



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

9th April, 2023 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection 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'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

### 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.**

## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - Year A

### Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 138:18,5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.  
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

### First Reading Acts 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.

### Second Reading Col 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

### Gospel Acclamation 1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

**Jn 20:1-9**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

### Communion Antiphon 1 Cor 5:7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;  
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

### Parish Office Closure Over Easter

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed 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, Debby Nicholls & Maria Nguyen Thi Hien.

**Anniversary of Death:** Jadwiga Zamirowska.

**In Loving Memory of:** Kwiateka deceased family members, Oscar De Silva, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Charlie Camilleri, Nick Ali, Domenico Marzano, Vincenza & Giuseppe Gagliano, Christine, Ashley & Brendan Aviet, Louis & Stephen Mula, deceased members of the Mula, Vella & Cannazuki families, Carmel Windred, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantai, Joseph Pham Kim Chuc, Frank Treccase, Caterina Bartone, Salvatore Bartone, Mateo Treccase & Maria Morabito.

**Sick:** Stella Cachia & Maria Ly Pham.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today we celebrate the great solemnity of Easter - a time when ***“God our Father by raising Christ...has conquered the power of death and opened for us the way to eternal life”*** (Collect for Easter Sunday morning Mass). Knowing and living by this fact we can indeed proclaim the words of the Responsorial Psalm for today: ***‘This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad’.***

The basis for our ***rejoicing*** and ***gladness*** is indeed the fact that through the Resurrection, the power of death over us has been overcome. This does not mean that there will be no more occurrence of suffering, pain or death in our life. It means that death does not have the final say in our lives anymore. It means that we can, through the power of the Risen Christ, overcome the weaknesses, disillusionments and disappointments of life.

The celebration of Easter challenges us to live out in our lives the power of the Paschal Mystery – the suffering, death and Resurrection of Christ. It urges us to recognise that we have to live out the pattern of Jesus suffering and death in order for us to live and be affected by the power of His Resurrection. The **letter to the Philippians** takes up this theme as it states: ... ***‘that I may come to know him and the power of his resurrection, and partake of his sufferings by being moulded to the pattern of his death...’*** [3:10].

We need to recognise that the pattern of the Paschal Mystery is imbedded in our lives: joy, suffering, disillusionment, death and a new beginning or resurrection. We experience this in all elements of our life – especially in our relationships. I invite you to read and meditate on **Luke 24:13-35 [Gospel reading for Easter Sunday evening Mass]**, the Gospel that depicts the disciples leaving Jerusalem and heading back to Emmaus full of disillusionment and despair as they believe that their hopes and dreams have been erased with the death of Jesus. So great is their despair that they fail to even recognise him as he appears to them on the road. It is only at the breaking of the bread that they recognise who he is. On the way they find that their hearts are burning within them as they hear Jesus expound the Scriptures. This is what Easter faith is all about – our not being overcome by despair but seeing in Jesus the reason for our hope and life. Without the hope of, and in, Christ’s Resurrection, then this experience can usually end with despair and death. The Easter story challenges us to see that this pattern of suffering, death and new life can be experienced in all aspects of our life. With our faith and hope in the power of Jesus’ Resurrection we can overcome all aspects of sin, disillusionment and even death. This is indeed the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in him! May the renewal and spiritual advances made during our Lenten journey deepen and strengthen

our faith in this reality. May the Risen Christ and the power of his Resurrection be with you today and always.

**Fr Bob Bossini**  
**Administrator**

***Dear Parishioners,***



***Please Note!***

***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)

Dear Parishioners,

Just a reminder that the **7pm Mass will not be** held on Monday 10th April or Tuesday 11th April, 2023.

### **Vine Street Footpath works!**

Please be aware that Council works will commence on the 11th April for 3 weeks from 8pm—5am for upgrading of the footpath on Vine Street.

**MOVIE NIGHT**

14TH APRIL  
FRIDAY, 6:30PM  
PARISH HALL

FOOD AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED

RSVP KATHRYN AT 0491-602-332  
EVENTS@OLRAIRFIELD.ORG.AU

Our Lady of the Rosary



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

**Caritas AUSTRALIA** **PROJECT COMPASSION**  
FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

**Easter Sunday - 9th April**

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia! Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

**Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2023 Lenten appeal.**

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Your can donate through Project Compassion boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) 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>**