



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

16th April, 2023 - Second Sunday of Easter - 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.



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.**

## Second Sunday of Easter - Year A

### Entrance Antiphon

1 Pt 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

### First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.*

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.

### Second Reading

1 Pt 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

*He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

## Gospel Acclamation

Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

## Gospel

Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.  
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

## Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,  
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

### Spanish Group

Just a reminder that the Spanish Group meets every Saturday in the Divine Mercy Room from 12.00pm - 2.00pm.

Dear Friends in Christ,

The theme of **'community'** is central to today's liturgy. We read in the **Acts of the Apostles** of the fidelity that marked the early Christian community – a fidelity to the **'teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers'** [Acts 2:42]. For the term **'teaching of the apostles'** we can read: **'the apostolic activity which continues the ministry of Jesus'**; for **'the brotherhood'**, we can read: **'a spiritual communion which allows for the sharing not only of material, but also spiritual goods and gifts'**; for the **'breaking of bread'** we can read: **'the Eucharistic presence of Christ' in the communal celebration of Mass**. This fidelity is enhanced and strengthened through a consistent and ongoing **prayer life**, both individual and communal. The example of such a faith-filled community allowed people to consider their lifestyle and want to be part of it. It can become for us a way in which we can examine our loyalty to the level of spiritual communion that is evident in our parish community.

St. Peter in the Second Reading [1 Peter 1:3-9] speaks of our new life in the Risen Christ. He speaks of a faith that will allow the power of God to protect us until the end of time. Is this a faith that marks out our individual and communal life? Do we need to adjust our life in this regard?

The Gospel today [John 20:19-31] has that familiar scene of Thomas doubting not only the vision of Jesus which the others had on the first day of the week – Easter Sunday, but in some ways doubting the very fact of the Resurrection, a central and fundamental item of faith for a Christian. Note then what the community does. There is no hint of dismissal or abandonment on their part of such an upstart and apparent non-believer, in the reaction of Thomas to the news of Jesus' appearance. In the ensuing time between the two appearances of Jesus in this Gospel passage, one would assume that Thomas was 'instructed' and prayed over by and with, the others. He was accompanied in true communal love by his community. The strong sense of community allowed Thomas to then make his deep statement of faith: **'My Lord and my God'**. [John 20:28].

On this Sunday, **Divine Mercy Sunday and the day on which John Paul II was beatified**, we are asked to consider the level of our fidelity to the ways of Jesus and the way we are instruments of God's divine mercy. The words of Jesus in today's Gospel are addressed to us: **'Happy are those who have not seen and yet still believe'** [John 20:29]. Here Jesus is speaking about us. We have not seen with our eyes the Risen Lord, but we still believe. Our being part of a practical faith community allows our faith in the Risen Lord to deepen. May

Jesus, who showed such great mercy and love to Thomas, be with us in our times of doubt and uncertainty, to bring us to faith in his Resurrection!

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

### 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.

**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.**

### We Remember and Pray for

**Recently Deceased:** Jim O'Connor, Gabriel, Aloma Pospischil & Maria Nguyen Thi Hien.

**Anniversary of Death:** Dimitri Makkar, Gabrielle & Robert Raicevich, Neil Land & Anna Russo.

**In Loving Memory of:** Manuella Russo, Pitro George-seu, Joseph Binh Chanh Lam, Maria Thuc Trinh Dang, Dominic Tung Phuong Lam, Anton Sy Phuong Lam, Carmen Windred, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantai, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Charlie Camilleri, Giacomo Uglietta & Raffaele Uglietta, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Bedour & Jamil Sadiq, Joseph Pham Kim Chuc, Domenico Marzano, Kwiateka deceased family members, Oscar De Silva, Frank Treccase, Caterina Bartone, Salvatore Bartone, Mateo Treccase & Maria Morabito.

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

### Soup Kitchen

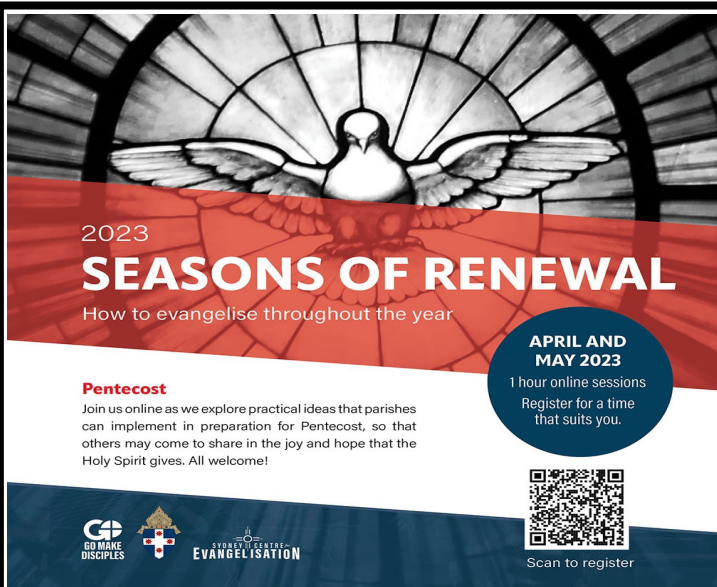


Oakdene Kitchen will be opening on **Tuesday 2nd May**.

