



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

30th April, 2023 - Fourth 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
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 Mb. 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.

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Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia

First Reading

Acts 2:14. 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1

R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading

1 Pt 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 10:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gate-keeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.
All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.
I am the gate.
Anyone who enters through me will be safe:
he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.
The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.
I have come
so that they may have life
and have it to the full.'

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

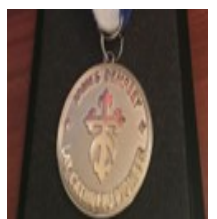
We Remember and Pray for

Recently Deceased: Stella Cachia, Aida Dibb, John D'Souza, Oscar Da Silva & Jozefa Cyganiuk.

Anniversary of Death: Giacomo-Raffaele Uglieta & Steve Rehu, Concetta Filippini & Jozef Muchen.

In Loving Memory of: Anna Phan, Doreen Blackhall, Domenico Cagliostro, Carmel Windred, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Charlie Camilleri, Giacomo Uglietta, Raffaele Uglietta, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantai, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Littorio Kenk, Vincenza & Vincenzo Cagliostro, Harold Aviet, Elizabeth Sapienza, Joseph Pham Kim Chuc & Domenico Marzano.

On behalf of the Parish Community, we would like to congratulate Mr. Lich Thanh Phan for being awarded 'The Dempsey Medal' in recognition for the work he does for OLR parish and the Vietnamese Community. The Medal will be presented to him by the Archbishop at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 21st May, 2023 at the 10.30am Mass. Parishioners are welcome to attend.



Dear Friends,

Today's Gospel [John 10:1-10] is part of a longer section from John's Gospel – 9:1-10:21, which has Jesus in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Tabernacles, an agricultural feast celebrated before the new year. The section begins with Jesus' encounter with the man born blind, his subsequent healing and the debate with the religious authorities that follows the miracle [John 9:1-38]. John 9:39-10:21 constitutes an encounter between Jesus and the Pharisees. Based on 9:39-41 we have 10:1-21 unfolding. In presenting himself as the gateway to the sheepfold and as the shepherd who calls his sheep by name [10:1-4], we have the situation where the Pharisees fail to understand Jesus' message [v. 6]. Jesus continues nonetheless with another 'I am' statements: '**I am the gate the sheepfold**' [v. 7& 9] which is further enhanced (but is not part of today's Gospel reading) in v. 11 when he publicly declares '**I am the Good Shepherd**'. Announcing himself as the gate and as the Good Shepherd, Jesus here subtly announces that there are other gates and that there are bad shepherds. He suggests that those who enter through Him will find safety by being able to freely enter the pasture that he offers. In this proclamation, he presents the other shepherds – the bad ones- as thieves who have '**come to only steal, kill and destroy**' [v.10]. In opposition to this destruction and death Jesus states that his presence gives '**life to the full**' [v.10]

In presenting himself as the gateway to the sheepfold and also the Good Shepherd, we need to appreciate these images within first century Palestinian culture and not of the vast numbers of sheep that we have on our Australian farms. Shepherds at the time of Jesus had small flocks – of about thirty or so, unlike the many thousands that comprise the average Australian farm. Because of this there was a **close bond** between the **shepherd** and the **sheep**. He cared for them during the day, taking them out to good and wholesome pastures. But during the night, the various smaller flocks were brought together into one sheepfold – an enclosure that had only **one entry and exit**, and anyone other than a legitimate shepherd had to get in by devious means. In the morning, the respective shepherds would come and collect their sheep and take them out to the various pastures: the sheep would recognise the presence and voice of the one calling them and so would follow reassuringly.

With Jesus presenting himself as the **gate of the sheepfold**, he is placing himself as **the means** through which we have **life, nourishment** and **security**. Jesus in presenting himself as the gate to sheepfold is placing a **new dimension** to the image of the Good Shepherd. This new dimension allows us to see how this image can be adapted into our **spiritual lives** and our lives as his **disciples**. If we, his sheep, are to spiritually **flourish** and **grow**

then we need to **come** and **go through Jesus**, the gate to the fold. If we **stay in the fold**, we **diminish**, spiritually for lack of good pastures. If we **do not return to the fold**, but stay on the hillsides, then we are **at risk** of thieves and brigands. So **daily** we need to **go through Jesus**, the **gateway** for **growth** and **protection**. It is only through a **vital** and **continual interaction** with **Jesus** do we as members of his fold find **life** and **growth**. In this sense, Jesus has come in order that '**we may have life, and have it to the full.**' [v.10].

In a world that has many **different**, and often quite **dangerous voices** bidding for our attention, I can ask myself - am I **attuned** to the **voice** and **sound of Jesus**, the Good Shepherd? It is only through careful, continual and vital interaction with Jesus that we '**will hear his voice**', '**will be safe**'; where we will be able to '**go freely in and out**' and '**be sure of finding pasture**' (v.9). Jesus is the gate that leads to life in its fullest expression and dimension. Do I hear his voice and am I prepared to follow it into the fullness of life?

Fr Bob Bossini
Administrator

PLAYGROUP

COME AND JOIN US!

THURSDAY

9-10AM

PARISH HALL

CHILDREN 0-5

Come and Join us each week.

Each session children and parents will learn and have fun together.

They are based on a child development topic, which contains:

- talk time,
- songs and rhymes
- books and prayer time
- play activities
- craft and more

FREE

ROSARY KIDS

family & faith

CELEBRATING THE 1ST APPARITION OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA



SATURDAY 13th May 2023

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church
18 Vine Street Fairfield

8.00am Rosary

**ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE FAMILY
TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

8.30M HOLY MASS



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Contact Kathryn at

events@olrfairfield.org.au

OR 0491 602 332

**14th
MAY**

SUNDAY

10:15am -12pm

Where:

Harrington Hall
(Parish Hall)

2 WESTON ST FAIRFIELD



MUST RSVP BY 7TH OF MAY



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Date: Sunday 28th May, 2023

Time: 3:00pm

Venue: Patrician Brother's College Hall (268 The Horsley
Dr, Fairfield NSW)



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