ambassadors for Christ* as Paul reminds us in the second reading.

The Gospel for Ash Wednesday [**Matthew 6:1-6.16-18**] offers us three areas to consider for our Lenten journey: **prayer, fasting and almsgiving**. Primarily our involvement in these areas is to give praise to our God, not to receive accolades from others. **Prayer** should be a fundamental part of our spiritual lives. Lent can be an opportune time for us to deepen and renew our prayer if in fact we find that it is not as strong and prominent as it should be. Lent can be a time when I can take stock of my prayer habits: when do I pray? How effective is my prayer? How centred on life is my prayer? Is there anything I can do to allow my prayer to be more effective in my life?

Fasting is an aspect of spiritual life that we can take for granted. We often associate it with 'giving up something' – food, drink or some form of entertainment. As good and beneficial as it is to give up some foods or drink, perhaps this Lent we can look at 'giving up' an area or aspect of my life which can be addictive: do I spend too much time in front of the computer surfing the internet or playing games? Do I spend too many hours in front of the TV? Do I spend too much time away from family and friends? Do I spend too much time at work or in other activities that take me away from my basic relationships and responsibilities?

Almsgiving has always been a basic and fundamental charitable work among Christians. It is a wholesome way of bettering the lives of those less fortunate than myself. My contribution to Project Compassion is a viable way of achieving this. I can choose a particular charity and either financially assist it or give of my time and talent to its work. I can estimate the financial saving of my fasting during Lent and contribute that to either Project Compassion or to another charity. These are practical ways of being involved in almsgiving during Lent.

On this first Sunday of Lent we are presented with Matthew's version of the Temptation of Jesus in the desert [**Matthew 4:1-11**]. Here we see Jesus preparing himself for his public ministry, spending forty days and night in solitude and prayer, reminiscent of the Israelites wandering in the desert after their liberation from Egypt. We see the Devil trying to persuade Jesus from commencing his

ministry, subtly tempting him with various means. Each time Jesus is tempted he drives Satan away by quoting Scripture, a sure indication and challenge to us of the effectiveness of God's word in combating evil. It is also a reminder to us that Satan comes to us when we are most vulnerable, as he did with Jesus, tempting firstly with food when he had fasted for a considerable time. Lent is then a time for us to spiritually reinforce our lives so that the element of vulnerability does not give way to sin and evil. It is a time when we begin a movement that allows 'Freedom from' -sin, temptation etc to a 'freedom for' – a greater responsiveness to being a follower of Christ. May this Lent be a time of prayer, fasting and good works for us in our spiritual journey.

Fr Robert Bossini,
Administrator

Lenten Days of Penance

Abstinence from meat, and fasting, must be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain. On all other Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

(a) prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.

(b) self-denial – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country; limiting use of social media, smart phones or television.

© helping others – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

LENT LASTS FROM ASH WEDNESDAY (22nd FEBRUARY) TO THE MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (6th APRIL). ON GOOD FRIDAY AND, IF POSSIBLE, ALSO ON HOLY SATURDAY UNTIL THE EASTER VIGIL, THE EASTER FAST IS OBSERVED.

Fairfield Council DA 97.2/2018

If you wish to make an objection to the above application because of concerns about the safety of parishioners and our children due to Weston Street becoming overdeveloped, forms are available in the Church Foyer and the Parish Office.

You only need to fill in your name, the date, sign the document, and return the completed form to the Parish Office.

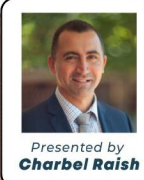


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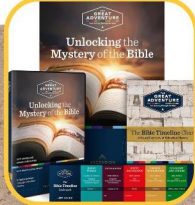


JOIN US FOR THIS BIBLE STUDY!

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



Presented by
Charbel Raish



EVERY FRIDAY
17th February
until 31st March

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

ASCENSION

PAROUSIA

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Lenten Timetable

Friday 17 th February, 2023		6.30pm 'Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible' Session 1
Friday 24 th February, 2023	Confessions available 6.00pm – 6.30pm	6.00pm Stations of the Cross followed by 'Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible' Session 2
Friday 3 rd March, 2023	Confessions available 6.00pm – 6.30pm	6.00pm Stations of the Cross followed by 'Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible' Session 3
Friday 10 th March, 2023	Confessions available 6.00pm – 6.30pm	6.00pm Stations of the Cross followed by 'Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible' Session 4
Friday 17 th March, 2023	Confessions available 6.00pm – 6.30pm	6.00pm Stations of the Cross followed by 'Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible' Session 5
Friday 24 th March, 2023	Confessions available 6.00pm – 6.30pm	6.00pm Stations of the Cross followed by 'Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible' Session 6
Friday 31 st March, 2023	Confessions available 6.00pm – 6.30pm	6.00pm Stations of the Cross followed by 'Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible' Session 7

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*



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,
Harrington Hall, 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

THANKSGIVING

ROBERT & IRENE TAYLOR



CELEBRATING 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

ON 24TH FEBRUARY 2023



Our Lady of the
Rosary Parish

★★★★★
ALL ARE WELCOME!

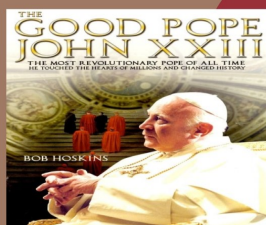
MOVIE NIGHT

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

Where:
'Divine Mercy Room'
2 Weston St.
Fairfield

FOOD AND DRINKS
WILL BE PROVIDED

Must RSVP at
events@olrfairfield.org.au
OR 0491 602 332



Caritas
AUSTRALIA



First Sunday of Lent 25 & 26 February

Laxmi, 16, lives in Jajarkot, a remote district in Nepal where almost half of the population live below the poverty line. Tragedy struck when Laxmi was 10 years old and her father passed away. Her father worked hard to pay for his children's education and after losing him Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty.



With the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club at her school where she was encouraged to resume her education. Through the child's club, Laxmi developed the skills and confidence to become a leader, advocating for clean water taps at her school.

Laxmi is now excelling in her studies and working towards her dream of becoming a civil engineer. She continues to be involved in the child's club, serving as an advisor and mentoring the next generation of young leaders at her old school.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.