Oakdene Kitchen will be open for lunches every **Tuesday & Thursday from 12pm – 2pm** offering hot nutritious meals to those in need. The kitchen is located in Shop 9/2 Dale St Fairfield.

Please pass on the details if you know anyone you think may need support.






2023  
**SEASONS OF RENEWAL**  
How to evangelise throughout the year

**Pentecost**  
Join us online as we explore practical ideas that parishes can implement in preparation for Pentecost, so that others may come to share in the joy and hope that the Holy Spirit gives. All welcome!

**APRIL AND MAY 2023**  
1 hour online sessions  
Register for a time that suits you.



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Join us online as we explore practical ideas that parishes can implement in preparation for Pentecost, so that others may come to share in the joy and hope that the Holy Spirit gives. All welcome!

Sessions available are as follows:

Thursday 20 April, 7:30 – 8:30pm

Wednesday 3 May, 2 – 3pm

Thursday 4 May, 7:30 – 8:30pm

To register go to:

<https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/portfolio-item/seasons-of-renewal-pentecost/?>

## Liturgy Corner

With Fr. Ben

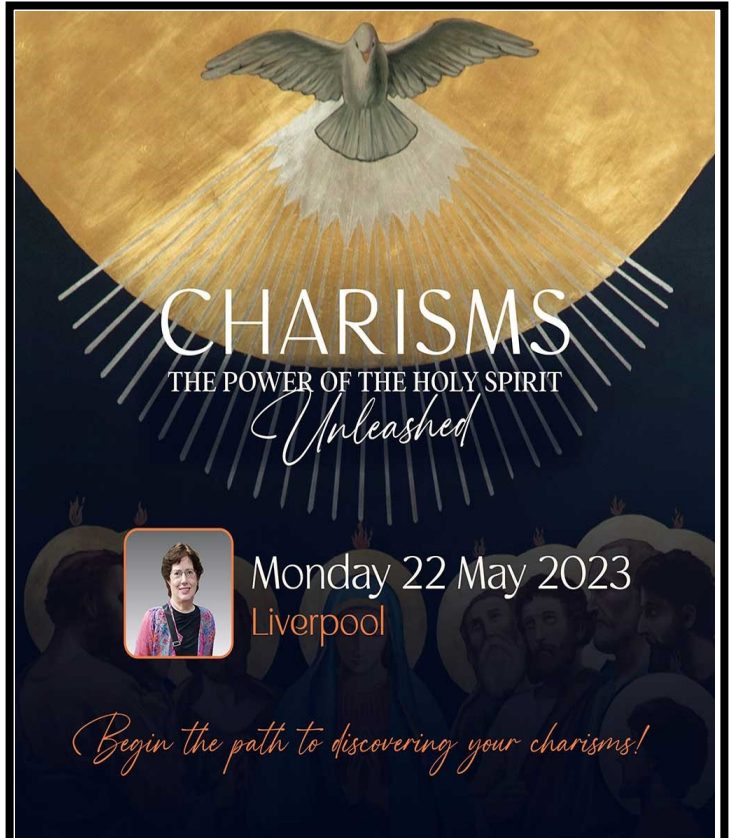


*Question: What are the customs surrounding reception of Holy Communion?*


Answer: A long as the Faithful are properly disposed (i.e., in a state of grace), and nothing prohibits them from receiving Holy Communion, the Faithful may choose one of two ways to receive Holy Communion – all things being equal.

Since 1975, Catholics in Australia have been granted permission by the Holy See to receive Holy Communion on the hand. This is an indult, which means it is an exception to the custom or rule prior and was not intended to replace the traditional custom of reception on the tongue.

This is also to say that reception on the tongue, kneeling or not, is also a good thing. It stops particles of the host spreading, or desecration.



**CHARISMS**  
THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
*Unleashed*



Monday 22 May 2023  
Liverpool

*Begin the path to discovering your charisms!*

## Charisms

The Power of the Holy Spirit Unleashed

Presented by Sherry Weddell

Wednesday 24 May 2023 | 7:00pm – 9:00pm

(Doors open at 6:00pm)

ACU Strathfield Campus | 25A Barker Rd, Strathfield NSW 2135

Join Sherry Weddell, international speaker and author of 'Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus', for an evening dedicated to exploring the power of the Holy Spirit working in our lives and renewing the Church for mission. Endowed with spiritual gifts, each of us is chosen by God in a special way to witness to Christ in the world and to build His Kingdom here on earth.

*This event is for those aged 18 years and above.*

Cost: \$30 plus booking fees. Refreshments served from 6:00pm – 6:45pm.

To register go to:

<https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/portfolio-item/charisms-the-power-of-the-holy-spirit-unleashed-presented-by-sherry-weddell/?portfolioCats=46%2C49%2C50%2C48>