

# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

26th March, 2023 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - 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  
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 Officer: (PSSO)**  
Florbela Caxala  
[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'Abbrera 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

### 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](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.**

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year A

### First Reading

Is 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me  
a disciple's tongue.

So that I may know how to reply to the wearied  
he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear,  
to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

### Second Reading

Phil 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*

His state was divine,  
yet Christ Jesus did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,

and became as men are,  
and being as all men are,

he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.

But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings

in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus

and that every tongue should acclaim

Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### Gospel Acclamation

Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
Christ became obedient for us even to death  
dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high  
and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### Gospel

Mt 27:11-54

*The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew*

Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate, the governor, and the governor put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Jesus replied, 'It is you who say it.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to

answer at all. Pilate then said to him, 'Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?' But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?' For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message, 'Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.'

The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' they said 'Barabbas'. 'But in that case,' Pilate said to them 'what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?' They all said, 'Let him be crucified!' 'Why?' he asked 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Let him be crucified!' Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said, 'I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.' And the people, to a man, shouted back, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort around him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him.

Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said 'So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days!

Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!' The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. He is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, "I am the son of God."' Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why, have you deserted me? When some of those who stood there heard this, they said, 'The man is calling on Elijah

and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. 'Wait!' said the rest of them 'and see if Elijah will come to save him.' But Jesus again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people. Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said, 'In truth this was a son of God.'

### Communion Antiphon

Mt 26:42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Dear Friends,

With this Sunday's liturgy we enter into the most sacred and solemn week of the Church's year. It is begun amid the 'Hosannas' of Palm Sunday and ends with the 'Alleluias' of Easter. In between, we are invited to journey with Jesus to Jerusalem, and more especially to Calvary and to the Empty Tomb and the Upper Room.

It becomes an invitation for us to see how we have progressed during this time of Lent. On **Ash Wednesday** we were marked with the ashes on our foreheads while the minister challenged us to 'Repent and turn to the Gospel'. We were encouraged to utilise the means of prayer, fasting and alms-giving as ways of deepening our need for repentance and mission. As we come to a conclusion of the Lenten period this coming Wednesday, we need to ask ourselves what place has repentance had in these last forty days? Have I grown closer to the Gospels during this time, using them in my prayer and spiritual reading? If we have repented of our sins and grown closer to God through his word, then Lent has been a successful journey for us. We are in the right frame of mind to celebrate the mysteries of Easter.

Over these last five Sundays of Lent we have been presented with many scenes from the life and ministry of Jesus – his **Temptation** in the desert, his **Transfiguration**, the encounter with the **Samaritan woman**, the healing of the **man born blind** and the raising of **Lazarus**. The first two weeks encouraged us to consider the presence of temptation in our lives and the need for us to be more transformed into the person of Christ. The last three Sunday Gospels have shown us how we can achieve that transformation – by removing the barriers that stand between us and a deep faith in Christ and to see in Jesus the source of **living water**, the **light of the world** and the **Resurrection and the Life**.

I invite you to allow yourselves to be drawn into the profound mysteries celebrated during the **Holy Triduum (Holy Thursday through to the Easter Vigil)**. Allow yourselves to be with Jesus in the upper room on Thursday night as he calls us to service and ministry through the washing of the feet, the institution of the Eucharist and Priesthood; to sense some of his desolation and abandonment at the Garden of Gethsemane and on the road to Calvary; to experience the disillusionment of the disciples as they feel the death of Jesus, and then to relive the joy of their encounter with the Risen Lord and the power,

commitment and challenge that comes from that encounter.

Emeritus Pope Benedict reminded us in his 2011 Lenten letter that in '*the Lenten journey...we are invited to contemplate the Mystery of the Cross*', as means of reproducing within us the pattern of his death (**Phil 3:10**). Calvary is truly the greatest moment of God's love for us. As we contemplate the events of Calvary and the victory over death on Easter we can recall with great solace the words of Pope Francis: '**God's mercy is greater than any sin we may have committed.**' If sin still has a hold on us, may we take the steps these coming days to repent, move towards saving words of the Gospel and celebrate these sacred days in purity of heart. May these coming days be sacred, solemn, holy and challenging for us!

