



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

23rd April, 2023 - Third 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 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](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 Mb. 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.**

### Third Sunday of Easter - Year A

#### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

#### First Reading

Acts 2:14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.*

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,  
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.  
So my heart was glad  
and my tongue cried out with joy:  
my body, too, will rest in the hope  
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades  
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.  
You have made known the way of life to me,  
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

#### Second Reading

1 Pt 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

*The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.*

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in

God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

#### Gospel Acclamation

See Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.  
Alleluia!

#### Gospel

Lk 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.*

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

#### Communion Antiphon

Lk 24:35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus  
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Dear Friends,

The Gospel for the **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Easter** presents us with a literal masterpiece. It is the story of the disciples on the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus, and is only found in Luke's Gospel [**Luke 24:13-35**]. Amid the joy and exaltation that we find in these Easter stories of the appearance of the Risen Jesus to his disciples, this episode begins with doubt, fear and even desolation. But it is a story of transformation – one that can occur when one has experienced a personal encounter with Jesus.

Consider for a moment the state of these disciples – Cleopas and the other unnamed. They were returning to the hometown, Emmaus, some seven miles from Jerusalem. They had placed their hopes in the person of Jesus, as the one who was to set them free from all their 'captivities': political, moral, civil and economic that they had experienced through the Roman occupation of their homeland. We have the impression that they were in Jerusalem and would have seen the crucifixion of Jesus. Now they are returning home disillusioned, holding only the memory of the humiliated and crucified Jesus. So great is their despair that they do not even recognise Jesus who walks alongside them. [**v15-24**]

Consider now the actions of Jesus. He does not rebuke them for their lack of faith in His promises, although his words towards them are harsh – '**you foolish men! So slow to believe all that the prophets have said**' [v. 25]. He simply allows them to continue with their story. Only then does he weave the elements of His story – the Scriptures – into their experiences. The burning sensation within their hearts allows them to eventually recognise him in the **breaking of the bread**. Here significantly, as the travellers offer hospitality to Jesus, it is Jesus who acts as host to them in the breaking of bread.

The story of the road to Emmaus becomes, then, more than just a story of the appearance of the Risen Jesus. It is a paradigm for the Church and for our ministry. Countless times when we encounter people disillusioned with aspects of the faith or life in general, it is advantageous to allow them to recount their experiences, rather than have them receive a lecture. In such cases it is more beneficial to listen than to speak. In our ministry it is central for us to recognise the dual role of **Scripture** and **the Sacraments**. Armed with these two fundamental elements of our ministry and Church life, we walk alongside other disillusioned and hurt pilgrims, offering them the hope found in the Risen Christ. As we hear again the story of the Emmaus road, we can ask ourselves: **Do we recognise Jesus in our attempts to "feed" others? Do we recognise Jesus when others attempt to do the same for us? In what ways or experiences do I recognise or fail to recognise the presence of Jesus? Do I receive encouragement while I remain in the presence of the Eucharistic Lord in the Blessed Sacrament?**

May we continue to experience the presence and

power of the Risen Christ in our lives, especially when those moments of doubt and disillusionment occur in our own lives and those of our fellow travellers.

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

**Dear Parishioners,**

***Please be advised that the Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 25.4.23 - Anzac Day. For urgent matters please ring the emergency Mb. No 0488 693 482.***

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

**Recently Deceased:** Jim O'Connor, Aloma Pospischil, Maria Nguyen Thi Hien, Oscar Da Silva & Jozefa Cyganiuk.

**Anniversary of Death:** Giacomo-Raffaele Uglieta & Steve Rehu.

**In Loving Memory of:** Littorio Kenk, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantai, Vincenza & Vincenzo Cagliostro, Charlie Camilleri, Harold Aviet, Elizabeth Sapienza, Carmel Windred, Joseph Pham Kim Chuc, Domenico Marzano, Kwiateka deceased family members, Frank Treccase, Caterina Bartone, Salvatore Bartone, Mateo Treccase & Maria Morabito.

### **No 7pm evening Mass on Anzac Day 25.4.23**

Please note that on Tuesday the 25.4.23, (Anzac Day Public Holiday) there will be **no 7pm evening Mass**. Thanks & God bless!



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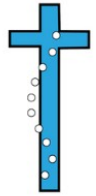
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