Fr Robert Bossini  
Administrator

*Dear Parishioners,*

*Please avoid parking your vehicle in a dangerous non-parking zone within the parish car park. If the parish car park is full, please try parking on Weston St (during the legal parking times), or the RSL car park. Thank you for your cooperation. God bless*

### Marriage Encounter Weekend

Come to a Marriage Encounter Weekend  
*to learn together to live your best life in love!*



*When: 14-16 April 2023*

*Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW 2566*

Book online at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or email: [nswbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:nswbookings@wwme.org.au)

### Parish Office Closure Over Easter

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday 7th April & on Easter Monday 10th April 2023. Please call the emergency Mb. 0488 693 482 for urgent matters.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Jim O'Connor, Maria Dora Gabriel, Aloma Pospischil, Francesca Monte, Debby Nicholls, Maria Nguyen Thi Hien & Oscar De Silva.

**Anniversary of Death:** Stanley & Norman Small, Michael Pham Kim Ro, Marcia Stevenson, Maria Tran Thi Le Son & James Coulson.

**In Loving Memory of:** Carmel Windred, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Deceased Aviet family, Domenico Marzano, Charlie Camilleri, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantai, Vincenza & Giuseppe Gagliano, Vincenzo & Vincenza Cagliostro, Bedour & Jamil Sadiq & Joseph Pham Kim Chuc.

**Sick:** 9 Year old Archer, Stella Cachia, Maria Ly Pham & Connie & Antonio.

# Liturgy Corner

With Fr. Ben



*Question: Sometimes the offertory prayers are said silently. Why is this?*

Answer: Really, it depends on the priest. It is up to the priest's discretion to say them audibly or not. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal says: "the priest *may* say the formulas of blessing aloud" (GIRM, 142).

The offertory prayers may be said silently not only because they are traditionally prayed silently, but the silence is an opportunity to fruitfully meditate on the readings, gospel, and homily.

If the priest does say them silently, the Faithful *do not* respond with the normal responses aloud. The Faithful are not being deprived if the priest does or does not say them aloud.

Our Lady of the Rosary invites you to celebrate Easter with us!

9th April, SUNDAY  
10am-12:30pm

**EASTER MORNING TEA** ALL ARE WELCOME

WHERE: HARRINGTON HALL, PARISH HALL (20 VINE STREET)

EASTER EGG HUNT AND PRIZES FOR THE KIDS AND YOUTH

SIGNUP REQUIRED:  
RSVP by the 1st of April by email or Register at the Parish Office.

TO REGISTER, CONTACT KATHRYN:  
EVENTS@OLRFAIRFIELD.ORG.AU  
0491 602 332



## Sixth Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday) 1st & 2nd April

Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. In recent years, COVID-19 has also devastated vulnerable communities already living in poverty, with the health and economic impacts to reverberate for years to come.



It's through the generous support of people like you that we are able to continue to help lift vulnerable communities out of poverty – support that is needed now more than ever.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting or by calling 1800 024 413.

## OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, FAIRFIELD HOLY WEEK & EASTER TRIDUUM 2023



### Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup>: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

6.00pm: Vigil Mass in English (Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April)  
7.30am: Mass in Polish  
9.00am: Mass in English (preceded by Blessing of palms & Procession)  
10.30am: Mass in English (preceded by Blessing of palms & Procession)  
4.30pm: Mass in Vietnamese (preceded by Procession @ 4.15pm)  
6.00pm: Mass in English (preceded by Blessing of palms & Procession)

### Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup>

9.30am: Mass  
7.00pm: Mass

### Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup>

9.30am: Mass  
7.00pm: Mass

### Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup>

9.30am: Mass

### Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>

#### **No morning Parish Mass**

10.30am: Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral  
5.00pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper (in Vietnamese)  
7.30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper & Procession to the Altar of Repose, Stripping of the Altar and Reflection till 11.30pm

**Confessions after Mass: Fr Bob Bossini (Reconciliation Room); Fr Andrew Fu (Sacristy); Fr Ben Gandy (Sanctuary)**

### Friday April 7<sup>th</sup>: GOOD FRIDAY

10.00am: Stations of the Cross (in English)  
11.00am: Stations of the Cross (In Vietnamese)  
3.00pm: Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (in English)  
5.00pm: Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (in Vietnamese)

### Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup>: EASTER VIGIL

9.30am: Food Blessing (Polish Community)  
10.30am: Tenebrae (with Divine Office)  
6.00pm: Easter Vigil (in English)  
8.30pm: Vigil (in Vietnamese)

### Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>: Easter Sunday

7.30am: Mass in Polish  
9.00am: Mass in English  
10.30am: Mass in English  
4.30pm: Mass in Vietnamese

**No Evening Mass in English**

**No Evening Masses on Monday April 10<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup>**